



There are some new faces at KUTC



(l-r) Steven Schrock, Toni Dixon, and Lisa Koch

The Kansas Rural Transit Assistance Program (RTAP) is a service of the University of Kansas Transportation Center (KUTC). The staff you know as Kansas RTAP is also KUTC, based in Lawrence at the KU School of Engineering. RTAP/KUTC has some new staff members and will soon add a few more. So let's introduce you to Steve Schrock, KUTC director, Toni Dixon, communications & outreach coordinator and Lisa Koch, associate researcher. Read more at kutc.ku.edu/rtap/newfaces.

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This is definitely not their first rodeo

Kansas sent some tough competitors to the National Community Transportation Association of America (CTAA) Rodeo, June 9-10 in Pittsburgh, PA.

Michelle Brown, Topeka Metro; Rena Bishop, OCKK, Inc. Salina; and Sandy Wesley, Marshall County Agency on Aging; are no strangers to the challenges

of a transportation rodeo. Each is a recent winner of the Kansas Transit Rodeo. Read more on our website at kutc.ku.edu/rtap/roadeo.



Michelle Brown, Rena Bishop and Sandy Wesley

New Registration Policy for RTAP trainings

We encourage you to register early for the RTAP courses. Registrations received after the deadline will be assessed a \$10/per person late fee. All requests for registration after the deadline must be emailed no later than five (5) business days before the event to kutc_training@ku.edu. We can only accommodate late registration requests if space is available, so a request does not guarantee enrollment.

Thank you for participating in our trainings.

New Kansas Transit Dispatcher Manual available



Results of a recent survey made it pretty clear that Kansas dispatch managers are in need of an up-to-date manual that provides training, guidance and consistency for transit dispatchers throughout the state of Kansas.

Recognizing this, the Kansas RTAP took on the work and published a new transit dispatcher manual that builds on information provided by National RTAP plus content from rural transit providers in Kansas. The goal was to provide consistent training for dispatch managers all across the state. The interactive manual debuted at the KPTA Annual Conference in August and is available online. Read more at kutc.ku.edu/rtap/.

Sign up for news from Kansas RTAP

Make sure you get all the latest news from RTAP.

Sign up on our website at kutc.ku.edu/rtap and you'll receive our newsletters and information about training for transit agencies.



The RTAP Training Calendar

September

Passenger Assistance, plus Defensive Driving

9/12 - Garden City, 9:00 a.m.

9/13 - Dodge City, 9:00 a.m.

9/26 - Colby, 9:00 a.m.

9/27 - Salina, 9:00 a.m.

Advanced Mobility Device Securement

9/19 - Manhattan, 9:00 a.m.

***Rural Public and Intercity Bus Transportation Conference**

9/30-10/3 - Breckenridge, CO,

October

Harassment Defense for Transit Employees, plus Defensive Drivers

10/10 - Great Bend, 9:00 a.m.

Harassment Defense for Transit Employees, plus Defensive Drivers

10/11 - Emporia, 9:00 a.m.

Advanced Mobility Device Securement

10/24 - Hiawatha, 9:00 a.m.



(l-r) Videographer Jim Jewell and production assistant Don Mayberger

RTAP video to convey the importance of rural transit in Kansas

"This video will tell the story of public transit in the rural communities through the voices of the people who use it and serve it," said Lisa Harris, director of Kansas RTAP.

Riders, transit drivers, dispatchers, managers, elected officials and other stakeholders came before the camera to discuss the importance of rural transit in our state.

The video will be released this summer.

Read more on our website at kutc.ku.edu/rtap/video.

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Register for RTAP training

To register or to view the full schedule of Kansas RTAP workshops, click here or go to kutc.ku.edu/calendar/rtap. Questions? Email kutc_training@ku.edu.

All classes are taught by Kansas RTAP unless otherwise noted. All classes except those with * meet the KDOT requirement for driver training to be taken every other year.

Interested in hosting a hands-on workshop at your location? Contact Anne Lowder at 785-864-1469 or alowder@ku.edu to schedule training in your area.

Here is a helpful resource from National RTAP

The *e-news* from National RTAP has a lot of helpful information, including the Best Practices Spotlight, Health Habits, training events and more. Find it at nationalrtap.org.

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