

## 2014 FLORIDA TRANSIT SAFETY SUMMIT

Embassy Suites - USF Tampa

June 2, 2014

8:00-8:30 am	Registration
8:30-8:45 am	Welcome and Introductions - Victor Wiley, FDOT and Lisa Staes, CUTR
8:45-9:50 am	Florida Transit Safety Network Committee Reports and Discussions
9:50-10:00 am	Break
10:00-10:45 am	Discussions and Endorsement of Bus Operator Minimum Training Guidelines and Content Discussion Leader: Paul Goyette, Lee Tran
10:45-11:00 am	Florida Public Transportation Association (FPTA) Annual Safety Award Program Discussion Discussion Leader: Jay Goodwill, CUTR
11:00am – 12:00pm	Analysis of Collisions Involving Transit Vehicles and Applicability of Connected Vehicle Solutions Presenter: Gwo-Wei Torng, Ph.D., Noblis Transportation Systems, Washington, DC
12:00 – 12:30 pm	Working Lunch and Networking Opportunity
12:30-1:30 pm	Accident Review Process Best Practices – Presentations and Group Discussion - Discussion Leader/Presenter: Ream Lazaro, Boyd, Caton, and Grant (FTA’s Bus Safety Program consultant)
1:30-2:20 pm	Substance Abuse Management Program “What You Don’t Know, Might Hurt You” Presenter: Diana Byrnes, CUTR
2:20-2:30 pm	Break
2:30-3:00 pm	Safety Implications of Transit Operator Schedule Policies Presenter: Thobias Sando, Ph.D., University of North Florida
3:00 – 4:00 pm	The Relationship Between Transit Operations and Safety Discussion Leader: Justin Begley, CUTR
4:00-4:30 pm	“See Tracks? Think Train!” National Safety Campaign Presenter: Andres Goins, P.E. State Rail Operations and Programs Administrator, FDOT
4:30– 4:45 pm	Rule 14-90 Revisions – What, When, etc.
4:45-5:00 pm	Closing Session – Summary, Final Comments, What’s Next Victor Wiley, FDOT and Lisa Staes, CUTR

## SPEAKERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS

### **Gwo-Wei Torng, Ph.D.**

Gwo-Wei is a principal in the Transportation Division of Noblis – a non-profit scientific and technological research firm based in northern Virginia near Washington DC. As a principal, he supports the United States Department of Transportation's ITS transit program, conducts technical assessment, and coordinates federally funded transit-related ITS activities, including Connected Vehicle and the Mobility Services for All Americans (MSAA) initiative. Gwo-Wei received his doctoral degree on transportation planning from the University of Michigan. He is also a certified project management professional (PMP).

### **Ream Lazaro**

Ream is a Senior Consultant for Boyd, Caton & Grant, specializing in urban, small urban, rural, and community transportation. With three and a half decades of transit experience, he brings an invaluable level of industry expertise to the BCG team. Prior to joining BCG, as an independent transit consultant he worked for the National Rural Transit Assistance Program (NRTAP), the National Transit Institute (NTI), and was a partner in the firm of Lazaro & Noel. For approximately 20 years, Ream has supported the Community Transportation Association of America (CTAA) as a transit operations, safety, and security trainer and received that organization's 2007 Founder's Award for his lifetime of work in community transportation. At BCG, Ream serves as an industry specialist and technical lead for the FTA Transit Bus Safety and Security Program, one of BCG's flagship projects.

### **Diana Byrnes, C-SAPA**

Diana is a Certified Substance Abuse Program Administrator (C-SAPA) who began her career in the field of substance abuse management fourteen years ago as a Medical Review Officer Assistant (MROA) with one of the nation's largest third party administrators. For the past ten years, Ms. Byrnes has executed the Florida Department of Transportation's Substance Abuse Management Oversight and Technical Assistance Program administered by the Center for Urban Transportation Research at the University of South Florida in Tampa.

Diana monitors transit agency compliance to drug and alcohol testing regulations, delivers training and has developed program implementation aids and policies for Florida's transit systems. Ms. Byrnes is also a Transportation Safety Institute (TSI) Lead Instructor and has presented on the topic of substance abuse management at various national and regional conferences sponsored by leading transportation industry groups including the American Public Transportation Association (APTA); the Transportation Research Board (TRB); the National Transit Institute (NTI) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

### **Thobias Sando, Ph.D., P.E., PTOE.**

Thobias has been an Assistant Professor in the School of Engineering at the University of North Florida in Jacksonville, Florida since August 2007. He has a M.S. and Ph.D. in Civil Engineering from Florida State University. Dr. Sando was the Principal Investigator in two Florida DOT sponsored research projects on the "Safety Implications of Transit Operator Schedule Policies."

### **Andre Goins, P.E.**

André is the Administrator of Rail Operations at the Florida Department of Transportation. He has extensive public and private sector transportation engineering, planning and management experience. Andre worked with Florida Department of Transportation (District 6) as a project manager and project development engineer where he performed project development studies, developed preliminary engineering plans, analyzed the financial and feasibility aspects of transportation projects, and addressed right-of-way and permitting requirements. As a consultant, André was responsible for performing transportation studies and coordinating project activities with regulatory agencies, elected officials, federal, state, and local officials and the public. André received a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Miami and a master's degree in business administration from the University of Florida.