

MVA debuts electronic school bus inspection system



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The Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration has installed a new electronic system of reporting school bus inspections, replacing its old, paper-based system, the agency announced Thursday.

The Maryland School Bus Safety Inspection System, a mobile tablet-based method in which inspectors log their results, feeds a database that the MVA can use to track bus inspections, the MVA said.

“School bus inspections are critical to ensuring the safety of our children being transported to and from school,” MVA Administrator Christine Nizer said in a statement. “This new system allows us to more efficiently monitor the safety of school buses operated on Maryland roadways.”

All 9,000 Maryland school buses are required to be inspected three times a year, according to the MVA. After an inspection is completed with the new system, the results automatically indicate whether the bus has passed or requires a repair order, the MVA said.

More than 1,500 inspections were completed in May using the new system.

The program was developed at no cost to the MVA by NIC Inc., a Kansas-based information service provider through the self-funded digital government services contract with the Maryland Department of Information Technology, the MVA said.

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