Flagger Training

PennDOT regulations require that “all flaggers at a minimum shall have training as per the most current version of Publication 408, Section 901.3 Flagger Training.” If your crew members haven’t received training, or are due for recertification, consider taking advantage of the PennDOT Mandated Flagger Training workshops coordinated by PSATS. Flagger Training is geared toward individuals who have flagging responsibilities on ANY ROAD OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Instructor-led and train-the-trainer Flagger Training workshop dates can be found on the PSATS website: http://www.psats.org

Municipal Road Crew Survey

Your municipality should have received a notice about a Road Crew Survey issued by SEDA-COG. Responses were requested by August 31*. If you have questions or need any assistance, please contact Steve Herman.

Dirt and Gravel Roads Annual Maintenance Workshop – Sept. 26-28

The Penn State Center for Dirt and Gravel Road Studies is holding its Annual Maintenance workshop to showcase Environmentally Sensitive Maintenance (ESM) practices for unpaved and low-volume roads from September 26 to 28 in Sayre. The Workshop features invited speakers, concurrent classroom sessions, and field trips to active and completed road sites to view the implementation of ESM practices. More information is available at: http://www.dirtandgravel.psu.edu

Roads Scholar II Option

Municipal road crew employees may now pursue a Roads Scholar II designation as part of an expansion of the LTAP Roads Scholar program. To complete the Roads Scholar II program, participants must take eight approved workshops within a three-year period and pass an in-class quiz consisting of 12 questions at the end of each workshop. Classes currently eligible for Roads Scholar II are: Bridge Maintenance & Inspection; Conducting Sign Retroreflectivity Inspections; Curves on Local Roads; Salt & Snow Management; and Stop Signs and Intersection Traffic Control.

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Fall 2017 LTAP Class Schedule

- **Traffic Signs Basics**: August 31, 8:00-12:00, Woodward Township Fire Hall, Linden
- **Principles of Paving**: September 6, 8:00-3:00, Woodward Township Fire Hall, Linden
- **Stop Signs and Intersection Traffic Control**: September 12, 8:00-12:00, SEDA-COG Office, Lewisburg
- **Pavement Markings**: September 21, 8:00-12:00, Woodward Township Fire Hall, Linden
- **Salt & Snow Management**: October 6, 8:00-3:00, Point Township Building, Northumberland
- **Curves on Local Roads – Issues and Safety Tools**: October 20, 8:00-12:00, East Buffalo Township Building, Lewisburg
Fall 2017 County Conventions

Most of the region’s counties hold their annual Association of Township Officials conventions in the fall. These events offer updates on key legislation, programs, and policies affecting 2nd class townships. They also include exhibits by vendors of local government goods and services. The fall 2017 schedule is made available at: http://www.psats.org. Contact your County Association directly for specific convention information.

Pennsylvania One Call Workshops

The Pennsylvania One Call System coordinates free training on responsibilities that municipalities have for marking underground utility lines and when performing excavation work. An upcoming PA One Call Locator Workshop will be held in Mill Hall on October 11; PA One Call Excavator Workshops will be held in Bloomsburg on September 5 and Paxinos on November 17. To register or learn more, see: www.pa1call.org

Technical Video Library

The National Center for Pavement Preservation has published an online technical video library about transportation preservation and management. A multitude of pavement preservation, bridge preservation, and equipment management videos are available. To view the videos or learn more, see: https://www.pavementpreservation.org/technical-video-library/

Other LTAP Services

Technical Assistance:
Technical assistance on road maintenance and safety issues is available from an LTAP expert in person, over the phone, or by email – all at no cost to municipalities. The LTAP technical experts can provide guidance to handle issues such as drainage, posting of traffic signs, intersection improvements, collecting traffic data, calibrating road equipment, dust control, and much more. Simply call 1-800-FOR-LTAP and they will have a specialist contact you.

Road Shows:
If there is a course you want to hold in your municipality, LTAP can do a Road Show. They will bring the course directly to you. Call 1-800-FOR-LTAP to find out more about this service.

