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## **PRE-CONFERENCE PROGRAM**

**Wednesday, February 21, 2024**

**9:00 AM–12:00 PM            NYS DMV Approved 19-A Certified Examiner Refresher  
Presented by: John Spacht – Southwestern CSD**

Attend this workshop session to renew your NYS DMV 19-A Certified Examiner Certification

**1:00–5:00 PM NAPT PDS 702 – Personal Skills for Managers  
Presented by: Dr. Peter Lawrence**

A four-hour workshop designed to give a manager or an individual working towards a management position the personal skills necessary to be successful in a leadership position. Professional demeanor, email and phone etiquette will be discussed as well as the importance of setting a positive tone and handling negative or difficult people. Learn how to handle conflict successfully. Time management and personal work habits that will improve managers' efficiency and effectiveness will be outlined.

**1:00 PM–4:00 PM            NYS DMV Approved 19-A Certified Examiner Refresher  
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Leadership Development and Certification Institute Attendees will receive credit towards certification by attending these sessions.

Thank you to Leonard Bus Sales Inc. for continued support of the NYAPT Leadership Development and Certification Institute.





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# **WINTER WORKSHOP PROGRAM**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2024**

**7:00 AM**

**Registration and Exhibitor Set-Up**

The Registration Desk will open at 7:00 AM for attendee and exhibitor registration. Exhibitors may set up from 7:00 – 9:00 AM. Exhibitor Tables will be pre-assigned.

**9:00 AM-9:15 AM**

**Welcome Attendees  
Thank you Sponsors and Exhibitors  
Special Recognitions  
NYAPT President Ted Nugent**

**SALON EFGH**

**9:15 AM-10:15 AM**

**Gray Ram Tactical, LLC** Presents three workshops to help us understand violence and how to protect ourselves and our students.

**Presented by Bret Brooks**

Bret is a senior consultant for Gray Ram Tactical, LLC and governmental agencies in the area of physical security assessments, anti-terrorism issues, and threat/risk analysis. Bret's focus of instruction includes issues concerning personal safety and security. Bret is the creator of many awareness courses for school teachers, administrators, and bus drivers and is a frequent presenter at national and state school transportation conferences across the nation. Bret is a frequent contributor to School Bus Fleet Magazine and recently presented at NAPT in Columbus, Ohio.

**Increases in School Violence**

In this first workshop Bret will answer the question, why do we have more school violence today in our schools?

**10:15–10:45**

**Break sponsored by Goosetown – Visit Vendors**

**FOYER**

**10:45–11:45**

**De-Escalation Techniques**

**SALON EFGH**

In this second session, Bret will share proven strategies to defuse angry students/parents/coworkers in order to avoid escalation and potential violence.

**12:00 PM-1:30 PM**

**Lunch and Vendor Visits  
Lunch is Sponsored by BusRight**

**SALON ABCD/FOYER**



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**1:30 PM-2:30 PM**

**Indicators of Violence**

**SALON EFGH**

In this final session Bret discusses how to recognize the warning signs and pre-incident clues that someone is about to lash out in violence and how to respond.

**2:30 PM-3:30 PM**

**NYSED Update – David Elliott - Coordinator of Educational Aid  
New York State Education Department**

David will update the industry on SharePoint, the electric bus transition and more.

**3:30 PM-4:00 PM**

**Break - Visit our Exhibitors and say THANK YOU!**

**FOYER**

**4:00 PM-5:00 PM**

**Selecting a Motor Coach Company**

**SALON EFGH**

**Jeremy Bricks – Transportation Supervisor – Sodus CSD**

Jeremy brings his expertise as a school transportation leader and a coach bus driver to the Workshop to help us assure we choose safe coach bus transportation for students.

**6:00 PM-9:00 PM**

**NYAPT Scholarship Fundraising & Networking Event**

**SALON ABCD**

After a long day in the classroom, let's relax with friends, eat some good food and enjoy comedy by Adam Oliensis. We all deserve a laugh sometime! The popular NYAPT raffle basket drawing will be held during this event!



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**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2024**

<b>7:00 AM-8:00 AM</b>	<p><b>Join Us for Breakfast</b> Sponsored by Transfinder</p> <p><b>NYAPT Legislative Update</b> <b>John Spacht – NYAPT Legislative Chair</b> <b>David Christopher – Executive Director</b></p>	<b>SALON ABCD</b>
<b>8:00 AM-9:00 AM</b>	<p><b>Cross Over Mirrors</b> <b>“Eyes Where They Never Had Them Before”</b> <b>David Webb – PTSI</b></p> <p>Industry experts and manufacturers estimate that 95 % of the time crossover mirrors are out of adjustment. New York State data supports that statistically 85% of fatalities occur outside the bus and over half the fatalities were by their own bus. This presentation gives the historical overview of the crossover mirror and its significance in reducing student fatalities. Trainers and managers will leave with a new training technique that could save lives.</p>	<b>SALON EFGH</b>
<b>9:00 AM-10:00 AM</b>	<p><b>Electric Vehicle Transition Panel Discussion</b> <b>David Christopher – Moderator</b> <b>Vincent Riscica – NYSERDA</b> <b>Kenni Jean Schrader, Transportation Supervisor,</b> <b>Three Rivers Community Schools</b> <b>Robert Reichenbach – NYSBDA/Bird Bus Sales &amp; Service</b> <b>Elizabeth Fox – Johnson City School District</b></p>	<b>SALON EFGH</b>
<b>10:00 AM-10:30 AM</b>	<b>Break in the FOYER – Thank our Exhibitors!</b>	<b>FOYER</b>
<b>10:30 AM-12:00 PM</b>	<p><b>Department of Motor Vehicles Update</b> <b>Speaker – Eric Ketzer and Beth Archambault</b> <b>NYSDMV Bus Driver Unit</b></p> <p><b>NYS Department of Transportation Update</b> <b>Marc Berger – Director, Passenger Carrier Safety Bureau</b></p>	<b>SALON EFGH</b>
<b>12:00 PM</b>	<p><b>Closing and Safe Send Off</b> <b>NYAPT President – Ted Nugent</b></p>	<b>SALON EFGH</b>