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**SWITA holds Fall Driver's Meeting**

*Drivers across the region gather for safety training and updates*

**Atlantic, Iowa** – Southwest Iowa Transit Agency (SWITA), Southwest Iowa's public transportation system serving all residents in Cass, Fremont, Harrison, Mills, Montgomery, Page, Pottawattamie, and Shelby counties, hosted their Fall Driver's Meeting on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at the Atlantic Golf and Country Club.

Drivers gathered to receive organizational updates and participate in some safety training.

The day started with a welcome from SWIPCO Executive Director John McCurdy and Transit Director Mark Lander. Drivers then heard from Human Resources Coordinator Daurine Petersen and Administrative Services Director Karen Mauer about policy and benefits updates. That was followed by a safety presentation from the Transportation Security Administration.

TSA surface security officials have been working with SWITA to create driver awareness of potentially dangerous situations. Part of that training has included an emphasis on pre-trip checks to assure a safe vehicle and identify any issues such as unattended bags or packages left on vehicles. Presenters also discussed what steps to take if there is an issue with a package, rider, or public around vehicles or facilities. TSA officials will continue to work with SWITA staff moving forward to make sure proper protocols and policies are in place.

The day also included some updates from transit staff, equipment checks and updates, and a tire pressure check exercise from Safety Coordinator Mike Ballinger.

SWITA would not be able to operate as efficiently and as safely as it does now without the hard work and dedication of all the SWITA transit staff and drivers. To learn more about the services provided by SWITA, visit [SWITA.com](http://SWITA.com) or call 712-243-2518 or 1-800-842-8065.

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