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Update On The 2017 Membership Registrations

As of today, we have 27 agencies who have renewed their 2017 DTA Memberships.

18 North Dakota and 9 South Dakota. Our deadline is fast approaching – March 1, 2017.

Thank you!

Fall Conference

Jacque Senger, DTA Executive Director

The Fall Conference is scheduled for September 9th through the 13th at the Alerus Center in Grand Forks, ND. Canad Inn Destination Center has a block of rooms set aside. There has been ONE CHANGE in the room rates. The Alerus Center will accept State Rates on the 8th also. The State rate is \$80.10 plus tax. At this time, we are still at \$139.00 for the 9th (Saturday). Reiterate– State Rates September 7th, 8th, 10th, 11th, 12th NOT the 9th. Canad Inn Destination Center’s phone number is 701-772-8404 for your reservations.

Your Board of Director’s are working diligently to put together another great conference. As we finalize speakers, etc., we will put this information on the web along with keeping you updated in the Tidbit.

Please be thinking of who you will be nominating for the Dakota Transit Association Awards, i.e., Driver of the Year, Friend of Transit, Above and Beyond, Outstanding Support Staff of the Year, and Innovative Transit Agency of the Year. The Award Letter and Nomination Forms will be sent out in April.

New Faces of Transit

JACK Dokken
PROJECT Manager
Office of Air, Rail & Transit South Dakota DOT

Jack's background is working with federal aid programs. He left the Office of Emergency Management after several years helping state and local governments receive disaster funding. He also has experience in the private sector and understands the importance of running an efficient program as well as the importance of providing great customer service.

In his free time, he enjoys spending time outdoors with family.

Welcome to the South Dakota Department of Transportation and Dakota Transit Association!

Cindy Terwilliger
Regional Administrator
FTA Region VIII
Denver, Colorado



Ms. Terwilliger has spent more than 20 years working in the public transportation industry and has an in-depth knowledge of federal transit programs, the transit industry, and management of organizations.

She began working at FTA in 1991. Most recently, Ms. Terwilliger served as Deputy Regional Administrator of FTA's Region 7 office. Prior to joining Region VII, Cindy served in FTA Region II, the FHWA/FTA Los Angeles Metro Office, and in the private sector as a transportation consultant. She has also stepped forward at important times to serve as the acting leader of FTA headquarters offices, including in 2004 for what was then FTA's Office of Safety & Security, and in 2016 as the Acting Deputy Associate Administrator of FTA's Office of Safety & Oversight.

Ms. Terwilliger studied urban planning at Hunter College at the City University of New York, NY and political science at the New York Institute of Technology.

Training Update - Linda Freeman, PASS Coordinator

All registration information is on our web site. Please go to the Dakota Transit Association web site to register drivers and for map information, etc.

April 3-4, 2017 – Grand Forks, ND

PASS CLASS: April 3-4

Class will begin at 9am on April 3rd and 8am on April 4th

PASS RECERTIFICATION CLASS: April 4-8am

PASS CLASS: April 5-6

Class will begin at 9am on April 5th and 8am on April 6th

PASS RECERTIFICATION CLASS: April 4-8am

Registration Deadline for Classes is March 24, 2017

We are holding two separate sessions in Grand Forks and will have room for about 5 from other agencies in each session.

Classes will be held at the Public Works Building at 724 N. 47th St. in Grand Forks.

A block of 5 rooms has been reserved at the Ramada for the nights of April 3rd through April 5th. You do not need to call the motel for reservations. You will need to specify the Dakota Transit Association Block when you check in and pay for your rooms. The cost will be \$62.00. We are also asking that you state in the comments section when you register at our web site that you will be using one of the rooms so we know how many will be at the motel.

A big thanks to Brett Tschetter of River Cities Transit for setting up the Defensive Driving Classes in South Dakota. We did cancel the Pierre session but held the session in Sioux Falls. Thanks to Mike Mullaney for teaching the Sioux Falls session.

We are working on holding more Defensive Driving sessions in South Dakota. Please watch the tidbits and the web site for new sessions.

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Happy
Valentine's
Day

*Thought for the Month of
February...*

*"The world is full of good people. If
you can't find one, be one."*

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Thanks to all!

- Jacque

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