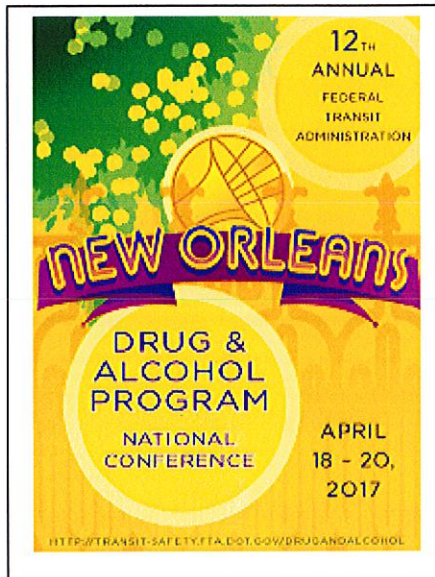


CT StateWide Drug and Alcohol Testing Consortium Newsletter

12th Annual FTA Drug and Alcohol Program National Conference Registration!

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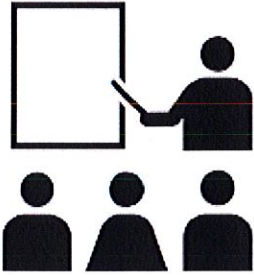
Registration has begun for the FTA 12th Annual Drug and Alcohol Program National Conference. Link for registration:
www.fta.dot.gov/12533.html

This **FREE** three-day Conference will provide attendees with a well-founded background on 49 CFR Part 40 (Procedures for Transportation Workplace Drug and Alcohol Testing Programs) and 49 CFR Part 655 (Prevention of Alcohol Misuse and Prohibited Drug Use in Transit Operators). The Conference will offer attendees the opportunity to choose from a variety of sessions, allowing each participant to customize their experience as they see best appropriate for the specific needs of their employer and knowledge level of the regulations.

There is no charge for this conference. Attendees are financially responsible for all travel related expenses, including all meals.

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Hosting Consortium Trainings



Contact Nhan Vo-Le, CT Statewide Drug and Alcohol Testing Program Coordinator, at 860-247-5329 Extension 3009 or nhvole@ghstd.org if you are interested in hosting the following trainings at your facility in the next few months:

- Post-Accident
- Designated Employer Representative
- Reasonable Suspicion

Trainings will be conducted by Occupational Drug Testing Company.

2016 HOLIDAY DRAW

The focus of the Holiday Draw is to make safety-sensitive employees aware that they can be tested at any time including on a holiday. Please note the following dates:

- Wednesday, December 7, 2016: ODT sends out the DOT Participant Lists to DERs for their review and update
- On or before Sunday, December 11, 2016: Update to be provided to ODT from DERs or Alternate DERs
- Monday, December 12, 2016: ODT will send out the Random Drug and Alcohol Testing Selections for the Holiday Draw
- Sunday, December 18, 2016 – Sunday, January 1, 2017: Testing period.



We urge the DERs to have these tests conducted on or near the upcoming holidays including weekends.

As a consortium member, you have the option of arranging a scheduled on-site test (via ODT mobile unit) or sending the safety-sensitive employee to a collection site. Should you decide to schedule a test on a holiday, please give ODT at least five days advance notice. This will allow them to better accommodate your scheduling request.

2016 MIS REPORT



Federal regulations require recipients of specific FTA funds establish and implement an anti-drug and alcohol misuse testing program. Recipients are required to annually prepare and maintain a summary of these results during the previous calendar year. This report shall be submitted to FTA's Office of Transit Safety and Oversight or its designated agent.

Each recipient shall be responsible for ensuring the accuracy and timeliness of each report prepared by ODT and submitted by the Consortium acting on the recipient's behalf. The due date for returning your completed 2016 MIS report to ODT will be in early February 2017. More information on the MIS reporting will be coming out soon.

Contact & Resource Info

Occupational Drug Testing, LLC
www.occupationaldrugtesting.com
Toll Free # 800-211-4469

The Lexington Group
www.the-lexington-group.com
Toll Free # 800-571-0197



Are you aware of the availability of program forms and resource documents on GHTD's website? Go to **www.hartfordtransit.org** Drug and Alcohol Testing Consortium

The following FTA website provides a wealth of information such as trainings, newsletters, etc. on the Drug and Alcohol Testing Program that you might find very helpful
www.fta.dot.gov/12533.html

You may also find Title 49 Parts 40 and 655 (FTA regulations on drug and alcohol) by using the Search engine.
