



IPTA Tom Horn Memorial, and Longevity Award Presentations



The Iowa Pupil Transportation Association traveled to Denison Iowa to present two prestigious IPTA awards on Monday, August 17, 2020. The presentations, the Longevity Award for 29-years of service, and the 2020 Tom Horn Memorial Award were presented during the Denison CSD school board meeting to **Robert (Bob) Scherff**, veteran Transportation Director.

For the longevity side of this presentation Bob has been the Transportation Director for Denison Community Schools and has recently retired after 29 years of service to the district.

The Tom Horn Memorial award goes to the person that has exhibited outstanding leadership and service to his/her school, community, and to the safe transportation of children in Iowa. Pictured (right) Julie Nemmers presented the Tom Horn Award to Bob.

Bob takes great pride in the district's fleet. This is evident by the near spotless record of inspections over multiple years. Bob and his team have shown no deficiencies in the fleet for 13 of the last 14 inspections.



Bob is highly respected in the district and by his colleagues, both inside and outside of the community. If you talk to someone in Denison, they will refer to "Bus Barn Bob" having things under control. Bob is an example of what "Monarchs are all about. He gives without thinking twice about it when it comes to Denison Community Schools. He truly bleeds "purple and gold". Bob's loyalty and dedication are some of his many attributes. Bob received a standing ovation during the award presentation from the Denison school board.



If you were to ask Bob what his greatest accomplishment would be, he would tell you about raising four amazing and successful children: Justin, Kristin, Brandon and Megan, and he has six grandchildren. His wife Cindy is a teacher in the district, and she will retire this year after 40 years of service.

In 2014, Bob was nominated for a spot on the district's Wall of Pride. This honorarium is for citizens of the community that are the epitome of the values that the district represents. This is quite an honor, as many people are nominated, but only a few are

selected. Not only is Bob dedicated to the district, he has spent countless hours coaching various sports for his children and is a member of the community Arbor Committee.

The Iowa Pupil Transportation Association is very pleased to present the 2020 Tom Horn Memorial and a 29-year longevity award to, Robert Scherff, Denison CSD.

In his retirement Bob hopes to get to know a few fish on a better level and spend more time traveling to see his family. Thank you for all you have done for the students in Denison, and we wish you the best in all of your future endeavors!



(Pictured L to R) Chris Darling IPTA Executive Director, Chris Plendl, Sergeant-Bluff-Luton CSD, Robert Scherff, Denison CSD, Julie Nemmers, Spencer CSD, IPTA Board President, and Nathan Beal, Storm Lake CSD