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## PARATRANSIT MAINTENANCE INFORMATION

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We are happy to announce this year's Florida Public Transportation Association (FPTA) "Paratransit Technician of the Year" Program. This award program was adopted by the FPTA to provide recognition to Florida's best paratransit technicians. Any employee of a Florida transit system or agency contracted outsourced location and

### Paratransit Technician of the Year

is classified as a technician or similar maintenance classification is eligible for nomination. Awards will be made at the FPTA annual conference.

To enter, complete the Official Nomination Form and submit by June 10, 2022. Please submit electronic submittals to: Tony.Brandin@dot.state.fl.us.

### 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 Fognmker 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.



Sterling Brown, Liberty County, and Michael Wimberly, Calhoun County, are two of the eight technicians that have completed Paratransit I and II. In this picture, they are inspecting a rear axle differential in a recent class.



At left: ECAT technicians Davis Hall and Jason Norris participate in the Braun lift session conducted at the Pensacola transit agency. Carlos Zambrano, Maintenance Director, initiated the training session with LPIP staff.

At right: Johnathan Kirkland and Jamie Powell, Walton County, and Kyle Schneider, Pasco County, participate in the PM class and look on as LPIP instructor Todd O'Neal provides details relative to wheel chair lift maintenance.



At left: The city of Key West was well represented in the May PM class. Thomas Morley, City of Key West DOT, Jaime Ortega, Quality Auto and Diesel Repair, and Deborah "Tweety" Matthey, Monroe County ARC, comprised three of the six enrolled technicians. Quality Auto is the outsourced vendor for the Monroe County ARC.

At right: Miami Lighthouse for the Blind staff Jeff Rabalais, Heidi Farinas and Ariel Sanchez review the agency's TOP in preparation for a session with LPIP staff regarding maintenance policies and procedures.



At left: Volt meter certification is provided by Todd O'Neal, LPIP instructor, to all LPIP class participants in the Paratransit I Electrical class. Here Justin Missildine, Walton County, and Jaco Francis, Manatee Fleet Services, are preparing themselves to take the on-line certification exam.



### Mike Allen

Mike Allen, StarMetro, was a finalist in the Paratransit Technician of the Year 2021 selection process.

Mike is the lead paratransit technician and has been employed at StarMetro for two years.

Prior to joining the transit staff, Mike worked in the Fleet Division for the City of Tallahassee for seven years. Mike also has work experience in a local transmission shop for four years and in yacht repair for four years.

Mike is a participant in the LPIP training program and has completed Paratransit I and II.

