



Agenda Overview

Sunday, June 15, 2025

Safe travels to Jekyll Island, GA

4:00 PM - 5:30 PM: Early Conference Registration and Check In

Monday, June 16, 2025

7:00 - 7:55 AM: Registration and Check-in

8:00 - 8:30 AM: Welcome and Opening Ceremony

8:35 - 9:05 AM: GaDOE - Mike Sanders

9:10 - 9:55 AM: FMCA - Larry Minor

10:00 - 10:15 AM: Morning Break

10:20 - 11:05 AM: State of School Bus Industry – OEM Updates

11:10 - 12:00 PM: School District's Worst Nightmare - Jason Ayers

12:00 - 1:00 PM: ***Lunch Break***

1:05 - 1:55 PM: Keynote Speaker and GAPT Special Awards

2:00 - 2:45 PM: GEMA Today's Threats for School Transportation - Dave Shanks

2:50 - 3:25 PM: Georgia Department of Public Safety - Captain Anthony Hudson

3:30 - 4:30 PM: Breakout Sessions - Opportunity to Meet Today's Presenters, Take a deeper dive, ask questions.



Tuesday, June 17, 2025

8:00 - 8:50 AM: *Breakout Sessions*

- Special Needs Roundtable, preventing liabilities, best practices & procedures, extreme situations (2-hour session)
- Rush Truck Centers (IC Bus) Updates
- Transportation Department Organizational Management
- Driver Trainer Development & Enhanced Program
- GA MCCD

9:00 - 9:50 AM: *Breakout Sessions*

- Special Needs Roundtable, preventing liabilities, best practices & procedures, extreme situations (*continued*)
- Peach State Bus Center (Thomas Bus) Updates
- Reasonable Suspicion (2-Hour Session)
- Department of Driver Services
- Managing People – How to Survive

10:00 – 10:50 AM: *Breakout Sessions*

- Special Needs Emergency Evacuation Planning & Procedures (2-hour session)
- Yancey Bus Sales & Service (Blue Bird Bus) Updates
- Reasonable Suspicion (continued)
- TSA
- Management vs Leadership



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11:00 – 11:55 PM: *Breakout Sessions*

- Special Needs Emergency Evacuation Planning & Procedures (*continued*)
- Operational Effectiveness for School Bus Fleet/Garage
- Routing Basics, Options & Trends - BusRight
- Grant Writing & Basic Budgeting/Planning Skills
- DER-Designated Employer Representative (2-hour session)
- **12:00 - 12:55 PM: *Breakout Sessions***
 - GaDOE New Directors Panel
 - Analyzing Department Data Effectively
 - DER-Designated Employer Representative (*continued*)
 - Roundtable Emission Changes and Alternative Fuels
 - Operational Effectiveness for School Bus Fleet/Garage

Networking

Summer Waves - Sponsored by TBA

Dolphin Tours - Sponsored by TBA



Wednesday, June 18, 2025

Trade Show

Members Must Wear Their GAPT Badge to Enter

8:00 - 10:00 AM: *Trade Show for Decision Makers Only*
(Executive Director, Director, Assistant Director, & Shop Foreman)

10:00 - 12:30 PM: Trade Show - All Members –

11:30 – 12:50 PM: *Lunch Break*

12:30 – 12:50 PM: Vendor Drawings & Adjourn Trade Show

1:00 – 1:55 PM: *Breakout Sessions*

- Special Needs Understanding Significant Disabilities medical, physical, behavioral (2 hours session)
- FMCSA & DPS Roundtable
- DOAS Procurement Process
- GaDOE Directors Checklist - Compliance

2:00 - 2:55 PM: *Breakout Sessions*

- Special Needs Understanding Significant Disabilities medical, physical, behavioral (continued)
- ASE Automotive Svc Excellence & Program for Bus Shop
- GASROE School Bus Threats Analysis & Exercises
- GaDOE Training Updates



Thursday, June 19, 2025

8:00 - 8:55 AM: Breakout Sessions

- Building/Evaluating Special Needs Training Program (2- hour session)
- Fleet Problem Solving
- Mandated GaDOE Reporting and Funding

9:00 - 9:55 AM: Breakout Sessions

- Building/Evaluating Special Needs Training Program (continued)
- Underground Storage Tank Compliance, Servicing, & Building Program
- GaDOE Planning a Successful Operation

Return to Main Ballroom for General Session:

10:05 – 10:55 AM Bus Keys In The Wrong Hands

11:00 – 11:55 AM Has Your Transportation Office Ever Been Hacked?

12:00 - 1:00 PM: *Lunch*

1:00 - 1:55 PM: GAPT Annual Business Meeting

2:00 - 2:30 PM: GAPT Drawings and Updates

2:30 PM: Adjourn / Safe Travels