

AGENDA ITEM 3 B  
Information Item

**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** April 1, 2021

**TO:** El Dorado County Transit Authority

**FROM:** Christine Parker, Safety Coordinator

**SUBJECT:** 2020 Safe Driving Award Recipients

**REQUESTED ACTION:**

**BY MOTION,**

**No Action Required Information Item Only**

**BACKGROUND**

On an annual basis, safe driving awards are presented to El Dorado County Transit Authority (El Dorado Transit) Transit Operators who meet a minimum of hours and were not involved in on-the-job moving violations or chargeable accidents. The Safe Driving Award program provides an opportunity to acknowledge those who consistently provide safe passenger transport. El Dorado Transit services include public and contracted routes within and between the County of El Dorado; City of Placerville; Sacramento County; City of Folsom and City of Sacramento. El Dorado Transit Operators drive daily on paved, unpaved and gravel roads, state highways and the urban downtown Sacramento corridor.

El Dorado Transit Operators are certified and licensed to operate all fleet vehicles including minivans, 16-37 passenger buses, and 57 passenger diesel-powered commuter coaches with air brakes. These professional operators are trained on all routes and can successfully transition from commuter routes to local routes as needed. In the calendar year of 2020, El Dorado Transit Operators provided 145,505 passenger trips, traveled 741,949 miles in revenue service and clocked 50,553 in-service driving hours.

**DISCUSSION**

Typically, the minimum to qualify for a safe driving award is 1,800 hours. However, due to the pandemic related service reductions in 2020, many Transit Operators did not have the opportunity to satisfy the 1,800 hours needed. Even so, El Dorado Transit Operators continued to demonstrate exceptional driving skill and consistently provided safe transport for members of the general public, seniors, persons with disabilities and students, while implementing numerous additional health and safety procedures and practices. Given the value of the safe driving award achievement and the extraordinary circumstances of the pandemic, staff has employed an individual hour criterion for the 2020 Safe Driving Award program.

El Dorado Transit is pleased to present sixteen (16) safe driving awards to the following Transit Operators who met the standards for the 2020 Safe Driving Award program:

2020 Safe Driving Award Recipients:

<u>1 Year of Safe Driving</u>	Thomas Bluhm John Hill Dave Scheuffele Erik Stilling
<u>2 Year of Safe Driving</u>	Julie Lirette Christopher Shelton Ryan Robinson
<u>3 Years of Safe Driving</u>	Ernesto Garcia
<u>5 Years of Safe Driving</u>	Michael Koenig Stephen Powell Jayson Ravens Gabriel Schranz Jean Staples
<u>6 Years of Safe Driving</u>	Arthur Laarveld Ken Umphred
<u>11 Years of Safe Driving</u>	Bob Nobriga

El Dorado Transit Management is proud of the caliber of all Transit Operators and thanks them for their exceptional service to the public.