

## LAKETRAN RECOGNIZED FOR SAFE OPERATIONS EXCELLENCE

Laketran, the regional transit authority for Lake County, Ohio has received the 2006 Safe Operation Awards Recognition (SOAR) from the Ohio Transit Risk Pool (OTRP). John Nielsen, chief executive officer of OTRP, presented the award to Laketrans Board President, Terrell Dillard. The award is given annually to the agency in each of three divisions with the lowest level of property and liability losses per mile. This is the second consecutive year Laketrans has received this award.

OTRP, a risk-sharing insurer, provides risk sharing for the first \$1 million in liability loss and the first \$250,000 in property loss to its twelve member systems. Each system is in a division based on the number of buses the agency operates. Laketrans is in Division II, along with neighboring systems from Portage County (PARTA) and Youngstown (WRTA). Pool-wide, losses were \$6.52 per 100 revenue miles. Laketrans's losses for 2006 were \$1.04 per revenue mile; PARTA was \$2.06, and WRTA was \$4.96.

“Credit for this award really goes to our drivers and mechanics for doing a great job day in and day out. They keep the fleet in good working order which in turn increases the comfort and safety for our passengers and protects the investments of our tax-payers,” stated Andy Altenweg, Laketrans Operations Manager.

Laketran operates six local fixed routes, Dial-a-Ride – a door-to-door service, and five commuter express routes to downtown Cleveland. The agency carries just over one million passengers per year.



John Nielsen, OTRP Chief Executive Officer and Terrell Dillard, Laketrans, Board President