New Products and Technology - The Good, The Bad and The Ugly: A Mechanics' Roundtable Discussion

A Connecticut Road Master Program Elective Workshop

The Connecticut Transportation Institute’s Technology Transfer Center, established at the University of Connecticut’s School of Engineering in 1983, provides training, technical assistance and informational materials to Connecticut’s local governments on the planning, design, construction, maintenance, operation and management of roads, bridges and public transit.

The Technology Transfer Center is a cooperative effort of the Connecticut Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration’s Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) and the University of Connecticut.

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Course Description:
There are hundreds of new products coming to the market every year and many municipalities are trying some of them in order to increase efficiencies and reduce expenses. Many can greatly affect fleet operations.
This session will focus on several new products and technologies and how they are impacting municipal fleets. Speakers will discuss what they are using and how it has helped them (or not). Best practices and lessons learned will be woven throughout the day.

Who Should Attend:
This program is designed for municipal and state personnel who are responsible for maintaining roadway construction and maintenance equipment.
Lead Mechanics, Fleet Managers, and those responsible for making decisions regarding fleet operations are encouraged to attend.

Some Topics to be Discussed

Hybrid Vehicles:
The DOT Experience

Use of Bio-Diesel:
The True Costs

Tire Pressure Sensors:
Their Effect on Tire Maintenance and Repair

Synthetic Oil:
Does it Make Sense for Municipal Fleets?

Anti-Corrosive Treatments:
Are They Working?

Speakers:

James Chupas, Equipment General Supervisor with the CT DOT, will speak about the DOT’s experience purchasing hybrid vehicles through the state grant program and their use of hybrid bucket trucks.

Rob Eilertsen of AMSOIL will speak about synthetic oils and their use in the municipal market.

Participants will be expected to actively participate in the discussion.
Bring questions and comments about your department’s maintenance practices and concerns.

Registration Fees
The registration fee for State and Municipal participants is $75.00; the registration fee for private sector participants is $150.00. The registration fee includes lunch and workshop handouts. Registration fees are due prior to the start of the workshop.

Participants from the Connecticut Department of Transportation must provide the ConnDOT workshop voucher number with the registration form and bring the original voucher to the workshop.

Refund Policy
The registration fee is refundable if notice of cancellation is received 48 hours prior to the start of the program. Registrants who are unable to attend and do not cancel in advance are subject to the registration fee.

Substitutions may be made at any time. Please notify us of changes.

Registration
Registration is closed one week prior to the day of the workshop. Please mail registration to address noted on the form or fax to (860) 486-5718.

You will receive a confirmation packet by mail containing travel directions and parking information prior to the training date.

Enrollment is Limited
Registrations will be accepted on a first-come first-served basis. Please register early for this workshop.