

# CT StateWide Drug and Alcohol Testing Consortium Newsletter

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2016

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

The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Drug and Alcohol Program National Conference dates have been set!

April 18-20, 2017

New Orleans

The Conference will provide attendees with a solid background on 49 CFR Part 40 (Procedures for Transportation Workplace

Drug and Alcohol Testing Program) and 49 CFR Part 655 (Prevention of Alcohol Misuse and Prohibited Drug Use in Transit Operators). The Conference will be an exceptional opportunity for those both new and familiar to the transit industry with sessions tailored to both groups.

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More information on this three-day free conference (except hotel and meals) is coming out soon. Check the FTA web site for more details in the upcoming months for more details:

<https://transit-safety.fta.dot.gov/DrugAndAlcohol>

## Consortium Training



The Designated Employer Representative (DER) & Reasonable Suspicion Training is scheduled on December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 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 Occupational Drug Testing (ODT). ODT has developed 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)



## 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 early February 2017. More information on the MIS reporting will be coming out in December 2016.

## 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**

**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.**