

PARTICIPATOR

December 2005

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY RECOGNITION



Each year, NDIRF and the North Dakota Highway Patrol sponsor the North Dakota School Bus Safety Award Contest. Our purpose in combining with the Highway Patrol in this joint venture is to promote and recognize the safe transportation of students in school districts all across the state. Several serious accidents involving school buses in recent years have reminded all of us of the importance of safety in operating these vehicles. 2005 award winners were determined from among those school districts posting the most miles of accident-free driving in the past year, as follows:

Division I: Category A – Minto Public School
 Division I: Category B – Hazelton Moffit Braddock Public School
 Division II: Category A – Turtle Lake - Mercer Public School
 Division II: Category B – United Public School (DesLacs/Burlington)
 Division III: Williston Public School

Division I consists of Class B school districts that operate 5 or fewer buses and is further subdivided into Categories A (less than 70,000 miles driven) and B (more than 70,000 miles driven). Division II includes Class B school districts that operate 6 or more buses, with Category A containing those driving 100,000 or fewer miles and Category B including those driving more than 100,000 miles. Division III comprises all Class A school districts.

An award is also presented annually to a school district that has provided a safe transportation record but continually has fewer miles driven than other schools in its category. This year, the winner is Powers Lake Public School.

In all, 33 North Dakota school districts participated in the contest in 2005 (of these, a remarkable 28 were accident-free!) while logging

nearly 4 million miles of bus travel. ND Highway Patrol Superintendent, Col. Bryan Klipfel, commented that "We appreciate the dedication and the team effort put forth by all the schools and their bus drivers to promote school bus safety. Recognizing these schools and bus drivers for their commitment towards safe transportation of school children is extremely important."

The winning school districts are presented with a plaque and all full-time bus drivers, mechanics and the school administrator receive a personalized jacket in recognition of their achievement. Congratulations to all! ■

NDIRF BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

Annually, at least two seats on the nine-member NDIRF Board of Directors are up for election. The election is held by member voting through solicitation of proxies by mail or voting in person at the NDIRF Annual Meeting.

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In 2006, directorships representing the member categories of "Cities", "Counties" and "Others" are up for election. The incumbent board members are Fred Bott, Mayor of Devils Lake ("Cities"), Corene Vaughn, Pembina County Commissioner ("Counties") and Steven M. Neu, Director of Bismarck Parks and Recreation District ("Others").

Elected officers or employees of NDIRF members, from among the respective categories electing a director in a given year (for example, "Cities", "Counties" and "Others" in 2006), are eligible to serve as directors.

Any eligible person wishing to be considered by the NDIRF Nominating Committee as a director candidate must complete and submit a Candidate Application Form by January 31, 2006. To obtain a copy of the form, please contact the NDIRF office by phone at 1-800-421-1988; by mail at P.O. Box 2258, Bismarck, ND 58502; or via e-mail at steve.spilde@ndirf.com; and directing your request to the attention of the CEO. ■

Mark Your CALENDAR

December 2005

08: NDIRF Board of Directors Meeting
NDIRF offices, Bismarck

April 2006

18: ND League of Cities Regional Meetings,
NW Region, Crosby
19: NC Region, Granville
20: SC Region, Carrington
25: NE Region, Pekin
26: SE Region, Enderlin
27: SW Region, Belfield

The NDIRF office
will be closed on
Friday, December 23, 2005
and Monday, December 26, 2005.
From our staff to you ...



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