

National Roadeo

The National Roadeo took place on May 18th and 19th in Palm Springs, California. TransNet's Risk Management Director and CSSO, Maria Church, attended the event as a judge. TransNet's partner, Easton Coach Company (ECC), had driver, Denise Babbitt, as a competitor in the Roadeo. Participants competed in driving obstacle courses, basic knowledge tests, as well as completing a written test. Congratulations to Denise and all participants in the Roadeo.



Thank You For Your Commitment

TransNet and our partners appreciate all the hard work and dedication that their employees provide throughout the year. To express our appreciation, Visa gift cards will be distributed soon in an amount that reflects the number of months/years employees have devoted to our team. We hope all employees continue to be an integral part of this organization for many years to come.



Safety Lanyards

All employees at our partner sites received new lanyards. The new lanyards serve a dual purpose for our drivers and aides. The first is for easy identification of the drivers and aides for our riders and the second is for safety. The new lanyards are designed to release with a quick tug in cases of situational emergencies or if accidentally catching on a wheelchair securement handle or simply while assisting a rider. A quick tug will release the lanyard and prevent injury.



Railroad Crossing Safety Fact: Over the last 4 years (2012-2016), 1,225 people died while trying to cross railroad tracks. In 2016 alone there were 2,041 railroad crossing incidents with 264 deaths. Always remember to use caution when approaching train tracks. Be Safe.

Spring Scramble

Answer Key:

ofgr	_____	frog
feuyrbtl	_____	butterfly
srsga	_____	grass
ormhtarwe	_____	earthworm
sntglhui	_____	sunlight
udb	_____	bud
ddnliaeno	_____	dandelion
orelwf	_____	flower
ebe	_____	bee
glbdyau	_____	ladybug
omlob	_____	bloom
ergen	_____	green
oirnbwa	_____	rainbow
upitl	_____	tulip
iket	_____	kite
cpnici	_____	picnic
dese	_____	seed
uedlpd	_____	puddle
tnse	_____	nest
otsrup	_____	sprout
lsudco	_____	clouds
eganrd	_____	garden



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Newest CPR and First Aid Instructor

Risk Management and Training Coordinator at TransNet, Tamika Davis, attended a CPR and First Aid Instructor 3-day training course followed by an extensive test. Tamika passed the test and received her certification. She will now be the instructor for the majority of CPR and First Aid Classes for TransNet. Congratulations, Tamika.



Near Miss Safety Plan

As a part of the Safety Management System (SMS) Safety Plan the Near Miss procedure has been implemented at TransNet and our partner locations. The purpose of these procedures is to be proactive instead of reactive as a way to reduce risk and incidents. When any employee sees a potential hazard throughout their day they have been instructed by Risk Management Director, Maria Church, to complete a near miss form. The employee will state what he/she saw and where he/she saw it. Maria will then investigate the situation to determine if it has potential to be dangerous. She will compare the near miss with the matrix scale through the Safety Plan to view how high it is in probability to be dangerous. If the near miss is determined to be high on the matrix scale, TransNet writes a policy to alleviate and hopefully eliminate the risk.



Employee Referral Program: If a current TransNet employee refers a friend who is then hired and stays with TransNet and our partner for at least six months, the employee who referred their friend will receive \$250. The newly hired employee receives \$250 after 6 months and another \$250 if he/she remains with TransNet and our partner.

Partner Resource Portal:

Go to www.suburbantransit.org under News and Media and click on Partner Resource Portal. Register to have access to information beneficial to drivers and aides.

To receive the monthly e-newsletter, send your email address to dwiley@suburbantransit.org

Propane for Sustainability

The first of seven TransNet vehicles being retrofitted for propane returned from ROUSH located in Michigan, to Bux-Mont Transportation in Willow Grove. This vehicle is on the road and currently transporting consumers. Four of the remaining six will be retrofitted at TransNet's partner, Bux-Mont Transportation, and two will be at TransNet's partner, Tri-County Transit. TransNet and our partners will be receiving 14 new propane vehicles scheduled to be delivered in the early Fall.



A new propane fueling station has been installed at TransNet's partner, Bux-Mont Transportation. They are simply waiting for the electricity to be finalized before it is complete and ready to be used. Another fueling station will be installed at TransNet's partner, Tri-County Transit, this summer.

Consumer Praises

TransNet is proud to be a transportation provider for Willow Tree Hospice and its patients. Willow Tree Hospice fulfills last wishes for their patients. "...And thank you so much for helping us make these wishes come true. Before I discovered TransNet, I was turning people away. I can't express enough gratitude from all of us for all the wishes." -Willow Tree Hospice

"Yesterday was my first day to use your service, and I was very impressed with the excellent service. Your drivers are excellent. They are very concerned for my safety, courteous and thoughtful. I appreciate what you are offering seniors."

Very thankfully,

Thelma

Driver Safety: Distracted Driving

Distracted driving is prevalent on the roads and comes in many forms such as driver fatigue, taking opioid painkillers, using marijuana or prescription medications, as well as cell phone usage while driving. Looking out for yourself and others on the road, and being smart and responsible with choices is the most important safety lesson one will ever learn.

