

BEEP CONDUCTS AUTONOMOUS SHUTTLE FIRST RESPONDER TRAINING IN ORLANDO

Mobility Solutions Company Launches Program in Partnership with Shuttle Manufacturer NAVYA to Train Emergency Personnel on State-of-the-Art Autonomous Vehicles Set to Be Deployed in Lake Nona

ORLANDO, May 22, 2019 -- Beep, a Florida-based autonomous mobility solutions company, today announced it is conducting an enhanced training program for Orlando First Responders designed to familiarize them with autonomous technology and train them on appropriate actions to take if the vehicles are present on a scene. Led by experts from NAVYA's North American assembly plant in Saline, Michigan, the training will be held May 20-22 at Orlando Fire Department Station 16 in Lake Nona and will consist of familiarizing First Responders with all the systems aboard NAVYA's AUTONOM SHUTTLE. Training will review how to interact with the vehicle in emergency situations and include a hands-on session on how to operate the vehicle. This training is being done in advance of the deployment of Central Florida's first autonomous shuttles expected to be on the roads in Lake Nona this summer.

"As First Responders, our knowledge and skills need to keep evolving with the automotive technology that people have access to now and in the future," said Orlando Fire Chief, Richard Wales. "We are very pleased to be participating in this training exercise and we look forward to learning the protocol for operating and addressing any situations with these vehicles should they be present at an incident."

Beep, founded by experienced fleet managers and technology entrepreneurs, offers the next generation of services for passenger mobility to fleet operators in planned communities and low speed environments across the public and private sector.

"The transportation industry is evolving dramatically right now, with more autonomous technology than ever making its way onto our roads," said Joe Moyer, Beep's CEO. "Our commitment and responsibility for making sure people are moving around safely on our shuttles is our priority and this training ensures that First Responders are familiar with the vehicles and can confidently interact with them should the need arise."

Beep has an exclusive dealer arrangement for the state of Florida, with NAVYA, a global leader in the autonomous vehicle (AV) market, and the manufacturer of the AUTONOM SHUTTLE which underpins Beep's services. The shuttles are fully autonomous, driverless, electric and utilize advanced guidance and detection systems to interact in real time with their environment.

"NAVYA has a perfect safety record according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) Automated Driving Systems Voluntary Safety Self-Assessment (VSSA) Disclosure Index," continued Moyer. "Their advanced technology and focus on safety are why Beep chose NAVYA as a partner and this training program is a further indication of our relentless focus on the safety of our vehicles and the passengers they transport."

Currently, Beep and Lake Nona are pursuing approvals with NHTSA and the Department of Transportation (DOT) for proposed autonomous shuttle routes throughout Lake Nona. Lake Nona will start with two shuttles that can hold up to 15 people each and will travel on fixed routes within the community at speeds of up to 16 mph. Each shuttle will have a dedicated attendant on board.



“We applaud Beep, NAVYA, and the Orlando Fire Department for taking the initiative to begin this training program and ensure our first responders are prepared to engage with latest autonomous technology,” said Juan Santos, Lake Nona’s VP of Brand Experience. “As we get closer to having the shuttles operational in Lake Nona this summer, we also plan to host additional informational events geared toward riders.”

About Beep

Beep is an autonomous mobility solution company delivering the next generation of services for passenger mobility to fleet operators in planned communities and low speed environments across the public and private sector, including transportation hubs, medical and university campuses, town centers and more.

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