

# Available To Rent:

## A Bus? Or A Van?

It is a question often posed. “Can my church (or group) rent one of the Shenandoah District’s vehicles?”

The answer is “Yes” – with some qualifications.

The District has two vehicles for Brethren Disaster Ministries (BDM) – a handicapped-accessible bus that seats 32, including the driver, and a brand new 15-passenger van loaded with safety features.

Each is available to rent if it is not scheduled for a BDM trip or maintenance. Contact Sandy Kinsey at the district office (540-234-8555) to check the availability.

The bus requires a driver with a commercial driver’s license (CDL) with bus classification. If the renting church or group does not have a qualified driver, the District maintains a list of approved drivers who can be engaged for the trip.

A driver of either the bus or the van must come to the district office to fill out a form and leave a copy of his or her driver’s license. All drivers also are required to schedule an orientation session with Warren Rodeffer (540-471-7738), who will review operation of the vehicle being rented and answer questions.

The rental cost is a per-mile fee plus gas. For all trips that are not BDM-related, the renting church or group is responsible for the \$500 deductible on insurance coverage.

And the District does place some limitations on where the vehicles may be taken. Be sure to clear your destination with District staff.

So, the answer is “Yes, you may rent a District vehicle,” but some exceptions apply.