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Three COLTS Drivers Participate in 33rd Annual State Bus Rodeo

Paratransit driver comes away with two awards

Scranton, Pa. – Three COLTS drivers participated in the Pennsylvania Public Transportation Association’s 33rd Annual Bus Rodeo held in Williamsport on Aug. 5 and 6. Marcelo Motta and Greg Czyzyk participated in the Fixed Route competition. Sean Tompkins competed in the Paratransit Rodeo and placed third. Tompkins also received the highest overall score in the Paratransit Competition.

The Rodeo is an annual bus driving competition held at the state transit organization’s summer conference. Fixed route and paratransit drivers were given a certain amount of time to drive a bus or paratransit vehicle successfully around an obstacle course set up at the airport. Judges stood at each obstacle with specific judging criteria to follow. Operators also competed testing their skills in a written test, mobility device securement, and pre-trip vehicle checks to combine scoring for overall placement.

“We are proud of all three drivers for representing COLTS at the state competition,” said Executive Director Bob Fiume. “We are thrilled that Sean’s dedication and commitment paid off and that he is able to take his talent to the next level.”

Tompkins will go on to compete in the Community Transportation Association of America Rodeo for Paratransit Operators in Pittsburgh in June 2018.