

# Quarterly Transportation Call

## 2/11/20:

### Attendees:

Jerald Wolff-Palatine Township  
Linda Steininger- Hanover Township  
Lori Strong-Oak Park Township  
Pat Peters-Rich Township  
Pete Hawkins- Thornton Township  
Sheryl Ford-Bloom Township

- ***Update on Clearinghouse:***
  - Hanover Township registered for the Clearinghouse per guidance from Administration and legal counsel:
    - Own and operate a 25 Passenger bus (a vehicle that transports 16 passengers or above in non-revenue function is regulated by FMCSA)
  - Rich Township is in the process of registering for the Clearinghouse
  - No other Townships on the call registered for the Clearinghouse
- ***Update on usage of Handheld Devices and new laws:***
  - Wheeling Township had a driver that was issued a ticket for using their PTT (Push To Talk) radio in Buffalo Grove
    - They went to court and the ticket was dropped
    - However they feel that if it occurs again the ticket may stick and as a result could be on the drivers record
  - Wheeling discovered that Villages have their own ordinances aside from State law that can take priority
    - Townships can have their legal counsel investigate the local Village ordinances to better understand the risk
  - **To avoid this issue all together**, Townships can implement a policy that states that drivers are not to use their PTT radios unless the vehicle is in park
  - See enclosed Bulletin from Pace Van Pool:
    - Cellular Telephone Usage and other Electronic Devices
- ***Policies regarding hiring drivers with CDL (Commercial Driver's License):***
  - CDL Drivers are scarce:
    - Townships cannot find CDL licensed drivers
      - Impacting ridership
      - Schools are paying signing bonuses for drivers with CDL's
      - Paying more per hour
  - Pace Vanpool:
    - contract does **not** require that drivers have a CDL license
    - Leased vehicles are 14 passenger or less
  - Pace Paratransit/Municipal:
    - contract **does** require that drivers have a CDL
    - issue vehicles over 14 passenger
  - Townships that have contracts with Pace Paratransit/Municipal are tied to hiring drivers with CDL licenses

- Townships that are not tied by this contract could potentially hire non-CDL drivers with the intention of the drivers obtaining CDL's
  - Who/How trains the driver
  - Lack of bandwidth knowledge to conduct training
  - Lack of Facility (IE driving course)
  - Time investment/cost
  - How to recoup investment if driver leaves:
    - Have them sign a contract that they must stay for so much time after training
    - Do not reimburse them for the cost of the CDL license/fees until after so much time (6 months-1 year)
- **Proposed Solutions:**
  - Discussed having a shared pool of trained drivers amongst the Townships
    - Hire and train a driver/s that could be shared
    - Helps especially if Townships only have part-time positions
    - Could be used to drive shuttles
    - Could be used for out-trips
    - **BETTER TOGETHER**
  - Hire Drivers from school districts that work split shifts
    - Can utilize them for a few hours mid-day
    - Must be available for training (Pace 2 day training class)
  - Hire drivers that are retired or Veterans and train them:
    - Still must be able to pass DOT Physical
    - Be willing to pursue CDL
- **RTAC (Rural Transit Assistance Center) Spring Conference:**
  - Annual Conference March 2-3
  - Northfield Inn, Suites and Conference Center Springfield IL
  - Conference is free
  - Rooms are \$85 a night plus tax
  - Room Reservations must be made by **2/17/202** to receive this rate
  - RTAC website: <https://www.iira.org/rtac/>
- **General Information:**
  - Just a reminder these calls are part of ITASCSC
  - Please make sure you have paid your annual ITASCSC membership fee
  - For any questions consult the ITASCSC website, <https://itascsc.net/>, or contact Megan Conway, at [mconway@schaumburgtownship.org](mailto:mconway@schaumburgtownship.org)
- **Next Call/Agenda:**
  - Upcoming Call:
    - **Tuesday, 5/12/20 from 10:00am-11:00am**
    - Agenda will be:
      - Transportation Budgets
        - How much is the overall budget allocated to Transportation
        - Review/discuss individual line items
      - Shared pool of drivers amongst Townships
        - How can we implement this?
        - Thoughts/suggestions

- Better Together!
- A meeting notice will be sent

Thanks to everyone for taking time out of their busy schedules to participate in this call. Let me know if you have any feedback, issues, or questions.

Regards,  
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