



## PULASKI COUNTY SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BUS UPGRADES

Pulaski County Special School District (PCSSD) announced the replacement of 20 older diesel school buses with almost-new, low-emission school buses fueled by propane. PCSSD signed a memorandum of understanding with the Arkansas Department of Energy & Environment (E&E) for reimbursement of up to \$1,960,000 or \$98,000 per bus by the Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ). This will allow the school district to replace all 20 aging diesel school buses with new propane buses.

Vehicles fueled by propane can reduce life-cycle greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by approximately 10%. Only 2% of all school districts in the United States use a propane bus fleet according to the U.S. Department of Energy, so DEQ is proud to support local communities in Arkansas adopt new, cleaner technology. Learn more about DEQ Grant Programs at [www.adeq.state.ar.us/air/grants.aspx](http://www.adeq.state.ar.us/air/grants.aspx).

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## ARKANSAS HYBRID/ELECTRIC VEHICLE OPERATIONS COURSE WITH ERSCA

On January 11 and 12, the Energy Security Agency (ESA) and Emergency Road Service Coalition of America (ERSCA) hosted a Hybrid/Electric Vehicle Operations Course for first responders in Arkansas. This highly interactive course provided emergency responders, tow truck drivers, and recovery professionals with an in-depth understanding of federal standards and guidelines as well as the knowledge, skills, and ability to safely interact with hybrid/electric vehicles.

This course incorporated an academic presentation with a question and answer session in the morning, followed by a hands-on skills lab in the afternoon. The lab allowed participants to interact with hybrid/electric vehicles and learn how to recover them after an accident. This course attracted many first responders across the state—helping to keep Arkansans safe.



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