

Garrett Transit Service driver wins state 'Roadeo' award

Matt Paugh among 34 drivers tested for skills

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OAKLAND — Garrett Transit Service driver Matt Paugh received second-place honors at the annual driver "Roadeo" competition sponsored by the Transportation Association of Maryland in Elkridge. This year's competition tested the skills of 34 drivers from the association membership from around the state.

Paugh demonstrated excellence in driving on a challenging road course with various obstacles in a time sensitive manner. His skills were also put to the test with wheelchair handling and securement and a detailed safety inspection of the bus. He is now eligible to compete in the National Community Transportation Roadeo competition to be held in Pittsburgh in June.

"I'm excited for his win and very proud of all of the GTS drivers who competed this year," said Mike Hill, director of Garrett Transit Service. "GTS has a long history of competing in the annual TAM Roadeo and Matt's win continues that legacy."

The drivers of GTS have recorded 19 top tier wins

at the competition since 1995. Also competing were Jim Kisser, Joe Fisher, Rocky Ford and John Mc Ewan.

Garrett Transit Service is operated by Garrett County Community Action Committee Inc. GTS is a public, demand response transportation system that offers rides in and around the region as well as out of state to all county residents and visitors. More information can be found at www.garrettcac.org. Reservations for a ride can be made by calling 301-533-9010 weekdays from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.



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Director of Garrett Transit Service Mike Hill, left, congratulates Matt Paugh for winning second place at the annual driver "Roadeo" competition sponsored by the Transportation Association of Maryland.