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## DOT OFFERS BUS DRIVER INSTRUCTOR TRAINING

The Department of Transportation is offering a training program for instructors of transit bus drivers.

Sponsored by the department's Urban Mass Transportation Administration, the course is the first national standardized training program for bus operators. The program includes passenger relations, emergency and accident procedures, bus maneuvering and defensive driving.

The passenger relations program offers experienced bus operators training in the importance of effective passenger relations.

The emergency and accident procedures program is intended to provide refresher training to operators in ways to protect their passengers, themselves and the bus in the event of an emergency or accident.

The third course on defensive driving and bus maneuvers responds to the critical need for teaching operators correct driving techniques.

Each transit operation may designate two persons to attend the instructor orientation sessions. The participants should have past experience as instructors and be capable of teaching bus operators the fundamentals of all three programs.

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The Transportation Safety Institute in Oklahoma City will conduct the training at regional locations throughout the country.

Dates and specific locations of the seminars will be scheduled by the Institute.

Transit operators interested in sponsoring or attending a seminar should contact Ms. Helen Maxwell, Transportation Safety Institute, 6500 S. MacArthur Blvd., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73125. (405) 686-2155.

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