

# 2021 FPTA Awards Winners

## **Outstanding System of the Year**

Votran

## **Innovation and Creativity Award**

Jacksonville Transportation Authority

## **Bus Safety & Security Excellence, Tier 1 Gold Award**

Central Florida Regional Transportation Authority (LYNX)

## **Bus Safety & Security Excellence, Tier 2 Gold Award**

Votran

## BUS TECHNICIAN OF THE YEAR

**1st Place - John Foderaro, Votran**

2nd Place - James Orie Holt, StarMetro

3rd Place - William J. Clay, Jr., SCAT

## PARATRANSIT TECHNICIAN OF THE YEAR (NEW!)

**1st Place - Bruce Haney, Levy County Transit**

2nd Place - Michael Eugene Allen, Jr., StarMetro

3rd Place - Elliot James Waters, Manatee County Area Transit

## OPERATOR OF THE YEAR

**1st Place - Patricia Adams, Manatee County Area Transit**

2nd Place - Lillie Marshall, Broward County Transit

3rd Place - Leonard Young, Jacksonville Transportation Authority

## TRANSIT SUPER HERO (NEW!)

This award recognizes an outstanding team member who goes above and beyond the call of duty to assist others.

### **Winner - Patricia Speranza, Votran**

*Patricia has been a professional driver for over 18 years. In June 2021, her training and instincts were put to the test. Patricia had stopped to let off some passengers when a truck did not stop and slammed into the back of the bus, with the front of the truck and back of the bus becoming engulfed in flames. Patricia safely evacuated her passengers even though she herself had minor injuries. She safeguarded the lives of her passengers until help arrived and stopped this tragic event from becoming a catastrophe.*