

# CT StateWide Drug and Alcohol Testing Consortium Newsletter

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## Safety-Sensitive Employees Existing Outside The CT Consortium & MIS Reports

For FTA reporting purposes, at the beginning of each January, April, July, and October the Consortium Coordinator will notify all Consortium member locations via email requesting the submittal of names and employee categories (i.e., revenue vehicle operation, revenue vehicle & equipment maintenance, and revenue vehicle control/dispatch) of any current safety-sensitive employees who actually **perform** safety-sensitive functions and exist outside the Consortium.

The Consortium Coordinator will collaborate with the Consortium member location, whose safety-sensitive employees exist outside the Consortium, to file its MIS reports for the current year.

Each January, the Consortium member location's completed MIS testing data will be submitted to the Consortium Coordinator for reporting this information on the FTA MIS website.

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## 12<sup>th</sup> Annual FTA Drug and Alcohol Program National Conference



If you missed the registration for this year's conference, please mark your calendar for next year's registration.

The conference is usually scheduled in April and registration begins in December.

Checkout the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual FTA Drug and Alcohol Program National Conference Sessions Course Synopses and Presentations at:

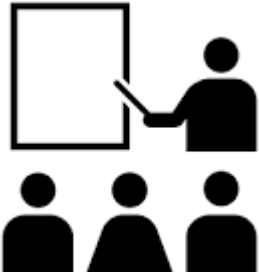
<https://transit-safety.fta.dot.gov/DrugAndAlcohol/Training/NatConf/2016/Sessions.aspx>

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.

# Hosting Consortium Training

Contact Nhan Vo-Le, Consortium Coordinator, at 860-247-5329 Extension 3009 or [nhvole@ghtd.org](mailto:nhvole@ghtd.org) if you are interested in hosting a Post-Accident training session at your facility in the next few months.



Trainings will be conducted by Occupational Drug Testing Company (ODT).

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## Designated Employer Representative (DER) & Reasonable Suspicion Training

The Designated Employer Representative & Reasonable Suspicion Training is scheduled on Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 at:

Middletown Transit District  
91 N. Main Street  
Middletown, CT 06457

10:00 AM – NOON DER Training  
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM Awareness Training

The training will be provided by ODT.

ODT has developed the DER and Reasonable Suspicion training materials that are tailored to cover the required Department of Transportation (DOT) and Federal Transit Administration content. All items will be covered in a clear and concise manner.

The core objective of on-site training is to effectively teach each of the listed core topics while motivating the attendees to use the new skills to help promote an effective and DOT compliant drug and alcohol testing program. For registration, contact Nhan Vo-Le at [nhvole@ghtd.org](mailto:nhvole@ghtd.org).

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# 2016 MIS REPORTS



Thanks to ODT and DERs / Alternate DERs for their time and effort in preparing and submitting the MIS reports to the Consortium Coordinator in a timely manner!

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 the 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 2016 MIS reports have been certified and submitted to the FTA by the Program Coordinator. A copy of each Consortium member's MIS report will be emailed to the member by next week.



## Contact & Resource Info

Occupational Drug Testing, LLC  
**[www.occupationaldrugtesting.com](http://www.occupationaldrugtesting.com)**  
Toll Free # 800-211-4469

The Lexington Group  
**[www.the-lexington-group.com](http://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](http://www.hartfordtransit.org)** Drug and Alcohol Testing Consortium. Also, checkout the following materials:

***What Employers Need to Know About DOT Drug and Alcohol Testing – Rev. June 30, 2015***

***What Employees Need to Know About DOT Drug and Alcohol Testing – Rev. April 2014***

***Resources For The Designated Employer Representative (DER)  
Lexington Newsletter Winter 2017***

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](http://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.