

## **For Immediate Release**

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### **Regional Passenger Rail Advocates Recognize Maryland Legislator**

The Delmarva Rail Passenger Association (DRPA), a passenger rail and transit advocacy group, will present Maryland State Delegate David D. Rudolph with the 2009 “On the Right Track” Award at their annual dinner on Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> in Wilmington.

Delegate Rudolph is being honored for his continuing support of expanding commuter rail services between the south end of the state supported SEPTA line in Newark, Delaware and the north end of the MARC service at Perryville, Maryland.

The fact that there is no connecting commuter rail service in this area has grown in importance, especially since the military’s Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) program has designated Aberdeen Proving Grounds as a facility that will experience substantial growth, thereby bringing many new residents into the area.

According to DRPA president, Tom Posatko, “Delegate Rudolph’s interest in reestablishing the connecting services between Newark and Perryville during this period of anticipated growth made him a key candidate for this year’s award.”

The Delmarva Rail Passenger Association is a grassroots, volunteer, not for profit, public advocacy organization established to:

- Promote the need for and benefits of expanded rail passenger and transit services throughout the Delmarva Peninsula as part of a fully intermodal transportation system.

- Address the concerns and needs of rail passengers regarding existing services.
- Encourage our state transportation departments to identify and protect our existing rail infrastructure for both potential future use and historic value.
- Bring such transit related issues to the attention of business, civic and government leaders.

The Delmarva Rail Passenger Association was founded in June 1987 and is affiliated with the National Association of Railroad Passengers (NARP).

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