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Believing that education in practice is the key to Safety, Peggy Bracey and Amy Forte, of First Med Alert, Inc. attended the DATIA Drug Testing Integrity Summit in Alexandria, VA on October 10, 2008. The Summit included members of the Government Accountability Office, Congress and Industry leaders to share the GAO's findings on their groundbreaking investigation concerning testing required by the Department of Transportation. 75% of the Collection Facilities investigated failed to put DOT regulations and procedures into action. Many of the findings were shocking to the DATIA members present. DATIA (Drug and Alcohol Testing Industry Association) members have devoted time and education to getting it right, thus securing the integrity of each test and the 49 CFR Part 40's standards. Peggy Bracey from First Med Alert, Inc. states, "It is important to stay trained and educated in the Drug Testing Field as this industry has a direct effect on everyone's Safety on the highways, railways, and in the air." Mrs. Bracey and Mrs. Forte, also, sharpened their skills by taking the class in Advanced Drug Testing Management. First Med Alert, Inc. began in Roanoke Valley in 2000 and has expanded to serve many local, national, independent and government agencies. Each member of their staff is a Certified DOT Collector as well as a Breath Alcohol Technician. Peggy Bracey is also a Certified Third Party Administrator as well as a Certified Professional Collectors Trainer. First Med Alert, Inc. is a member of the Substance Abuse Program Administrators Association and Drug and Alcohol Testing Industry Association.