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Blue Water Area Transit Driver Competes in National Roadeo

PORT HURON, MI & ALBUQUERQUE, NM — Brad Guilds represented Blue Water Area Transit at this year's National Community Transportation Association Roadeo, an annual competition featuring the best community and public transportation drivers in the nation. The Roadeo was held this June in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Competing against 60 drivers from throughout the United States, Brad placed 14th for his performance on a written test, obstacle course, and safety skill demonstration. He qualified to represent Michigan in the national event by finishing among the top three drivers in Michigan's 2012 Small Bus Roadeo.

"We have many outstanding employees and Brad is one of the best," says Jim Wilson, general manager, Blue Water Area Transit. "We are very fortunate to have employees like Brad."

Brad has worked 14 years with BWAT and currently serves as building and grounds supervisor.

Blue Water Area Transit continues a proud tradition of innovation in public transit that has served Port Huron for more than a century. Port Huron was one of the nation's first communities to operate an electrified transit system in the 1880s and one of the first to operate motor coaches when they



Brad Guilds holds the Michigan award that qualified him to compete in the National Roadeo.

became popular in the 1930s. Following an eight-year hiatus, the current bus service began in September 1976. Since then, BWAT has carried more than 24 million riders.

The agency started producing its own compressed natural gas in 1996 and now ranks as Michigan's largest producer of the alternative fuel. It runs the state's largest fleet of alternative fuel buses (75 out of a fleet of 79).

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