



School Transportation Association of Massachusetts
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The 2017 Massachusetts School Bus Driver Safety Competition

is scheduled for

Sunday, May 21, 2017

at

Amaral Auto & Truck Driving School, Inc.
968 Old Reed Road
North Dartmouth, MA 02747-1554

- A POSTER to advertise the “Rodeo” to your drivers is Enclosed.
- ENTRY APPLICATION for DRIVERS to enter the competition is Enclosed.
- JUDGES ENTRY FORM is Enclosed.
- SAFE SCHOOL BUS DRIVER RECOGNITION PROGRAM FORM is Enclosed.

We will present the MASSACHUSETTS SAFE SCHOOL BUS DRIVER AWARDS at the School Bus Driver Safety Competition. We will present each Safe Driver with a Certificate for their years’ of safe driving!

PLEASE NOTE: The Rodeo manual is available in pdf format at the STAM website.
www.schoolbus.org. Click on “For info on the 2017 School Bus Driver Safety Competition.”

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PLEASE URGE YOUR DRIVERS TO ENTER THE 2017 MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL BUS DRIVER SAFETY COMPETITION

A Rodeo Poster is enclosed to advertise the competition!

**Instructors and Supervisors please plan to volunteer to Judge!!!
Contestants and Judges, please invite your families to attend the competition too.**

**The “Rodeo” is a lot of Fun & a great success!
If you’ve never been involved before, please join us this year!!!
We hope to see you there!**

Please go to the STAM website, www.schoolbus.org and print the Rodeo Manual. In the manual you will find all the rules and regulations that govern the competition, a description of prizes and awards, and an entry form (a form is also enclosed with this mailing). The form can be copied and used to enter your drivers in the competition. There’s also a layout of the course if you would like to set one up for practice.

There are no changes in the manual except for dates and prizes. If you or your employees still have a prior years’ manual, it can be used to prepare for this year’s competition. For those who do not have internet access, or may be entering the Safety Competition for the first time, there are a limited number of manuals available. Please call the STAM office to request one.

National School Transportation Association’s 47th Annual School Bus Driver International Safety Competition will be held in conjunction with NSTA’s **Annual Meeting & Convention, July 15 & 16, 2017 in Indianapolis, Indiana.** The NSTA’s competition includes Transit, Conventional and Small Bus Class.

The FIRST-PLACE WINNER from the Massachusetts Safety Competition will be sent EXPENSES PAID by STAM, to represent our state in the International Safety Competition in Indianapolis, Indiana in July.

At the Massachusetts Safety Competition, Trophies will be presented to the first, second, and third-place winning drivers as well as to the company or school district they represent. Plaques will be awarded to the fourth through tenth-place winners. The Carl “Pete” Eastman Memorial Rookie of the Year Trophy is also awarded to the highest scoring first-year contestant.

All of these awards make impressive decorative items for offices, while everything is awarded in duplicate so that the individual, as well as the employer, has a permanent symbol of his or her participation.

Directions to Amaral Auto & Truck Driving School, Inc: Take Route 195 to Exit 11, Reed Road North. After railroad tracks take first left onto Old Reed Road and first driveway. Please park at the end of the parking lot.

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY THE INFORMATION ABOUT THE USE
OF EACH FORM ENCLOSED IN THIS MAILING.**

*****Please call the STAM office at any time with questions about the May 21st events.*****

SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION OF MASSACHUSETTS
2017 Massachusetts School Bus Driver Safety Competition Entry Application

Please Mail Completed Application and Entry fee of \$50 per contestant to: **STAM**
76 North Bedford St.
East Bridgewater, MA 02333

DATE OF SCHOOL BUS DRIVER SAFETY COMPETITION: SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2017

LOCATION: Amaral Auto & Truck Driving School, Inc.
968 Old Reed Road
North Dartmouth, MA 02747-1554

NAME OF CONTESTANT: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

TYPE OF CDL LICENSE: Street City State Zip
 A B C Air Brakes: yes no

NAME OF EMPLOYER: _____ Phone: (____) _____

EMPLOYER'S ADDRESS: _____

NAME OF LOCAL NEWSPAPER: Street City State Zip

- I hereby agree to the following terms and conditions:
1. I am not in the employ of the Massachusetts School Bus Driver Safety Competition or the School Transportation Association of Massachusetts.
 2. Both as to myself and my heirs and personal representatives, I release the liability and any right of action that may arise from any damage or injury which I may receive from attending or participating in said driving competition.
 3. The STAM driving competition or its assigns shall have the right to use any articles or photographs taken of me at or in connection with the competition for purposes of advertising, promotion, or instruction programs and displays.
 4. I will be bound by all orders, rules, and regulations governing the driving competition while participating in said competition.

CONTESTANT SIGNATURE: _____

CERTIFICATION BY EMPLOYER: I hereby certify that the above-named driver has not had a chargeable accident since date listed by contestant.

NAME (Please type or print) SIGNATURE TITLE/POSITION

PLEASE BE SURE TO COMPLETE THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS ENTRY FORM.
THE DEADLINE FOR FILING ENTRY FORMS IS MONDAY, MAY 15, 2017.
Entries WILL be accepted after that date by mail or FAX - ONLY if the entry limit has not been reached.
ENTRY FEE OF \$50 PER DRIVER must accompany entry form.

