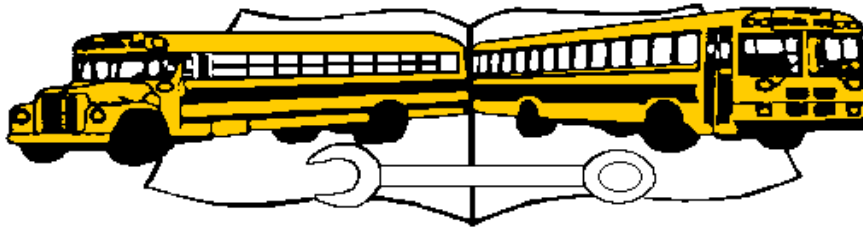


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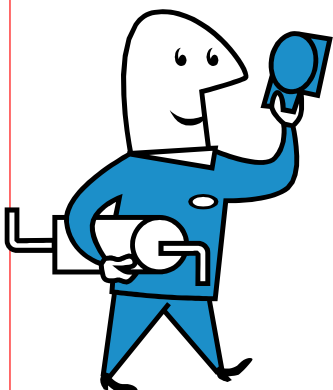
## Training Requirements for School Bus Mechanics in Ohio

The state of Ohio requires school bus mechanics to have 4 hours of training annually. The Ohio Pupil Transportation Operation & Safety Rules, section "School bus mechanic training" lists the specifics on what training is to cover. This training can come from sources other than the Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association annual meeting. Some larger school districts hold their own training sessions or send mechanics to training offered by school bus manufacturers.

OSBMA offers regional workshops (2 hours instruction) and a spring workshop (4-5 hours instruction). The OSBMA annual (fall) workshop provides 8 hours of instruction on various topics, valuable networking with other mechanics across Ohio, and a vendor show to see new products on the market.

The OSBMA Spring Workshop will be held April 7, 2014 at the Ohio Department of Transportation in Columbus, Ohio. Topics will include:  
 "School Bus Inspection Procedures"  
 "Ohio School Bus Construction Standards"

The 26th Annual Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association Workshop/ Annual Meeting will take place October 21 & 22, 2014 at the DoubleTree by Hilton - Columbus-Worthington.



*Please let your Regional Director know if there is a topic you feel would benefit the school bus mechanics in your region! Contact information is listed on page 7.*

## Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association

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### Membership

- ☞ **Active Membership** is open to qualified mechanic who has responsibility in maintaining the operation of a safe and efficient pupil transportation system. (\$30)
- ☞ **Associate Membership** is open to other Ohio school officials who are interested in promoting safe pupil transportation in Ohio, retired OSBMA members, and vendors. (\$20)
- ☞ Membership is good for one year: July 1 - June 30.
- ☞ General aim is to advance pupil transportation as a part of a school district's public education program.
- ☞ Please join us in promoting safe and efficient pupil transportation in Ohio.

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# 2014 School Bus Inspection Manual In-service Meetings

**PRINT THE 2013 MANUAL AND BRING IT WITH YOU TO THE MEETINGS SO YOU CAN TRACK THE CHANGES.  
THE MANUAL WILL NOT BE HANDED OUT AT THE MEETINGS!**

Visit [www.statepatrol.ohio.gov](http://www.statepatrol.ohio.gov) and click on publications at the top. "2013 School Bus Inspection Manual" is listed under Licensing and Commercial Standards Publications.

*\*The 2014 manual will not be available until sometime after May 15th.*

Sergeant Isaac Saunders of the Licensing and Commercial Standards Section, Ohio Highway Patrol, in partnership with the Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association is holding free in-service meetings throughout the state.

These meetings are open to anyone who is involved in maintaining the school bus in safe operating condition and prepares the school bus for annual inspection. There will be time during and at the end of the presentation for questions and answers. Coffee and donuts will be provided at most locations.

<b>CENTRAL REGION</b>	<b>APRIL 11</b>	<b>10-NOON</b>
Dublin City Schools—Transportation Complex (Franklin County) 6371 Shier-Rings Road, Dublin, Ohio 43017		<i>contact: Tom Francis Central Regional Director 614-760-4503</i>

<b>EAST REGION</b>	<b>APRIL 17</b>	<b>10-NOON</b>
Buckeye Career Center (Tuscarawas County) 545 University Drive NE, New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663		<i>contact: Ron Milliron East Regional Director 330-692-1457</i>

<b>NORTH REGION</b>	<b>APRIL 4</b>	<b>10-NOON</b>
Wadsworth City Schools—O.J. Work Auditorium (Medina County) 151 Main Street, Wadsworth, Ohio 44281		<i>contact: Debbie Miller Transportation Supervisor 330-335-1328</i>

<b>NORTHEAST REGION</b>	<b>APRIL 23</b>	<b>10-NOON</b>
Myers Equipment Corporation (Mahoning County) 8860 Akron Canfield Road, Canfield, Ohio 44406		<i>contact: Truman Boylan Northeast Regional Director 330-759-7450 ext. 105</i>

