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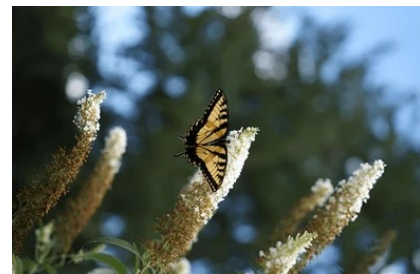
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Summer Welcome

Stay Safe & Prepared!

As summer arrives, it brings longer days, more time outdoors, and rising temperatures. Our summer so far has been very hot and humid, which can bring increased risk for those working in the heat. Prolonged sun exposure, humidity, and physical exertion can all lead to heat-related illnesses!



To stay safe this summer, be sure you have easy access to water, shaded rest areas, and regular breaks throughout the day. Simple steps such as staying hydrated and cooling off can make a significant difference when temperatures climb. Check out RI LTAP's Everyday Safety Talks for more information on heat illness and how to stay cool.

- [When Your Body Gets Hot ...](#)
- [Keep Your Cool by Being Smart](#)

Now Available: 2025 PPE Program

The Rhode Island LTAP is excited to announce the return of our **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Program**. After the great response we received about the program in 2023, we're bringing it back for 2025! LTAP has developed and sponsored this free PPE program for each Rhode Island municipal public works department and the Narragansett Indian Tribe.

This year's PPE kits include a broader selection of safety gear and are designed to support Rhode Island's municipal transportation workers with the protection they need on the job. Read on for more details on the new PPE Program.

Stay safe, stay cool, and have a great summer!

Updates From Rhode Island LTAP

NEW! Personal Protective Equipment Program

RI DOT
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RHODE ISLAND LOCAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Personal Protective Equipment Program

This program provides each Rhode Island municipality with a basic work zone safety or PPE kit to ensure transportation workers have the protective equipment needed to stay safe on the job.

PPE Package

- Orion Air Horn – 5
- Earplugs Disposable – 200
- Earplugs Reusable – 200
- Gloves – 10 Large, 10 X-Large
- Hard Hat with Face Shield and Hearing Protection – 5
- Safety Glasses Clear – 20
- Safety Glasses Smoke – 20
- Safety Whistles – 12
- Vehicle First Aid Kits – 5

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The Rhode Island LTAP is excited to announce the return of the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Program. The program, first rolled out in 2023, received such an overwhelming response that we've decided to do it again!

This brand-new 2025 PPE Program offers a more robust selection than the first round. These PPE kits will help ensure the municipal transportation workforce has access to safe and appropriate equipment, including hard hats with eye and ear protection, safety glasses, gloves, and other necessary items, to provide protection while on the job.

The Rhode Island LTAP has developed and sponsored this free PPE program, and each municipality will receive a fixed quantity of

- Air Horns
- Safety Whistles
- Disposable and Reusable Earplugs
- Gloves
- Hard Hats with Face and Hearing Protection
- Safety Glasses
- Vehicle First Aid Kits

To get more information, please email us at dot.RILTAP@dot.ri.gov.

NEW! Rhode Scholar

Registration is open for the new Rhode Scholar Program! The Rhode Scholar Program, administered by the Rhode Island Local Technical Assistance Program (RI LTAP), allows local transportation agencies access to high-quality training for their employees at no cost.

Local municipal and tribal agencies in Rhode Island, responsible for maintaining streets and roads, are entrusted with ensuring these roads are safe, well-constructed, and properly maintained. Employees must be trained not only on the basics of construction and maintenance, but they must also stay current in the latest practices. As budgets are always tight, cities and towns must provide this training in an efficient and cost-effective manner.

To become a designated Rhode Scholar, each participant must complete 8 courses/workshops. After each course, participants will receive a certificate of completion. Upon completion of the program requirements, participants are presented with a plaque. Many of the classes have multiple dates to choose from, with the first class offered on June 24, 2025, and the culminating class occurring on December 3, 2025. See the schedule below. Note that all classes will be held in the RIDOT Training Room located on New England Institute of Technology's Access Road campus.

To register, email the Rhode Island LTAP at dot.RILTAP@dot.ri.gov and be sure to include the participant's name, email, phone, job title, and the preferred dates for each class.

	Course Title	Hours	Date (2025)
1	Confined Space Entry Awareness	4	06/24 , 09/04
2	Hands-on Safety Training/Work Zone Safety	7	06/26 , 09/16
3	Transportation Math I	7	07/29 , 11/19
4	Plan Reading	7	07/30 , 11/20
6	Traffic Control Technician	8	08/13 , 08/27
6	Signing and Striping I	4	08/26 , 10/07
7	Effective Communication	6	10/15
8	Defensive Driving for Public Works (Final Class)	4	12/03

2025 Needs Assessment

Over the past year, RILTAP has offered 112 instructor-led classes, over 311 in-person training hours, and over 450 online training modules. Over 650 municipal employees participated in these training opportunities.

Now, we need your help to shape the training programs for 2025–2026. Your input will guide the RI LTAP in identifying, prioritizing, and scheduling future classes that best support our local transportation workforce.

Please take a moment to complete our short survey by July 11 — just 5 minutes of your time can make a big difference!

Scan or click the QR code to get started.



Upcoming Training

Seats are now available for Rhode Island City, Town, and Tribe partners for the Summer 2025 classes below. These live classes are all in-person.

