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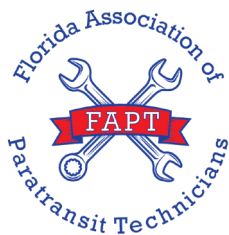
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2022 Paratransit Technician of the Year

At right: Michael Allen, StarMetro,
and his wife, Meghan, pose for a
picture at the FPTA Awards Banquet
after Michael had been recognized
as the 2022 Paratransit Technician
of the Year. Michael has been
employed at StarMetro for three years
and presently serves as the lead
paratransit technician.



2022 Paratransit Technician of the Year Runner-up

At left: Robert Dutremble and
Sherman Polydore, JTA, are all smiles
after Sherman had been honored
as the 2022 Paratransit Technician
of the Year Runner-up. Sherman
has been employed at JTA for nine
years and is the “go to” guy on his
shift when troubles arise that need
special attention. Robert is the JTA
Paratransit Maintenance Supervisor
and presently is serving as the
chair of the Florida Association of
Paratransit Technicians.



Todd O'Neal, LPIP instructor, performs a demonstration for Robert Westbrook, Big Bend Transit, in a recent Paratransit II Drivetrain class. Upon completing this class, Robert became a full completer of Paratransit Technology II. He will move forward to the third series of classes starting in January.



Colby Hudson, Citrus Connection, and Johnathan Kirkland, Walton County, participate in the Gasoline Engine Paratransit Technician I class. Upon completion of this class, Colby will be a full completer for Paratransit Technician I and be ready to move forward with more training in January.



Gabe Matthews, presently serving as the FDOT interim State Transit Manager, and Tony Brandin, Transit Operations Manager, visit a recent paratransit class being conducted at Lively Technical College. Todd O'Neal, LPIP instructor, shared the basics of the training provided and gave the group a quick tour of the facility.



At left: Bobby Westbrook, recently retired FDOT Assistant State Transit Manager, speaks to the group at the LPIP session at the FPTA conference. Bobby was inducted into the FPTA Hall of Fame during this conference held in Naples.



Paul Stobis, Broward Paratransit Maintenance Manager, presents during the LPIP session at the FPTA Conference. Paul shared with the group the successes that Broward County Transit had experienced through the use of propane vehicles and the cost savings that have gone along with this implementation.



At left: Bruce Haney, Levy County Transit, was also a Runner-up in the Paratransit Technician of the Year 2022 selection process. Bruce has been employed at Levy County for nine years and is preparing for his retirement at the end of October. Bruce was selected as the 2021 Paratransit Technician of the Year. Due to a prior commitment, Bruce was not present at the recent FPTA Conference.

LPIP BY THE NUMBERS



Total LPIP participants	97
Completed Paratransit I	24
Completed Paratransit II	10
Fogmaker Certifications	53
ASE Prep Sessions	42
DVOM Certifications	38
Braun Lift Training	64
5310 Policy/Procedures Sessions	10
Agency/District Visits	281