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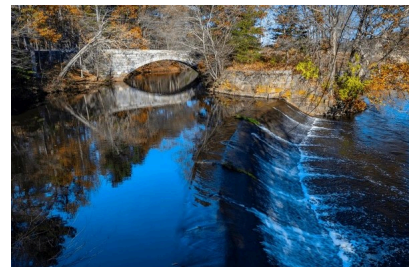
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Fall Welcome

After a hot, humid, and very busy summer, Fall swooped in and brought cooler temps and drier air. It also brought in a flurry of classes, including Aerial Lift/Bucket Truck Safety, Signing and Striping, Effective Communication, Forklift Operator, and many more!

In addition to being a great time to attend training, Autumn is a time to take stock and prepare for the shorter days and colder months that lie ahead.

- Prevent slip and fall accidents by clearing fallen leaves and ensuring proper footwear is worn. Exercise caution when walking on slick surfaces and when using ladders. Check fall protection gear to ensure it is damage-free and that it is being used appropriately.
- Maintain adequate lighting as days shorten, and especially when working outdoors and in the right-of-way.



- Check HVAC systems and CO detectors to ensure they are working properly and ready for the colder months to come.
- Remember to check your work vehicles for proper fluid levels, tire conditions, and emergency supplies such as vehicle first aid kits.
- Inspect tools and equipment for wear and tear that may have happened over the busy summer and take steps to ensure they are ready for the Fall and Winter.
- Remove leaves and debris from vehicle and equipment intakes, exhausts, mirrors, and tires to prevent malfunctions and accidents.

Updates From Rhode Island LTAP

Personal Protective Equipment Program Recap



Throughout the summer, Kathleen Sisson, Director of Educational Advancement and LTAP Center Director, and Jennifer Roman, RI LTAP Program Coordinator, had the pleasure of traveling throughout Rhode Island to distribute PPE packages and to discuss training needs.

We heard from many of you about your preferred time of year for training, your training needs and limitations, and, of course, inquiries about CDL training (read the next article to learn more about the Fall CDL Program!). Several municipalities graciously offered to host, and we look forward to taking you up on those offers!

In total, each PPE package contained over 280 pieces of equipment ranging from airhorns and safety whistles to earplugs, gloves, hard hat systems, and more! We would love to hear your feedback and see the PPE being used. Send your photos to RI LTAP at dot.RILTAP@dot.ri.gov, and we will include them in our next newsletter!

CDL Training Program Update

The CDL Training Pilot Program, held in the Spring and Summer of 2025, was a rousing success with 95% of participants obtaining their CDL licenses!

Congratulations to:

Christopher Bacon	Thomas Gordon	Nicholas Micale	Benjamin Skurka
David Brule	Ryan Griffin	Mason Pacheco	Ronald Starnino
Brenden Bulk	Robert Hill	Aiden Pina	Larry Storrs
David Cardoso	Larry Larocque	Juan Restrepo Arango	Ricardo Tavares
Taylor Davidson	Peter Mahan	Aidan Robinson	Patrick Wisher

Registration for the Fall 2025 round of CDL training took place between Wednesday, September 17, 2025, and Monday, September 22, 2025, with a total of 19 participants registered. Orientation was held for all participants on Friday, September 26, 2025, with the first CDL class kicking off on Monday, October 6, 2025. The remainder of the CDL classes will be held in October, November, and December 2025.

We're excited for this new group of participants and look forward to them successfully obtaining their CDL licenses!

2025 Needs Assessment Update

Thank you to everyone who responded to our 2025-2026 Needs Assessment. With your help, we were able to identify your top needs and have begun to schedule classes accordingly. Some of the courses already scheduled include Effective Communication, Project Planning, and Introduction to Excel, all coming up in the next two months. Keep an eye out for new trainings as we continue to build out our 2026 Winter, Spring, and Summer training calendars.

Upcoming Training

Seats are now available for Rhode Island City, Town, and Tribe partners for the Fall 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!

Signing and Striping

In-Person
Tue., Oct. 7, 2025
8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Introduction to Excel

Effective Communication

In-Person
Wed., Oct. 15, 2025
8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Forklift Operator

In-Person
Fri., Oct. 24, 2025
8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Transportation Math I

In-Person
Tue., Nov. 4, 2025
8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Plan Reading
In-Person
Thu., Nov. 20, 2025
8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Project Planning
In-Person
Fri., Nov. 7, 2025
8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Defensive Driving
In-Person
Wed., Dec. 3, 2025
8:00 am - 12:00 pm

In-Person
Wed., Nov. 19, 2025
8:00 am - 3:00 pm

**Personal Protective
Equipment (PPE) and
Hazard Assessment**
In-Person
Fri., Dec. 5, 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 RI Learning 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.

- AASHTO Technical Training Solutions (TTS) (formerly TC3)
 - Advanced Self-Consolidating Concrete (SCC)
 - Basics of Concrete
 - Bloodborne Pathogens
 - Chip Seal Best Practices
 - Confined Spaces
 - Pavement Markings
 - Plan Reading: Erosion and Sediment Control Plans
 - Plan Reading: Highway Plan Reading Basics

Fall 2025 Snow & Ice Academy Registration is Open!



The Rhode Island LTAP and the Rhode Island Public Works Association are excited to collaborate to bring an all-new Snow & Ice Academy this Fall! This Academy will run from Friday, October 17, through Thursday, November 6, and is geared toward new hires.

Classes will focus on reviewing snow plow operations, hands-on plow mounting, sander calibration, hands-on practical plowing exercises, and more! Participants must attend all 4 classes. Classes included in the 4-week Snow & Ice Academy are:

- Snow Plow Operations and Hands-on Plow Mounting
- Sander Calibration
- CPR, AED, and First Aid

- Hands-on Practical Exercises

To register, please go to the [Snow and Ice Academy Registration Form](#) and complete one form per participant. Each participant must be registered individually in order to register. If you have any questions, please contact the RI LTAP at dot.RILTAP@dot.ri.gov or Tory Perrotta at toryperrotta5@gmail.com.

Hosts Needed

The Rhode Island LTAP is seeking a volunteer host for an upcoming class. If you would like to host, and your facility meets the requirements, please email RI LTAP at dot.RILTAP@dot.ri.gov and indicate the course title, the date or timeframe that you would like to host, and your contact information.

Aerial Lift/Bucket Truck Operator Safety

Date: To Be Determined

Time: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Site Requirements:

- Classroom space for instruction 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

Chainsaw Safety

Date: To Be Determined

Time: 7:30 am to 2:00 pm

Site Requirements:

- Classroom space for instruction for up to 12 participants
- TV/Projector with A/V hookup
- Access to a forested property for felling, limbing, and basic cuts

Upcoming Observances & Safety Events

October

- Protect Your Hearing Month
- Pedestrian Safety Month
- Eye Injury Prevention Month
- Substance Abuse Prevention Month
- Lead Poisoning Prevention Week
- Winter Weather Awareness Week
- National First Responders Day

November

- Lung Cancer Awareness Month
- Drowsy Driving Prevention Week
- Winter Weather Preparedness Week
- World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims in the U.S.
- National Seat Belt Day

December

- Impaired Driving Prevention Month
- Winter Holiday Season DUI Campaign

- Handwashing Awareness Week
- Older Driver Safety Awareness Week

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