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The Lively Paratransit Instructional Program (LPIP)



The Lively Paratransit Instructional Program (LPIP) is a contracted initiative between the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and Lively Technical College (LTC), Tallahassee. LPIP establishes a comprehensive preventative maintenance training program for Florida's paratransit technicians and, also, aids in general maintenance policies and procedures focusing primarily on 5310 agencies.

The paratransit technician training program provides technical instruction that includes Fogmker certification, Braun lift training,

multimeter certification and ASE test taking assistance. Scheduling is flexible and can be arranged through the LPIP staff.

The maintenance management session focuses on FDOT expectations, providing oversight to the maintenance process and establishing correct procedures through the agency's TOP. These sessions are done at the agency and specifically address agency needs.

All LPIP training is provided free to the agency and eligible participant expenses will be reimbursed.



James Koehn, Okaloosa, participates in Braun Wheelchair lift training as part of the LPIP Preventative Maintenance Class.

Florida Association of Paratransit Technicians

The first in person meeting of the Florida Association of Paratransit Technicians took place at the recent PDW Workshop held in Tampa. The meeting was well attended with 35 participants and offered ample opportunity for discussion and exchange of pertinent information.

Robert Dutremble, JTA and FAPT chair, served as Facilitator and kept all on task and the meeting moving with the large number of presenters. Robert introduced Bobby Westbrook and Tony Brandin, FDOT, who each extended a welcome and thanked all for their participation.

Scott Groth, FAPT Vice Chair, shared details regarding the FAPT association and stressed the benefits of involvement to themselves and others around the state. Todd O'Neal, LPIP instructor, then shared the free training options available thru LPIP and how one could become involved.

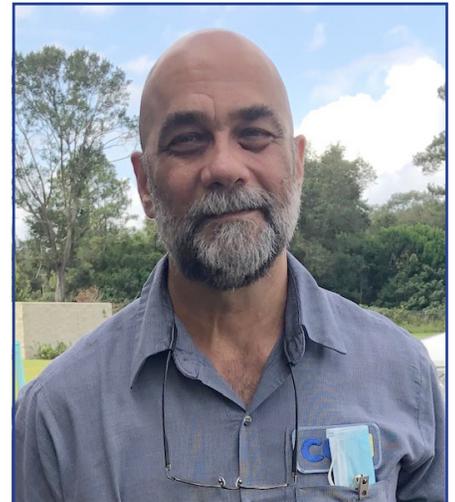
Stephen Wachtler, CUTR, presented the new Preventative Maintenance Guide and how the

Review process could be affected. The Guide essentially offers agencies more flexibility with their maintenance procedures as long as the maintenance program is effective and being successful.

Dean Kirkland McMillian and Laurie Zeruto, COTA, discussed Review trends in 5310 agencies and made suggestions as to how some maintenance related issues could be prevented and eliminated.

Walter Kirkland, Star Metro, discussed Star Metro's electrification initiative as the agency is making preparation to purchase electric demand response vehicles in the near future.

To wrap up the session, Bruce Haney, Levy County and FAPT Secretary, discussed a warranty issue he encountered and shared the TRIPS recommended procedure to address similar issues.



Jeff Adams

Jeff Adams, St Johns County Council on Aging, was the first LPIP Paratransit Technology I completer.

Presently, LPIP has a total of 22 Paratransit I completers.



Above: Scott Groth, Votran, and Todd O'Neal, LPIP instructor, perform an air brake automatic adjuster inspection. The Air Brake class is taught in Paratransit Technology II and Scott is a Paratransit II completer.



At Left: Domingo Ortiz and William Hernandez, Tallahassee Big Bend Transit, are all smiles after completing their Fogmaker annual inspection training with LPIP staff.



At Left: Mike Allen, Star Metro, receives hands on training at a recent LPIP class as he assembles a rear differential while other class participants look on.