

Nebraska School Transportation Association

Summer Conference Business

Meeting Notes June 3, 2014

Holiday Inn

Convention

Center 110

Second Avenue

Kearney,

Nebraska

Safety and Security, presented by Dennis Schmitz and Tom Nesbitt, had the group thinking about Safety in our schools, on our buses and in our communities. They also gave us information about reviewing our cultures and/or school climates as this could be key to

identifying and mitigating risks. They spoke of NIMS (National Incident Management System) and ICS (Incident Command System) and the First Responders. There was lots of information on safety and security with examples of "Hot Topics" such as yard security; inclement weather; traffic accidents; trouble on the bus and dealing with special needs students. The security measures that are here and what's coming - here are a few examples: cameras; student ID scanners; GPS; computers and stiffer health screening.

NE Safety Center, speaker Dennis Holtz, spoke to us about the "New" changes on the CDL requirements. Every driver to complete a skills test some examples: backing through an alley 12' wide x 100' long, offset backing to the right or left. Also knowing how to parallel park - conventional, sight side and alley dock 12' wide x 40' long. DMV examiners will decide what is considered "poor" vehicle control. Pre-trip Inspections will be done in part or whole whatever the DMV examiners decides. Dennis also said the pass rate for first time CDL Drivers is only 25 to 50%. We also received a hand-out on the Nebraska Stop Arm Survey conducted statewide on May 7, 2014.

Sleep Apnea discussion was led by Lou DiMauro, he is based out of Omaha. He discussed central sleep apnea, obstructive sleep apnea which is the reduction of air flow. DOT physicians are keeping a close eye on sleep apnea characteristics in bus drivers. Other information can be found at www.medicalenterprises.com

We had a choice of drop out sessions: Real Colors with D'Ette Scholtz and DOT Alcohol & Drug Testing Training for Supervisors presented by Georgette Kingkade. She provided excellent training to safety-sensitive functions and gave us an overview of Alcohol/Drug Testing History and Federal Regulations. Review of Types of Alcohol/Drug Testing and Alcohol & Drug Education. Included with reasonable suspicion testing and supervisors responsibilities.