

# Maryland School Wins 2006 IC Corporation Driver Training and Safety Award

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Kansas City, MO (November 6, 2006) Kansas City, MO (November 6, 2006) – School bus safety is the number one priority in the school bus industry and the nation's leading school bus manufacturer, IC Corporation, is honored to recognize one school district for its dedication to this important issue.

Harford County Public Schools in Bel Air, Md., has been awarded the 2006 IC Corporation Driver Training and Safety Award. Presented at this year's National Association for Pupil Transportation (NAPT) Conference in Kansas City, Mo., the award recognizes school districts that go above and beyond in their pursuit for safe and efficient pupil transportation.

With 397 school buses in daily operation, the school bus driving instructor team of Diane Ormrod, Katherine Mayor, Trish Cannaday and W. Joy Mattheu keep the team of more than 500 school bus drivers educated with effective driver safety training.

Their "In-service Driver Training Program" revolves around a four-pronged approach to educating drivers on safe bus driving. The program includes four hours of training prior to the school year, with both classroom instruction and behind the wheel skills assessment. Training continues throughout the school year with both fall and spring in-service courses focusing on specific topics, and a year-end course evaluation to assess the results and prepare for the next school year.

In addition, the Harford County Public Schools evaluate each driver on an annual basis, ensuring skills are retained from training and implemented into daily practice.

The results have been significant. Harford County has seen preventable accidents significantly decrease, while the number of students transported and miles driven have increased.

"School bus drivers have one of the most important jobs in the world – getting our children safely to and from school every day," said Michael Cancelliere, Vice President and General Manager of IC Corporation. "We applaud the efforts of Harford County Public Schools – and all school districts – that take a proactive approach to developing programs that can improve the performance of school bus drivers."

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