



GAPT 2024 Mid-Year Conference

Sponsored by: Peachstate Truck Centers/Thomas Bus of Georgia, Rush Truck Centers/IC Bus,
and Yancey Bus Sales & Service/Blue Bird

November 6 & 7, 2024

November 6th

Room 1 (Group A):

9:00 AM – Legal Issues – *Brian Smith, Pereira, Kirby, Kinsinger & Nguyen, LLP*

9:45 AM – Round Table Discussion

11:15 AM – De-escalation Techniques

Room 2: (Group B):

9:00 AM – Developing a Securement Program for your District. (Classroom & Hands-on)

Lunch – 12:15 PM – 1:15 PM

Room 1: (Group B):

1:15 PM – Legal Issues – *Brian Smith, Pereira, Kirby, Kinsinger & Nguyen, LLP*

2:00 PM – Round Table Discussion

3:30 PM – De-escalation Techniques

Room 2: (Group A):

1:15 PM – Developing a Securement Program for your District. (Classroom & Hands-on)

Break – 4:30 PM – 4:45 PM

Room 1: 4:45 PM – 5:45 PM - Worker's Compensation Legal Issues

G. Robert Ryan, Jr., Ryan Law Firm

Visit with Vendors & Hors d'œuvres – 5:45 PM – 6:30 PM

Dinner – 6:30 PM

Special Guest Speaker – Retired Rep. Brooks Coleman, R-Duluth

November 7th

Breakfast – 6:45 AM – 7:45 AM

GaDOE Pupil Transportation Division Updates – 7:45 AM – 8:00 AM
Mike Sanders – Director of Facilities & Transportation, GaDOE

Transportation Department Legal Issues – 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM
Brian Smith, Pereira, Kirby, Kinsinger & Nguyen, LLP

Peachstate/Thomas Bus OEM Updates – 9:00 AM – 9:30 AM

Break – 9:30 AM – 9:45 AM

FMCSA Clearinghouse Compliance – 9:45 AM – 10:45 AM
Russell Thompson – State Program Specialist, FMSCA

GSBA Risk Management (Training Modules & Current Claim Data) – 10:45 AM – 11:45 AM
David Colvard – Safety & Risk Control Coordinator, GSBA

Lunch & Visit with Vendors – 11:45 AM – 1:00 PM

Rush/IC Bus OEM Updates – 1:00 PM – 1:30 PM

8 Passenger Vehicle (8PV) Panel Discussion with GaDOE – 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM
Ken Johnson, John Osborne & Robert Waters - GaDOE

Break – 2:30 PM – 2:45 PM

Yancey/Blue Bird OEM Updates – 2:45 PM – 3:15 PM

Safety and Security for School Buses – Are you buses safe? – 3:15 PM – 4:15 PM
Mike Ruppel – Executive Director of Safety & Security, Paulding County Schools