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Local bus operator wins “Big Wheel Award” at state competition *Other transit staff honored as well*

NASHVILLE – Nashville Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) bus operator Adrell Stringer of Nashville brought home the "Big Wheel Award" for his victory in the 40-foot bus division in the state championship "roadeo" competition held during the Tennessee Public Transportation Association (TPTA) Annual Conference last week in Knoxville.

Stringer, a three-and-a-half year veteran of the MTA, scored 606 points out of a possible 650 points to defeat the reigning champion on his home course. The 606 points is the best performance anyone could recall in the history of the state roadeo.

In addition, Communications Supervisor Wendy Smith of Mt. Juliet was presented the Extra Mile Award at the Annual TPTA Honors Banquet held Oct. 14. The award recognizes someone who has demonstrated a willingness to go the extra mile to get the job done. Smith has been employed with MTA for nearly five years.

Other MTA competitors in the state roadeo included: Nashville's Eric Liggett, who competed in the 35-foot bus division and has been with MTA for seven years; Nashville's Deloris Roberts, who competed in the paratransit van division and has been with MTA for 21 years; and Hermitage's Anthony Patterson, who also competed in the paratransit van division and has been employed with MTA for two years.

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