

Welcome to the inaugural newsletter for School Transportation Association of Indiana (STAI)!

I'll begin by introducing myself...I am Lynn Hower. As of July 1, 2013, I became the first Executive Director of School Transportation Association of Indiana. Whoo-hoo! Exciting stuff! Not just for me, (I'm super excited about this new role), but for you, too!

We will be growing this website for school bus transportation personnel throughout the state of Indiana. Our goal is to cultivate this valuable resource tool with new links, future training opportunities, a member's only section, templates for everything from training manuals to student discipline forms and other yet to be decided upon properties.

And you can play a part in this development! What do you want to see on this website? Where would you like STAI to go in providing training throughout the state of Indiana? How do you want us to do it? What do you need? At any time you can drop me an email at lhower@stai.us and give me your suggestions and feedback.

Additionally, I am in the process of planning the yearly conference to be held in Fort Wayne, Indiana, June 18---20, 2014. A survey following the 2013 conference gave us topic suggestions and ideas. As I travel to the regional meetings throughout the state, I am also hearing your suggested conference topics firsthand. Therefore, we are trying to build the conference around your needs and recommendations. Again, if you have an idea, let me know!

Finally, it is my pleasure to be a resource for you, too. I'll gladly help you in any way I can as you face your daily duties. My experience includes 30+ years in numerous roles in the school bus transportation industry culminating as the director both in Fort Wayne and Indianapolis. No, I certainly don't have all the answers and, yes, I've made my share of mistakes in the field. But I've walked the path and I know the pressure. If I can be of service in making life easier for you, I will gladly do so.

Keep it safe,
Lynn