

## 2009 Transit Excellence Program Awards Ceremony

### July 23, 2009

The Division of Public Transit presented the following awards to transit managers and their respective employees at the West Virginia Public Transit Association Annual Meeting, held July 22-24, 2009, at Oglebay Resort and Conference Center, Wheeling, West Virginia.

2009 Good Neighbor Award	Kanawha Valley Regional Transportation Authority
2009 Outstanding Transit Manager of the Year	Darlene Harris, Little Kanawha Transit Authority Tom Hvizdos, Ohio Valley Regional Transportation Authority
2009 Greatest Passenger Increase	Mountain Line operated by Monongalia County Urban Mass Transit Authority Weirton Transit Corporation (Please note that all Transit Systems had passenger increases. Mountain Line and Weirton Transit Corporation ranked the highest.)
2009 Appreciation Award - Outstanding work on the iT Service which connects Huntington and Charleston.	Kanawha Valley Regional Transportation Authority Tri-State Transit Authority
2009 Outstanding Transit System Driver of the Year	Larry Murdock, Bluefield Area Transit operated by the City of Bluefield
2009 Outstanding Transit Employee of the Year	Kathy Mason, Eastern Panhandle Transit Authority Tom Shorter, Fairmont-Marion County Transit Authority
2009 Outstanding Maintenance Employee of the Year	Mike Cress, Mountain Line operated by Monongalia County Urban Mass Transit Authority
2009 Driver of the Year	Junior Kelly, Buckwheat Express operated by Preston County Senior Citizens, Inc. Raymond Acord, Country Roads Transit operated by The Committee on Aging in Randolph County, Inc. Ginger Edwards, Eastern Panhandle Transit Authority Bruce Eddy, Fairmont-Marion County Transit Authority Gerald "Bucky" Gaynor, Barbour County Senior Center, Inc., dba Here and There Transit Emory Lee Shamblin, Kanawha Valley Regional Transportation Authority Christopher McClung, Mid-Ohio Valley Transit Authority Jim Huffman, Mountain Line operated by Monongalia County Urban Mass Transit Authority Wesley Smith, Ohio Valley Regional Transportation Authority David L. Paugh, Potomac Valley Transit Authority Pete Cook, TriRiver Transit Regina Kitts, Wayne County Community Services Organization, Inc. dba Wayne X-Press