

Mountain Transit Authority

MTA Begins New Fiscal Year

Special points of interest:

- Route Changes
- Safety
- Training
- Employee Handbook

FY 2016 brought many changes to MTA, including new employees, retirement, route changes and building improvements. As we begin FY 2017, there are many things to look forward to.

On July 5, 2016, Richard Peavy will begin the Summersville Loop Route. The Loop will run Monday thru Friday from 10:00am to 6:00pm. Residents of Summersville have long requested later service in the day and we hope that this route will meet their needs.

With the addition of the Summersville Loop Route, MTA is now able to extend our Call-A-Ride service. Beginning on July 5, 2016, Bill Fox will begin extending as far as Enon, Canvas, Glade

Creek, Muddlety, Mt. Lake Campground and Mt. Nebo. Extending this service will allow for MTA to accommodate more riders.

Also on July 5, 2016, the Webster Springs/Summersville Route will change. Joe Harris will begin his route at 7:30am as opposed to 6:45am and return to the garage at 4:00pm as opposed to 5:45pm. The route will remain the same on the days that it travels to Hacker Valley.

With the exception of closing the Western Greenbrier Route, all other routes will remain the same.

We believe that altering the service schedules will allow MTA to better serve its communities.



Summersville City Council Rides the Bus!

Upcoming Staff Training/Meetings:

- 7/14-15/2016 PASS Training, Charleston
- 7/27-29/2016 WVPTA Annual Meeting
- 7/28/2016 Governing Board Training

We would like to thank everyone for their participation in the **Bus Driver and Workplace Safety Training**. We hope you enjoyed it!



Downtown Lewisburg, WV

Safety—Looking Forward to New Regulations

The following is an excerpt from the WV Division of Public Transit Spring 2016 S.P.I.D.E.R. News Letter regarding future regulations.

Each day, you, as a bus or van driver, are asked to do a job that takes incredible focus to provide safe service to your customers regardless of conditions or the actions of others.

In 2015, the Federal Transit Administration is proposing new rules and regulations that support your

efforts to provide safe service to your customers, your community, and in many ways, you and your family. These new regulations will be part of a nationwide effort to improve public and community transportation safety.

How do these new regulations affect you, as a driver?

- Regular on-going training will be provided. Drivers will receive updated training throughout the year.

- Close calls and near misses must be reported. Bus and van drivers will be expected to inform management about unsafe or dangerous situations even when no accident took place such as an unsafe bus stop, a dangerous passenger, hazardous road conditions, poorly maintained equipment, etc. The intention is to prevent and stop accidents even before they happen.

New Employee Handbook

During the June 2016 training, each employee was given a new Employee Handbook. We ask that you please take time to review these policies. Some are new and some have been revised. It is important that each employee knows and understands the policies and procedures of MTA. If there are any questions regarding the policies, please contact the MTA Office for assistance.