Iowa School District News!

**IPTA 56th Annual School Transportation Conference/Trade Show**

Airport Holiday Inn Conference Center, 6111 Fleur Drive, Des Moines, Iowa.

Save the dates of:

**July 15th, 16th and 17th, 2019**

Registration opens on, April 1, 2019

Register today!

**New Directors Workshop**

This workshop covers everything from State and Federal laws, rules and regulations to accident procedures and the inspection process. This workshop is for new and old directors alike!

- **Dr. Linda Bluth Ed.D.**
  Consultant, Maryland State Department of Education, the Division of Early Intervention/Special Education Services.

  With more than 54 years of experience as a Special Educator including 39 years in special needs transportation. Linda will hold two informative sessions. “Lessons Learned from Courts & Case Law”, and “(IEP) Process; Making Informed Decisions”. Both of these sessions are ideal for transportation directors and special needs coordinators.

- **Mark Robinson**
  Mark is more than just one of the best motivational speakers. His keynote speech has been sought after by dozens of fortune 500 companies as a stress break for conventions and seminars across the country. Robinson has opened for Jeff Foxworthy, has appeared with late night talk show host Jimmy Kimmel. His keynote presentations are funny, magical, unique and unforgettable.

- **Dave Hallman**
  Holds degrees in mechanical engineering and materials science and engineering. He is a Licensed Professional Engineer in eight states with over twenty five years experience in materials research, mechanical engineering and design, crash testing research and crash investigation and reconstruction, vehicle fire research, and forensic mechanical and materials investigation.

- **Michele Beckjord**
  National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB)

  She has been employed at the NTSB since 1995 and serves as a senior project investigator and project manager. Ms. Beckjord has lead survival factors investigations of major highway accidents involving school buses, motorcoach fires and bridge collapses. She will provide a glimpse into NTSB’s investigations of fatal accidents. “NTSB Special Accident Report”

- **Kari Kounkel**
  Book Author/Speaker

  Kari will hold two informative sessions during the conference. “A Crash Course - Preparing for a Catastrophic Crash” and she will present the program titled, “Navigating the Aftermath of a Fatal Crash”. Both sessions are very informative and provide everyone a clear overview and some important strategies to assist districts with their own program improvements.

- **Max Christensen**
  Executive Officer / State Director of School Transportation

  “Legislative Update ”

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**Conference Registration:**

- **IPTA Members**
  - $340.00 - 3 Day Event Pass
  - $290.00 - 2 Day Event Pass
  - $140.00 - 1 Day Event Pass

- **IPTA Non-Members**
  - $400.00 - 3 Day Event Pass
  - $330.00 - 2 Day Event Pass
  - $190.00 - 1 Day Event Pass

**Fine Dining:**

- Monday Evening Banquet!
  - Sponsored by: Hoglund Bus Co.

- Trade Show Exhibitor & Attendee Luncheon
  - Awards and Presentations!
  - Sponsored by: Auto Jet-Muffler Corp.

- Tuesday Evening Banquet!
  - Sponsored by: Thomas Bus Sales Inc.

**Make your Hotel reservations early,** contact the Airport Holiday Inn at (515) 287-2400. The IPTA has arranged for a block of special priced rooms at the rate of $91.00 plus 12% tax per night. That rate is good until June 23rd, then it goes back up to the full nightly regular rate.

**Including Conference Programs:**

- Two Technician Break-Out Sessions
  - 1. Hoglund Bus Co
  - 2. Cummins Sales/Service
- School Bus Sales - Product Updates
- Thomas Bus Sales - Product Updates
- Hoglund Bus Co. - Product Updates

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