Library Materials:
You may request library materials and various publications. Visit www.ltap.state.pa.us to create an account and request resources.
Principles of Paving: (Full Day)
This course is for municipal employees who are involved in the planning, inspecting and placement of asphalt paving operations. The course will provide the information needed to properly plan and monitor a hot mix asphalt paving project. Basic knowledge of hot mix asphalt materials and construction specifications will be provided. The importance of proper roadway preparation to obtain a long-lasting product will be discussed. A basic understanding of the delivery, placement, and compaction process in paving operations will be provided.

**Intended Audience:** Public Works employees who pave with hot mix asphalt, particularly roadmasters, foremen and equipment operators that operate rollers, pavers, distributors, and dump trucks on the job. Others who would benefit from this course include: inspectors, and street supervisors involved in monitoring hot mix asphalt paving projects for local governments.

Stop Signs and Intersection Traffic Control: (Half Day)
This course focuses on STOP signs and other controls that improve safety at unsignalized intersections. Beginning with reasons for effectively implementing STOP sign placement, course content will examine the components of STOP sign placement, as well as offering suggestions for accommodating uncommon challenges. In addition to STOP signs, the course will present content on other safety features often used at intersections along with signs such as pavement markings and rumble strips. The course will also offer content on common STOP intersection problems such as unwarranted STOP signs and multi-way STOP intersections. The methodology for studying an intersection to warrant STOP signs is included, along with a workshop, during which participants will be challenged with an example problem and given an opportunity to work through a study to determine the best tools for intersection safety.

**Intended Audience:** Local government officials responsible for installation, maintenance, and inspection of traffic signs, roadway safety, and asset management. This includes traffic technicians, public works directors, supervisors, roadmasters, and crew responsible for traffic signs.

Salt & Snow Management: (Full Day)
This course covers all aspects of winter maintenance operations. Topics include planning and organizing, public relations, material usage and application rates, equipment types and calibration as well as various operational procedures such as plowing and spreading. Other topics include CDL regulations, safety and environmental awareness. Also covered are the latest techniques in pre-wetting materials and anti-icing procedures for more effective and economical operations.

**Intended Audience:** All public works employees engaged in winter maintenance operations including: Street supervisors, public works directors, roadmasters, crew foremen and equipment operators.

Traffic Signs Basics: (Half Day)
This course serves as the foundational course in a series of new LTAP courses about traffic signs. The course will begin with discussing the function and purpose of signs from a more philosophical perspective; that of the driving task and how signs affect driving and road safety. After a review of the national and state standards that govern signs, the course will return to describe the function and purpose of signs, but from a more technical perspective. This technical section is the longest section of the course, and will follow the MUTCD, Part 2, Chapter 2A, giving participants a basic understanding of the information available to them in this important document. After reviewing the design and placement of signs, the course will move to a brief section on traffic signs for low-volume roadways, and then finally review the responsibilities associated with maintaining safe signing in your municipality.

**Intended Audience:** Local government officials responsible for the installation, maintenance, and inspection of traffic signs, roadway safety, and asset management. This includes traffic technicians, public works directors, supervisors, roadmasters, and crew responsible for traffic signs.

Contact Information
For more information, questions or to register for classes, please contact Steve Herman, SEDA-COG Principal Program Analyst, at (570) 524-4491 or email sherman@seda-cog.org. Information is also available at www.ltap.state.pa.us

SEDA-COG staff will soon be requesting LTAP classes for spring 2018. Feel free to share your training needs or requests for classes with Steve Herman.

If your municipality is not receiving occasional LTAP class updates and announcements via email, please send Steve Herman your appropriate email address.
Pennsylvania’s Local Technical Assistance Program is dedicated to transferring transportation technology through training, technical assistance, and other customer services to municipal elected officials and their staff.

SEDA-COG would be willing to work with municipalities and county associations to sponsor roadway technology or product demonstration showcases. If interested, please contact Steve Herman to discuss further.