TAPS Public Transit spans over 6 counties along the Red River, meeting the transportation needs of its riders in a variety of ways. TAPS provides trips for education, nutrition, medical, social, but none more important than employment. From its inception, TAPS has focused on employment shuttles and JARC (Job Access Reverse Commute) programs. In 2010, over 33% of the 250,818 trips performed were for employment.

TAPS has seen great success for such employers as **Boeing Aircraft, Peterbilt Trucks, Tyson Foods, Trailblazer Industries,** and **Texas Instruments.**The **Tex Express Route** which feeds into the DART Parker Road station will complete its 6th year in 2011, boasting 6 trips a day, Monday through Friday. Through this route, TAPS is connecting Grayson County with DART light rail.



BRAD UNDERWOOD

Under the current executive director and CEO, Brad Underwood, TAPS began the first two fixed routes in Grayson County in the fall of 2009. Through strategic planning and execution.

the **Roo and Viking Routes** will transport over 60,000 individuals in 2011. "Sherman-Denison have a demand for more public transportation and the

overwhelming success of the Roo and Viking Routes demonstrate this demand. As an organization, TAPS will be there in coming years continuing to expand and explore better options for its riders," said Underwood.



The TAPS JARC programs speak for themselves. Peterbilt in May of 2011 created a new B shift. TAPS was quick to respond to the needs of the Peterbilt employees by creating a 2nd route departing Sherman at 3:00 pm and returning at 1:00 am Monday through

TAPS stepped in to provide safe, reliable transportation for less than a week's cost of gas. It's a win for the employer, employee, and TAPS."

At TAPS we are not only motivated by the daily victories associated with di-

"The JARC job is to get people to work without the expense and the stress of the commute."



Friday. TAPS began with a smaller 20 passenger bus, but the demand grew within 30 days to its current 43 passenger bus and now has a waiting list. Underwood commented, "The second Peterbilt shift is a perfect example of what we do. The employees are working all night and would begin to drive themselves home at 1:00 am.

rectly impacting the lives of the riders we serve. But by a broader opportunity to be part of the regional, state, and national public policy effort to reverse the increases in unemployment and overcome the economic uncertainty that will be definitive of this era in American history.

