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DART Bus Operators & Maintenance Staff Display Driving and Safety Skills at Bus Roadeo

DART First State employees gathered on Sunday, October 21, 2012, to cheer on their fellow co-workers as they participated in a friendly competition of driving and safety skills at the DART Bus Roadeo. The event was held at the DART Mid-County facility in New Castle.

The Roadeo presented DART Bus Operators and Maintenance Staff with several tests of their driving ability and safety skills. The individuals were tested by maneuvering either a 25 foot. or 40 foot bus on a tight course in a safe and timely manner. The skills tests consisted of backing maneuvers, serpentine turns, passenger stops and diminishing clearance. Individuals who completed the course while scoring the most points for skill and safety maneuvers, won. The Community Transportation Association of America (CTAA) established the parameters of the course for the 25 foot buses; the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) set the parameters for the 40 foot bus course.

The DelDOT Secretary of Transportation, Shailen Bhatt and the Delaware Transit Corporation Chief Executive Officer, Lauren Skiver congratulated and presented awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners. Roadeo winners of the 25 Foot Bus Category were: 1st Place: James Shotzberger; 2nd Place: Barry Widmer; 3rd Place: Brent Chambers. Winners of the 40 Foot Bus Category were: 1st Place: William Webb; 2nd Place: Renaldo Epps; and 3rd Place: Richard Meier. The Maintenance Roadeo Competition was held on Sunday, October 7, 2012. The Winners were Frank Garbacz, Steven Vest and Mike Grazella.

Each Roadeo winner received an award plaque, and the choice of a gift card or three, two, or one personal day(s) off from work, depending on their category.

The Fixed Route and the Maintenance 1st Place Winners will attend the National Roadeo in Indianapolis, IN on May 2-7, 2013. The Paratransit 1st Place Winner will attend the National Roadeo in Albuquerque, NM on June 2 to 7, 2013.