<b>NORTHWEST REGION</b>	<b>APRIL 14*</b>	<b>10-NOON</b>
Maumee High School—Performing Arts Center (Lucas County) 1147 Saco Street, Maumee, Ohio 43537 (*Date changed from April 9 due to scheduling conflict)		<i>contact: Randy Behr Northwest Regional Director 419-893-1392</i>

<b>SOUTH REGION</b>	<b>APRIL 25</b>	<b>10-NOON</b>
Wellston City Schools—Bus Garage (Jackson County) 901 South Pennsylvania Avenue, Wellston, Ohio 45692		<i>contact: Paul Bierhup Treasurer 740-418-9633</i>

<b>SOUTHWEST REGION</b>	<b>APRIL 9</b>	<b>10-NOON</b>
Mason City Schools—Driver's Lounge (Warren County) 5025 Enterprise Drive, Mason, Ohio 45040		<i>contact: CJ Thornton Transportation Supervisor 513-398-6682 Ext: 23103</i>

<b>WEST REGION</b>	<b>APRIL 15</b>	<b>10-NOON</b>
St. Clair Memorial Hall (Darke County) 215 West Fourth Street, Greenville, Ohio 45331		<i>contact: Rob Widener West Regional Director 937-548-5287</i>



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*"Promoting Safe & Efficient Pupil Transportation in Ohio"*

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## OHIO SCHOOL BUS MECHANICS ASSOCIATION SPRING WORKSHOP

**APRIL 7, 2014**

All school bus mechanics in Ohio are invited to attend!

This workshop will be held at the Ohio Department of Transportation—Auditorium, 1980 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio. Attending this workshop will help meet in-service requirements for school bus mechanics. The Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association is looking forward to this opportunity for school bus mechanics in Ohio to meet with over 70 Ohio Highway Patrol school bus inspectors!

Registration is limited to the first 150 registrants. Return your registration form and payment (or purchase order) by **April 1, 2014**.

You will receive a **Confirmation & Admission Ticket**, which will confirm your registration and be your receipt of payment.

*Walk-in registrations will not be accepted.*

<b>Monday, April 7, 2014</b>		<b>INSERVICE TRAINING REQUIREMENT</b>
8:00 – 9:00 am Registration/Continental Breakfast 9:00 – 9:15 am Welcome, General Session 9:15 – 11:45 am <b>SESSION I—School Bus Inspection</b> 1) <b>Exterior</b> 2) <b>Interior</b> 3) <b>Engine</b> 11:45 – 12:45 pm LUNCH 12:45 – 1:45 pm <b>SESSION I (continued)</b> 4) <b>Under Carriage / Brakes</b> 1:45 – 3:00 pm <b>SESSION II—Construction Standards</b>	The Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association provides each registrant with a Certificate of Achievement that serves as your permanent record of participation.  This certificate is suitable for framing or can be placed in your personnel file to show that you have fulfilled the yearly in-service training requirements of section 3301-83-10 of the Ohio Pupil Transportation Operation & Safety Rules.	
<b>SESSION TOPICS</b>		
<i>SCHOOL BUS INSPECTION—EXTERIOR</i>		
Trooper Chris Dunn MVI Frank Clayman MVI Mark King (Cleveland District)	Front bumper, rear bumper, school bus markings, reflectorized material, emergency door, emergency exit window, emergency roof exit, body sheet metal and paint, glass and mounting, directional signals, back-up lamps, backing warning systems, stop and tail lamps, flashing warning signal lamps, clearance, marker, identification lamps, white strobe light, reflectors, headlamp assembly	
<i>SCHOOL BUS INSPECTION—INTERIOR</i>		
Trooper William Mahone MVI Kevin Elliot (Wilmington District)	Service door assembly/entrance/handrails, driver's seat, steering system, clutch operation, instruments and switches, horns, windshield wipers/washers, defroster and auxiliary fans, heaters, mirrors, sun visor, emergency equipment, first aid kit, cleanliness, floor and floor covering, ceiling, seats, emergency exits	
<i>SCHOOL BUS INSPECTION—ENGINE</i>		
Trooper Gary McKenna MVI Larry Eller MVI Richard Lamp (Cleveland District)	Hood assemblies, firewall, engine/drive train components, fuel system	
<i>SCHOOL BUS INSPECTION—UNDER CARRIAGE / BRAKES</i>		
Trooper J.J. Reyes MVI Michael Rodriguez MVI David Smith (Findlay District)	Frame, batteries, front axle assembly shock absorbers, rear axle assembly, springs, torsion bars and torque rods, air suspension, brakes, exhaust system, fuel tank and shield, tires, rims and wheels, body and mounting pads, drive-line, universal joints	
<i>CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS</i>		
Sergeant Isaac Saunders	Find out the new requirements for school buses in Ohio. The standards are still in the JCARR process and won't be effective until around May 15th. Bring your current manual and standards to follow the changes we are going to cover.  Once the standards are official, we will be updating the inspection manual, approved options and supplement manual.	
<b>Registration</b>		
Complete the registration form and return it with payment by April 1, 2014. <u>Registration is limited to the first 200 registrants.</u> You will receive a <u>Confirmation</u>		
<b>Cancellations</b>	<b>Substitutions</b>	
<u>Cancellations</u> received up to five working days before the workshop are refundable, minus a \$10.00 registration service charge. After that, cancellations are subject to the entire workshop registration fee, which may be applied toward future workshops.	<u>Substitutions</u> may be made, however, any additional fees due membership status must be paid at or prior to the workshop.	



