

## Dallas County Schools Focus on Continuing Education for the Future

NAPT Business Partner, Hydrotex, hosted their second annual lubrication training for more than 80 Dallas County Schools (NAPT member district) technicians for a day of classroom and hands-on training. Hydrotex presented Principles of Lubrication, an introductory class on basic lubrication fundamentals and Oil Analysis Lab Reporting and Interpretation. BG Products Inc. demonstrated and gave instruction on transmission fluid exchange. For the second year, Hydrotex hosted this day of lubrication training for the Dallas County Schools technicians, general service managers and this year co-op students also attended. Dallas County Schools Co-Op Program with students from Skyline High School focuses on developing the next generation of technicians.

“The key to a successful lubrication management program is the willingness to continuously improve preventive maintenance practices, said Dwight Gleaves, NAPT Board Director and VP of Pupil Transportation at Hydrotex. “Training can result in a safer bus fleet, longer equipment life, less downtime and savings in parts and labor. Dallas County Schools not only places value in the correct training and continuous education, but they also consider it a huge morale booster for all of the service centers.

Alexis Rueda, a student in Dallas County Schools Co-Op program commented, “I learned a lot in the training about engines oils and transmission fluids and how to extend the equipment life. Through Dallas County Schools Co-Op Program, I’ve learned how to prioritize responsibilities and work with groups. The program is going to really help me with my future success.”

“The Co-Op Program began in 2006 with Dallas County Schools and Skyline High School to give students an opportunity to learn basic mechanics. The topics Hydrotex teaches is what technicians do on a daily basis; so it is important that the students in the co-op program attend this training day for hands on experience. We plan to extend the co-op program to all 12 of the Dallas County Schools service centers across the Metroplex. We hire 95 percent of the students who come through the Co-Op Program; this provides students with summer jobs and full-time jobs,” stated Amzad Hosein, Shop Supervisor at Dallas County Schools Kleberg Service Center.

“It is important that our technicians know the correct maintenance practices because Dallas County Schools has about 2,200 buses to maintain. The continuing education programs for current and future technicians are our road to success,” said Paul Jacobs Senior Fleet Manager at Dallas County Schools. “We plan to have a day of classroom and hands-on training annually for the technicians, general service and co-op students. Eventually, we would like all technicians to be able to interpret oil analysis results. Knowing how to evaluate the oil analysis helps us maintain the engines and be proactive in our maintenance. The oil analysis program and customized lubrication training that Hydrotex provides for Dallas County Schools has taught us the value of preventive maintenance practices, which will help us reduce operating and maintenance costs and extend the life of equipment.”

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