To enroll in any of these courses or if you have questions, please contact the Rhode Island LTAP at dot.RILTAP@dot.ri.gov. To register a participant, email Rhode Island LTAP and indicate the course name and date as well as the person's full first and last name, email address, job title, and phone number.



Is there a tailgate talk, training, or technical assistance you're interested in, but haven't seen advertised? RI municipalities and the Narragansett Indian Tribe can submit a request to the Rhode Island LTAP. Just complete this [Request Form](#) and email it to us!

Lock Out/Tag Out (LOTO)

In-Person
Tue., July 1, 2025
8:00 am - 11:00 am

Chipper Safety

In-Person
Wed., July 16, 2025
7:30 am - 11:00 am

Transportation Math I

In-Person
Tue., July 29, 2025
8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Material Handling

In-Person
Tue., August 5, 2025
8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Flagger

In-Person
Thu., August 14, 2025
8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Traffic Control Technician (ATSSA)

In-Person
Wed., August 27, 2025
8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Forklift Operator

In-Person
Thu., July 10, 2025
8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Chipper Safety

In-Person
Thu., July 17, 2025
7:30 am - 11:00 am

Plan Reading for Public Works

In-Person
Wed., July 30, 2025
8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Back Safety & Safe Lifting Techniques

In-Person
Tue., August 12, 2025
8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Flagger

In-Person
Fri., August 15, 2025
8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Hazard Communication (RTK) and Material Handling

In-Person
Wed., September 3, 2025
8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Chipper Safety

In-Person
Tue., July 15, 2025
7:30 am - 11:00 am

OSHA 30

In-Person
Tue., July 22 to Fri., July 25
8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Overhead Crane & Safe Rigging Techniques

In-Person
Wed., July 30, 2025
8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Traffic Control Technician (ATSSA)

In-Person
Wed., August 13, 2025
8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Signing & Striping I

In-Person
Tue., August 26, 2025
8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Confined Space Entry Awareness

In-Person
Thu., September 4, 2025
8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Available On-Demand Courses

There are currently over 450 courses available for our Rhode Island LTAP partners in the RI Learning Center, the State's Online Learning Management System. See the list below for a sampling of courses!

If you are interested in viewing these or other available on-demand courses in the RLearning Center, and you are a Rhode Island municipal employee or elected official, Narragansett Indian Tribe employee, or an FHWA employee, contact us at dot.RILTAP@dot.ri.gov to set up an account.

- Work Zone
 - AASHTO Maintenance: Basics of Work Zone Traffic Control
 - Pedestrian Work Zone Barricades & MUTCD
 - Strategies for Accommodating Pedestrians, Bicyclists, and Motorcyclists in Work Zones
 - Temporary Traffic Control and Safety in Short-term Work Zones
 - Working with Law Enforcement in Work Zones
 - Working Safely in Work Zones
 - Work Zone Safety, Set Them Up Right!

Spring 2025 Rhode Island Public Works Academy

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!



Congratulations to the Spring 2025 Public Works Academy graduates! Over the course of 6 weeks, Academy participants met for a total of 6 classes designed to provide the core competencies necessary to be a public works professional.

This Academy, which ran from Tuesday, May 13, through Tuesday, June 17, was a joint collaboration of the Rhode Island Department of Transportation (RIDOT) Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) and the Rhode Island Public Works Association (RIPWA).

Congratulations to our Graduates!

- Dylan Barreira
- Thomas Bourgeois
- Cameron Eccleston

- George Fraser
- Lee Fry
- Austin Harris
- Dante Iannitelli
- Michael Northup
- Steven Smith
- Ralph Stanton

Hosts Needed

The Rhode Island LTAP is seeking volunteer hosts for several of our upcoming classes. If you would like to host, and your facility meets the requirements, please email us at dot.RILTAP@dot.ri.gov and indicate the course title, the date you would like to host, and your contact information.

Forklift Operator

Date: Thursday, July 10, 2025

Time: 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

Site Requirements:

- Classroom space for instruction for up to 15 participants
- TV/Projector with A/V hookup
- Access to a standard forklift
- Area to set up an obstacle course (approx 100' x 100' or slightly smaller)
- 10-12 traffic cones

Chipper Safety

Date: Thursday, July 10, 2025

Time: 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

Site Requirements:

- Classroom space for instruction for up to 12 participants
- TV/Projector with A/V hookup
- Access to Chipper with a competent operator
- Access to material/brush to pass through the chipper for hands-on exercise

Overhead Crane and Rigging

Date: Thursday, July 10, 2025

Time: 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

Site Requirements:

- Classroom space for up to 15 participants
- TV/Projector with A/V hookup
- Access to an overhead crane
- Rigging equipment (slings, shackles, etc.) that must pass inspection
- An object to lift with the rigging equipment

Aerial Lift / Bucket Truck

Date: To Be Determined

Time: 7:30 am to 4:00 pm (8 hours)

Site Requirements:

- Classroom space with tables for up to 14 participants
 - TV/Projector with A/V hookup
 - Access to a bucket truck/aerial lift in an open area (approx 75' x 75')
 - 2 sets of PPE, including full-body harnesses and lanyards, for hands-on activities and evaluations
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Upcoming Observances & Safety Events

July

- UV Safety Month
- Vehicle Theft Prevention Month
- Rural Road Safety Awareness Week

August

- National Water Quality Month

September

- National Preparedness Month
 - National Recovery Month
 - Respiratory Protection Week
 - N95 Day
 - National Public Lands Day
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