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## OHIO SCHOOL BUS MECHANICS ASSOCIATION SPRING WORKSHOP APRIL 7, 2014

### REGISTRATION FORM

Name	School District	County
Home Address		Home Phone
Home Address (continued)		Work Phone
Email Address		Cell Phone

Return the registration form and payment by April 1, 2014. School districts using purchase orders are responsible for paying the registration fee even if their mechanic does not attend (\*see cancellations).

- Mail form with a purchase order, check, money order or credit card information.
- Email form with a purchase order or credit card information.
- Fax form with a purchase order or credit card information.

Make check out to:  
**OHIO SCHOOL BUS MECHANICS ASSOCIATION**

**Are you a CURRENT MEMBER of the  
OHIO SCHOOL BUS MECHANICS ASSOCIATION?**

**YES, membership number:**

I'm sending \$60.00 for workshop registration. **\$60**

**NO, but I wish to renew or become a new member.**

I'm sending \$30.00 for membership and \$60.00 for workshop registration. **\$90**

**NO. I do not wish to be a member.**

I'm sending \$85.00 for workshop registration **\$85**

*\*Registration and payment or purchase order must be postmarked, faxed or emailed by March 31, 2014.*

Check # <i>if applicable</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>VISA</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>MasterCard</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>DISCOVER</b>		
PO # <i>if applicable</i>	If paying by credit card: Credit Card # <i>if applicable</i> Name on card:	Expiration date MM/YYYY	Billing Zip Code zipcode

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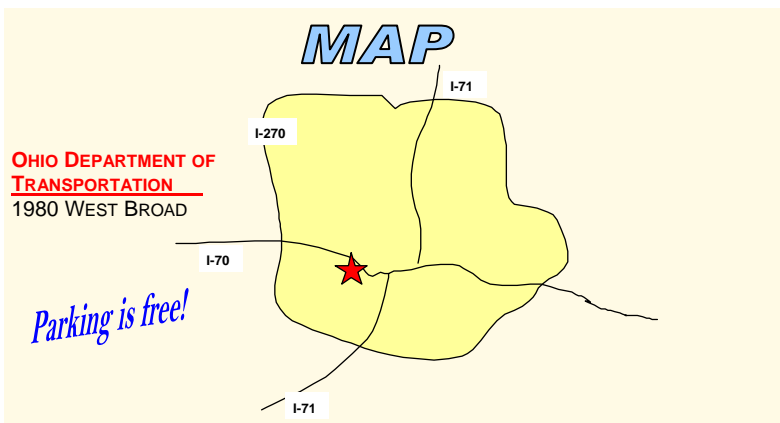
### FROM THE SOUTH:

- ⇒ Take I-71 North to I-70 West
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### FROM THE WEST:

- ⇒ Take I-70 East
- ⇒ Exit #97 (West Broad Street)
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## MAP



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# School Bus Mechanic Training Requirements

“The Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association was formed over 25 years ago on the premise of educating the school bus mechanics in Ohio. Over the years we have had over 1,700 school bus mechanics as members, providing pertinent training in many areas.

We feel it is most important that school bus mechanics remain current in their training in an age of continually changing technology.

School bus mechanics have a wide range of responsibilities including handling breakdowns and making repairs, scheduling and documenting preventative maintenance, parts purchasing and inventory control, “specing” new buses, prompt attendance to voluntary or mandatory vehicle or equipment recalls, to compliance with a range of OSHA and environmental regulations.

Constant technological innovations have made ongoing professional development an absolute necessity for school bus mechanics.”

- Sara Schlechter, OSBMA Secretary, Firelands Local Schools

## Ohio Pupil Transportation Operation & Safety Rules Section 3301-83-10

(D) School bus mechanic training—Each school bus owner shall provide the opportunity for school bus maintenance personnel to participate in an annual workshop or training seminar, with a minimum of four hours of instruction, in one or more of the following areas:

- (1) Preventive maintenance procedures
- (2) Repair procedures for each type of vehicle in the fleet and its special equipment;
- (3) Servicing procedures for equipment;
- (4) Inspection of the vehicle and its equipment;
- (5) Recovery procedures for vehicles involved in an accident or breakdown;
- (6) Preparation of maintenance records;
- (7) Parts and equipment purchasing and storage;
- (8) Establishment of parts inventory control procedures.

It is recommended that all school bus mechanics in Ohio keep a file of all documents, certificates, and receipts verifying that you have met this annual training requirement. From a liability standpoint, this is essential for both the mechanic and the school district/employer.

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