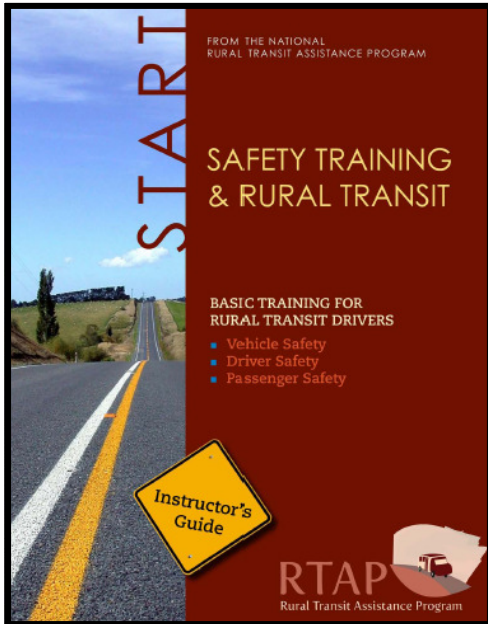


**Train-the-Trainer Class for START to be offered at  
SWTA Annual Conference  
February 8, 2010 in Santa Fe, NM**

**For TXDOT Scholarship  
Awardees Only**



Many of you may remember one of the earliest National RTAP training modules called Special Transit and Rural Transit Safety (STARTS). When it came out in 1988, it was a very unique training course for its time. It was one of the very first defensive and safe driving classes targeted to rural and small community transportation providers. The original course consisted of three parts – Vehicle Safety Inspection, Passenger Relations & Driver Sensitivity and Defensive & Safe Driving Procedures. For many years, it was one of the most popular training classes that National RTAP produced. Over time, the video visuals became dated and the pace of the course seemed plodding. The information was still relevant, but the method of delivery was behind the times.

Last year, National RTAP unveiled a new module developed to replace STARTS. It is called Safety Training and Rural Transit (START). The module is now available in two formats – computer-based and instructor-led. The new course also has three sections – Vehicle Safety, Driver Safety and Passenger Safety. It is presented as “basic training for rural transit drivers.” The training module has a great deal of flexibility. It can be delivered one-on-one or in a classroom style. The course could be as short or lengthy as the trainer has time to present (from a few hours to three days). There are discussion questions, sample forms, hands-on exercises and knowledge review exams. Each participant will receive a “Learner’s Guide” that functions as a resource for the driver once the class is completed. All these features are offered in a single DVD.

**On Monday, February 8, Russ Parrish (trainer extraordinaire) will be leading a Train-the-Trainer Workshop at the 30th SWTA Annual Conference introducing START. We will cover all the parts of the DVD and how to work each section. Russ will also offer some additional instruction on how to be an effective trainer.**

The workshop will begin at 8:00 AM and last until 4:00 PM. Breaks and lunch will be provided. The cost of the workshop is \$70 per person, if you choose to stay for the SWTA Conference, you will need to pay the balance of the registration fee of \$205. Attendance will be limited to the first 25 people to register. You must register in advance and you will be charged an NO SHOW fee of \$25 for non attendance.

**All attendees to the class will receive a copy of the DVD, a Learner’s Guide and Instructor’s Guide.**

To Register for the SWTA Annual Conference, go to [www.swta.org](http://www.swta.org)

Registration form for the START Class is on the back of this page



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## Special Training and Event Registration Form

<p><b>Attendee Information:</b></p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Title: _____</p> <p>Agency: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____</p> <p>Phone:(_____) _____ Fax:(_____) _____</p> <p>E-mail (optional): _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> SWTA occasionally takes photographs and videos at its events to be used to promote the association and it's activities. Please initial below if you do NOT wish to have any photos of yourself used in this way. _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Deadline for submission is January 15, 2010.</b></p> <p>You will find hotel information at <a href="http://www.swta.org">www.swta.org</a>, click the Register Now button and follow the link to the HOTEL.</p>	<p><u>Monday, February, 8, 2010 - 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Train-the-Trainer for START</b> Breaks and lunch will be provided. Cost of the program is \$70 per person. If you choose to stay for the SWTA Annual Conference, you will need to pay the remainder of the registration fee of \$205. Attendance will be limited to the first 25 people to register. You must register in advance and you will be charged a NO SHOW fee of \$25 for non attendance. All attendees to the class will receive a copy of the DVD, a Learner's Guide and Instructor's Guide.</p> <p><u>February, 9-10, 2010</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>SWTA Annual Conference</b> SWTA Annual Conference registration fee is \$205 if also attending the START class.</p> <p>TXDOT Scholarship Awardees, please use this form only to register for the conference. You will need to supply Rebecca Thompson a copy of this form along with a list of dates you agree to provide the START training to your staff.</p>
<p><b>For START class participants:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I understand that if I register for the START Train-the-Trainer class and do not show up for the training, my agency will be charged a \$25 No Show fee.</p>	<p><b>To Qualify for full TXDOT reimbursement:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I understand that I must provide a training schedule to TXDOT that outlines when I will provide the START training for my agency's drivers.</p>

Please mail or fax registration form to: SWTA, PO Box 153157, Austin, TX 78715; FAX 512-237-9713