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### **CHITTENDEN COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY CELEBRATES BUS DRIVER SAFETY 101**

(Burlington, VT) September 30, 2011 – CCTA celebrated Bus Driver Safety with a “Roadeo” (not a typo) on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, fashioned after the International Bus Roadeo that encourages excellence and professionalism in bus operators and salutes the men and women who are the heart of transit systems and keep communities moving.

On that day, CCTA bus drivers gathered with GMTA (Green Mountain Transit Agency) drivers to honor the work and skills of bus drivers, who on their first day on the job are taught “Safety First”. This is a primary core value of CCTA and is imprinted on the “Certificate of Completion” received by drivers for their initial transit operator training provided by CCTA and GMTA.

Twelve drivers competed on a ten-event course designed to challenge their advanced driving skills. Events like the “Right and Left Hand Reverse”, “Diminishing Clearance”, and “Serpentine” were especially popular with family and friends, CCTA staff members, and members of the Board of Commissioners. The top winning bus driver was CCTA’s Donna Barch. If you see her driving your bus, give her your hearty congratulations!

*The mission of CCTA is to operate safe, convenient, accessible, innovative and sustainable public transportation services in the Chittenden County region that reduce congestion and pollution, encourage transit oriented development and enhance the quality of life for all.*

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