Tools for Implementing a Comprehensive Safety Training Program

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Technical Assistance Center
(PTASP TAC)**

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Objective

At the conclusion of the webinar, participants will be able to:

- Identify PTASP requirements for a comprehensive safety training program

- Identify ways their agencies could meet requirements for a comprehensive safety training program

Agenda

1. Existing PTASP Requirements for a Comprehensive Safety Training Program
2. Federal resources for safety training
3. Industry Speakers
4. Q&A

PTASP NPRM Public Review and Comment

Review the PTASP NPRM and submit comments:

- https://www.federalregister.gov/d/2023-08777
- Or visit federalregister.gov and search for Docket Number **FTA-2023-0007**

Tips For Submitting Effective Comments, published by Regulations.gov, offers tips to help the public submit comments that have an impact and help agency policy makers improve federal regulations.

Open for Comment Until **June 26, 2023**

PTASP NPRM and Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

- The PTASP NPRM incorporates updates from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

- Some requirements in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law are self-effectuating and are applicable

  - As it relates to training, Section 5307 recipients that serve large urbanized areas must:

    - Add maintenance personnel as personnel that must participate in the agency's comprehensive safety training program

    - Ensure maintenance personnel, operations personnel, and personnel directly responsible for safety complete de-escalation training

Today's webinar will only discuss requirements that are in effect as of the date of the webinar

Public Transportation Safety Certification Training Program (PTSCTP) Regulation

- 49 CFR Part 672 establishes a uniform safety certification training curriculum and requirements for rail transit agency and State Safety Oversight Agency personnel and contractors

  - Some bus transit agencies may participate in the voluntary bus curriculum established in the PTSCTP regulation

- Today's webinar does not include these regulatory requirements

Industry Speakers

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Dedric Parham
Director of Safety Management Systems (SMS)
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Related Resources

Log onto FTA's PTASP TAC Resource Library for more webinars, tools, and fact sheets related to safety training

www.transit.dot.gov/PTASP-TAC

For information related to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, visit www.transit.dot.gov/BIL

Feedback

Your feedback helps us deliver the resources and tools that are most relevant to your needs. Based on feedback from the previous webinar surveys, this webinar features:

- Multiple speakers
- Speakers on video
- Expanded industry participation

Please stay tuned for another survey at the conclusion of this webinar!

Audience Poll

To what level are you involved in the comprehensive safety training program at your agency?

69% Participate in my transit agency's comprehensive safety training program and help implement the program

8% Participate in my transit agency's comprehensive safety training program, but do not help implement the program

5% Do not participate in my transit agency's comprehensive safety training program, but do help implement the program

6% Do not participate in or help implement my transit agency's comprehensive safety training program

12% N/A

Requirements for a Comprehensive Safety Training Program

49 CFR Part 673 requires transit agencies to establish and implement a comprehensive safety training program for all agency employees and contractors directly responsible for safety in the transit system

This training program must include refresher training, as necessary

For Section 5307 recipients that serve a large UZA, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law:
- Adds maintenance personnel as personnel that must participate in the safety training program
- Requires maintenance personnel, operations personnel, and personnel directly responsible for safety complete de-escalation training

Who does the comprehensive safety training program apply to?

Applies to transit agency employees and contractors designated by the agency as **directly responsible for safety**

- Part 673 does not specify which individuals at a transit agency are directly responsible for safety

- It is up to the transit agency to identify these individuals

  - For Section 5307 recipients that serve large UZAs, this must include maintenance employees

- For example - employees and contractors who work as part of the agency's safety function, such as safety officers and analysts, and operations and maintenance functions, such as managers, supervisors, and front-line employees

Refresher Training

- Transit agencies must establish a comprehensive safety training program that includes refresher training, as appropriate

- Refresher training helps ensure employees and contractors are current with the agency's safety practices and procedures

PTASP Training Resources

FTA's PTASP Technical Assistance Center offers an online Resource Library that includes recorded webinars, fact sheets, guides, and other materials transit agencies may use in their comprehensive safety training program

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FTA-Sponsored Training Opportunities

- Transportation Safety Institute – in-person and online training courses
  - Ex.: Distracted driving, fatigue and sleep apnea awareness, Safety Management Systems (SMS), safety event investigation
  - https://www.transportation.gov/transportation-safety-institute
- National Transit Institute – in-person and online training courses
  - Ex.: Assault awareness and prevention, passenger assistance, National Transit Database reporting requirements
  - https://www.ntionline.com
- National Rural Transit Assistance Program – online training courses
  - Training resources for rural and small transit agencies
  - Ex.: Defensive driving, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), substance abuse awareness
  - https://www.nationalrtap.org

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Workforce Strategic Planning & Support

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Help Desk Services on Emerging Transit Related Topics

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Selected TWC Workforce Development Resources, Strategies, and Initiatives

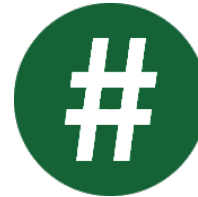Meeting workforce development challenges

Engaging stakeholders

Mentoring programs

Partnerships

American Transit Training and Apprenticeship Innovators Network (ATTAIN)

#ConnectingMyCommunity — National Transit Frontline Worker Recruitment Campaign

Zero-Emission Bus transition

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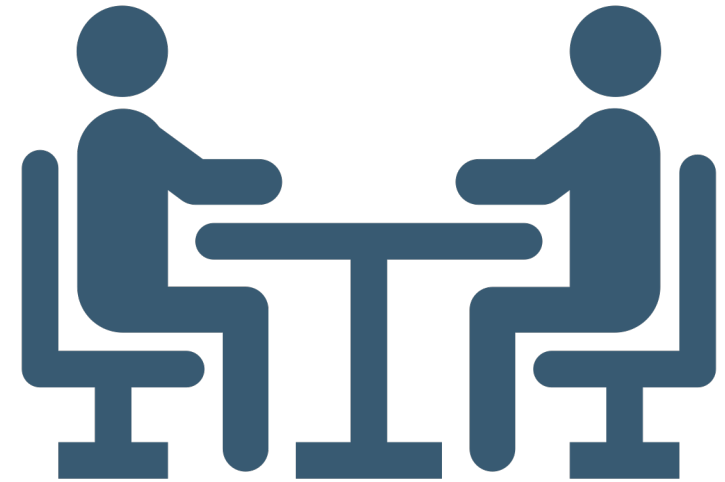
Technical Assistance

- **TAC Website** transit.dot.gov/PTASP-TAC

- **FAQs** transit.dot.gov/PTASP-FAQs

The TAC help desk is available to assist the transit industry with PTASP questions, including questions about ASP development and implementation:

- **Email** PTASP-TAC@dot.gov

The TAC help desk cannot assist the industry with the NPRM; to review the PTASP NPRM and submit comments:

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Questions and Answers

- Question and Answer session

- For information related to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

    - Please visit FTA's [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law](#) webpage

    - Review FTA's March 1, 2022 [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law webinar](#)

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