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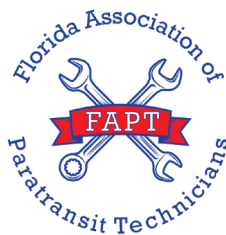
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The Lively Paratransit Instructional Program (LPIP)

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(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 Fognker 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.



Tony Brandin is the FDOT project manager for the Lively Paratransit

Instructional Program. He works closely with Randy Free and Todd O'Neal to ensure the training needs of Florida's paratransit providers are being met.

Tony reports directly to the Deputy Director of Public Transportation, Bobby Westbrook, at FDOT Central Office and presently serves as Transit Operations Manager.

Tony has served in his current position for two years. Prior to coming to FDOT, Tony served as the Fleet Division Manager for Okaloosa County and has maintained ASE certification for over 25 years.

Florida RTAP ([Florida RTAP](#)), TMAARC ([TMAARC - Transit Maintenance Analysis and Resource Center](#)), TRIPS ([TRIPS Florida](#)), and the Crashworthiness and Impact Analysis Laboratory (CIAL) are also FDOT programs for which he is responsible.

Tony and his wife Michelle (also a FDOT Central Office employee) enjoy many of the great things Florida has to offer - when they have the time. Boating, fishing, camping and hiking top the list of their favorite outdoor activities.

Florida Association Of Paratransit Technicians

The Florida Association of Paratransit Technicians was developed through the LPIP program, under the direction of FDOT, to improve communication and provide technical assistance to Florida's paratransit community. In an effort to meet this objective, FAPT will be conducting two sessions, in May and early June.

FAPT TEAMS ON LINE TRAINING SESSION

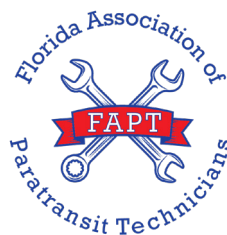
On Thursday, May 19 at 11:30 AM EST, Wesley Kanaga with Orlando MV Transit will discuss how he addresses issues with new technicians relative to their inexperience and reluctance to tackle electrical problems in which they encounter. This will be a 30 minute session and time will be allowed for questions. The meeting will be

on the Teams platform and the invite will follow.

Please encourage your outsourced vendors to participate also.

2022 FLORIDA TRANSIT SAFETY AND OPERATIONS SUMMIT

The 2022 Florida Transit Safety and Operations Summit will begin on Monday, June 6. The PDW Workshop will be held at the Embassy Suites Busch Gardens in Tampa. On Tuesday, June 7 at 10:00 AM, FAPT will convene its first "in person" meeting. Topics to be addressed include paratransit electric vehicles, review trends and warranty related issues.



Elliot Waters, Manatee County Fleet Services, was selected as a finalist in the Paratransit Technician of the Year 2021. Elliot has been employed at MCAT for 3 years and has 11 years prior work experience with Porsche and Range Rover.

Elliot is originally from the UK and was employed by Renault, Ford, Chrysler Jeep, Ferrari and Maserati.

Elliot was nominated and selected as a finalist for the UK Technician of the Year 5 times.

Elliot participated in the initial LPIP class and has now completed Paratransit I and II.



Mike Allen, StarMetro, Luis Garcia, Vero Beach Senior Resource Association, and Scott Groth, Votran, review air disc brake operation and inspection.

Robert Westbrook, Big Bend Transit, has completed the LPIP Paratransit I and II classes. In this picture, Robert is performing wheel bearing service in the Air Brake class.

