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## DTA Awards Date Extension

The DTA Board of Directors has extended the AWARDS deadline to Friday, July 20, 2018.

Please submit to Jacque Senger by email

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Jacque Senger,  
DTA Executive  
Director

## CTAA Expo 2018 - Pittsburg, PA

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I am writing this article about my experience at the recent CTAA Expo 2018. I was fortunate enough to arrive at the Expo early enough on Sunday afternoon to view part of the Rodeo, which took place inside the Convention Center. In visiting with some of the others that were present, they had to make a few adjustments due the size of the facility, but it all looked smooth from above.

Last year I assisted Darrell Francis, CCTM, CSSM, PASS-Executive Director of Souris Basin Transportation with conducting our Rodeo in Grand Forks, ND. This year I will be running the Rodeo (with a lot of help from Darrell and our team of volunteers) in Brookings on September 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Please consider sending drivers from your organization to the competition as I assure you it will be an educational and fun experience for them!

<http://www.dakotatransit.org/conference/2018/>

I had signed up to take the three-day intensive training course "Passenger Assistance Safety and Sensitivity" or PASS Train the Trainer.

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# Conference

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Thirty one other participants from across the United States (three others from South Dakota) also took this course. It was great training with two very good trainers teaching all of us how to provide the training necessary for all of our drivers that require PASS training.

After two and a half days of learning, we all took our test and the waiting began to see if we would be certified. I am happy to announce, all of us from South Dakota passed!

While this was going on, many other participants from North and South Dakota were taking other intensive training, workshops and tours of transit facilities. There were several great seminars after the intensive training that I also got to participate in. They have modules for all different aspects of positions within transit.

We had a great vendor show while at the Expo and many different vendors were on hand to show us what they have to offer the transit world. The week concluded with the “Big Night Out,” a chance to unwind, play some casino style games and listen to some live music.

While in Pittsburgh, many of us took advantage of our down time to tour the sites, the many food choices and just the city itself. I had a great time and would recommend to everyone to look at what is available at the CTAA Expo next year to see what you can expand your knowledge with by attending.

CTAA Expo 2019 will be held in Palm Springs, CA. Keep your eyes posted for further details on the Palm Springs-CTAA Expo in future Tidbits!



## Reminder...DTA Awards

“And The Winner Is...”  
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## Training Update - Linda Freeman, PASS Coordinator

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The following classes have been set up. Please go to [dakotatransit.org](http://dakotatransit.org) to register or call Linda if you have any questions:

**Dickinson, ND: August 30-31 and September 1, 2018**

**Classes to be held at Public Transit in Dickinson—361 26<sup>th</sup> Street East**

*PASS Class Day 1*—Thursday, August 30: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

*Day 2*—Friday, August 31: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

*PASS Recertification Class*— Friday, August 31: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

*MALTREATMENT AWARENESS CLASS*—Saturday, September 1 from 8am to noon.

*DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASS*—Saturday, September 1 from 1pm to about 4:00 pm.

\*\* Special Note: All times are Mountain Time.

Deadline for Registration: August 17, 2018.

A block of rooms has been set up at the Dickinson Comfort Inn for the nights of August 29, 30 and 31 under the name: Dakota Transit Association. Please make your own reservations by asking for that block and you will get state rates of \$79 per night.

Congratulations to the following who have successfully completed the “PASS Train the Trainer” class at the 2018 CTAA Conference and are now certified PASS Trainers:

Andy Sharp, Lee Moseley and Delano Cook from River Cities Transit and Tom Wanttie from Aberdeen Ride Line.

Thanks to Andy for forwarding the picture of the other three at the class!



# 2018 DTA Fall Conference

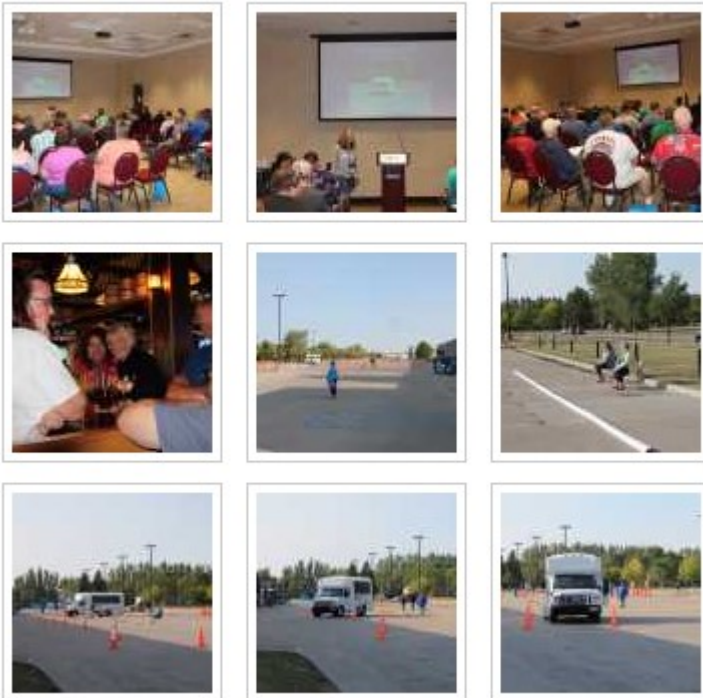
Jacque Senger, DTA Executive Director

Just a reminder that our 2018 Conference is coming up quickly.

Our host hotel is the Hampton Inn and Suites, 605-697-5232 and our alternate hotel is the Fairfield Inn and Suites, 605-692-3500.

Please go ahead and make your reservations early.

## Conference & Rodeo 2017 Photos



Our registration forms and TENTATIVE conference agenda are on the DTA Website.

Our conference offers you the opportunity to reunite with your transit colleagues and take home some fresh ideas you can put to work in your transit office.

We don't want you to miss out on a great time. Please get your registration forms in soon.

## 2018 Rodeo Guidelines

Jacque Senger, DTA Executive Director

The 2018 Rodeo Guidelines are on the Dakota Transits Association's website.

Go to the Home Page, DTA Annual Conference and click on Rodeo Guideline.

## 2018 Fall Conference

The 2018 Fall Conference and Rodeo will be held a 2018.

- September 14th Check in
- September 15th Rodeo and Rodeo Banquet
- September 16th Rodeo Breakfast and Awards
- September 17th thru 19th DTA Conference

[Rodeo Guidelines \(PDF\)](#)



[Awards Information & Nominations](#)

*Thought for the  
Month of July...*

*“ENJOY SUMMER”*

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- Jacque

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