PLEASE BE SURE THAT ENTRY APPLICATION ON THE REVERSE SIDE IS COMPLETED.

Contestant Biographical Information.

This brief information is to be used by the event announcer while you are on the driving course and for press coverage in the event that you are one of the three top finishers in the competition.

1. NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____
Street City State

2. NAME OF EMPLOYER: _____

3. LOCATION OF COMPANY, SCHOOL DISTRICT, OR TERMINAL: (City or Town)

4. PERSONAL DATA: (To add detail to any possible story, please give name of spouse, and names and ages of children, if any.) _____

5. Number of years with present employer: _____ **Please Choose:**
Flat Nose: _____

6. Number of years as a school bus driver: _____ **OR**
Conventional: _____

7. Date of last accident, if any: (Approximate): _____

8. Hobbies and interests: _____

9. Previous Driving Competitions Entered: _____

10. Any driving awards won previously? _____

11. WHY DO YOU LIKE BEING A PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL BUS DRIVER?

12. Is this your first STAM driving competition? YES _____ NO _____

The roadeo manual is at the STAM website, www.schoolbus.org. Click on "For Information on the 2017 School Bus Driver Safety Competition."

**Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. and the Competition will begin at 9:00 a.m.
Contestants arriving later than 8:45 a.m. will be disqualified.**

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE

2017 MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL BUS DRIVER SAFETY COMPETITION

As in the past, the contest has the major components of:

- Vehicle (pre-trip) Inspection or "Circle Check."
Again this year Reps from the RMV & DPU have volunteered to assist by judging this event.
- Written Examination: 50 multiple choice questions based on the General Knowledge and Passenger Endorsement sections of the CDL Manual and general school bus operations in Massachusetts.
- Driving Competition: The individual events in this years driving competition will include: Height Judgment, Riding Judge, Backup Test, Curb Line Test, Stop Line, Diminishing Clearance, Student Loading, Right Turn, Straight Line, Offset Alley, and R. R. Crossing.

The layout of the course will include two different back up alleys quite some distance apart which will reduce some of the pressure of this event and which will speed up the actual driving competition.

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### 2017 MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL BUS DRIVER SAFETY COMPETITION

**Sunday, May 21, 2017 at Amaral Auto & Truck Driving School, Inc.**

### JUDGES ENTRY FORM

It takes LOTS AND LOTS of volunteers to run this event. Would you PLEASE volunteer to help as a judge or scorekeeper on the day of the contest, Sunday, May 21, 2017?? With volunteer judges from the DPU and the Registry, we need a good showing of our own people to show our commitment to school bus safety. If you can help out, please complete the form below and mail or FAX to the STAM office by **Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>**. Our FAX is 508.378.8970. Thank you and please add the names and address of other volunteers from your company or school district who are willing to assist. Thank YOU!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Company/District: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

Preference for event you would like to judge: \_\_\_\_\_

How many volunteer helpers will you bring, including yourself? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list names, address, and event preference on separate sheet.

Thank you for your assistance!

# 2017 MASSACHUSETTS SAFE SCHOOL BUS DRIVER RECOGNITION PROGRAM

## Sponsored by the School Transportation Association of Massachusetts

Sunday, May 21, 2017  
Approximately 2:00 p.m.

Amaral Auto & Truck Driving School, Inc.  
968 Old Reed Rd., North Dartmouth, MA 02747-1554

To recognize school bus drivers with outstanding safe driving records, eligible drivers will receive certificates commemorating 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, and 30 years of school bus driving without a "preventable accident." A "Preventable accident" is defined by the National Safety Council as "any accident in which the driver failed to do everything reasonable to prevent the accident."

Employers and school districts are invited to nominate any Massachusetts school bus drivers who qualify for awards based on the accident-free intervals stated above. (Milestone years of 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, and 30.)

Each driver must be nominated on the form below. Please make additional copies of the form to submit multiple names. Please, only one name per form.

**The deadline for receipt of nominations is Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. There can be no exceptions to this deadline.** The enforcement of this deadline is made necessary to permit time for the preparation of the awards and review of driver eligibility.

Drivers must be present to receive their awards on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. The labor and cost of shipping to absent drivers is prohibitive.

"Accident free" driving for purposes of this award refers to school bus operations only and will not include accidents in private vehicles.

A fee of \$15.00 per nominated driver will be charged to cover the cost of driver recognition awards.

**Nomination forms may be faxed, but payment of fees must be received no later than May 15<sup>th</sup>.**

Please complete a copy of this form for each nominated driver and mail or fax before May 15<sup>th</sup> to:  
FAX: 508-378-8970

STAM  
76 North Bedford St.  
East Bridgewater, MA 02333

NAME OF NOMINATED DRIVER: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Must be clearly printed or typed as it appears on license.)

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ License No: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF EMPLOYER: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL YEARS OF SCHOOL BUS DRIVING BY NOMINEE: \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT TOTAL OF PREVENTABLE ACCIDENT-FREE SCHOOL BUS DRIVING: \_\_\_\_\_

(Years must be consecutive, measured backwards from 2017. Awards will be made in five-year increments. For example, a driver with eight years of accident-free driving at this time will receive a five-year award. A driver who received a five-year award in 2016 with nine years of accident-free driving, would be eligible for a ten-year award this year.)

**We certify that this information is accurate to the best of our knowledge:**

Signature of nominated driver: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of employee representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Please print employee rep name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_