



## Rhode Island Local Technical Assistance Program

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## Hello Autumn

Every year in New England, Fall marks the transition from summer to winter.

For many, Fall is looked at as the end of things. It is the end of summer, daylight hours dwindle, days at the beach become few and far between, and children are no longer playing in yards or riding their bikes during the warm daylight hours as they did on summer break.



Fall is also a season of new beginnings. Vibrant colors erupt along our roadways and coastline, harvest celebrations and festivals are held across our region, and cooler nights soon give way to cooler days. A new school year begins, bringing with it fresh opportunities for learning and growth, as well as a rush of young student pedestrians during morning and afternoon rush hours. Families settle into their routines, and the rhythm of daily life shifts with the change in weather.

The Rhode Island LTAP thanks all of you, our local transportation workforce, for all of your hard work and dedication to keeping Rhode Island beautiful and for the work you do to improve the quality of life in your communities and all those who visit. This past year has seen extreme weather emergencies that have had significant impacts on Rhode Island. We recognize the

essential work and services that you provide in these situations and throughout the year including preparing and maintaining streets, water systems, sewer systems, storm response and cleanup, and so much more. Thank you for all that you do.

As we look forward to the remainder of Fall and the beginning of Winter, we want to take this opportunity to remind you that classes hosted by the Rhode Island LTAP, whether virtual or in-person, are offered to our Rhode Island municipal and tribal partners at no cost. Our goal is to help you do your job more effectively and efficiently, and equipped with the appropriate knowledge. The Rhode Island LTAP is a Rhode Island Department of Transportation program that sponsors these learning opportunities so that more of your budget can remain focused on the work needing to be completed in your communities.

There are great upcoming learning opportunities and just a small number are listed below. Is there a specific training that your local road agency needs? Complete the [RI LTAP Training and Technical Assistance Request Form](#) and email it to [dot.RILTAP@dot.ri.gov](mailto:dot.RILTAP@dot.ri.gov).

Remember too that the handheld sign retroreflectometer is now available for loan. You can sign up to borrow the equipment using the [Retroreflectometer Online Request Form](#).

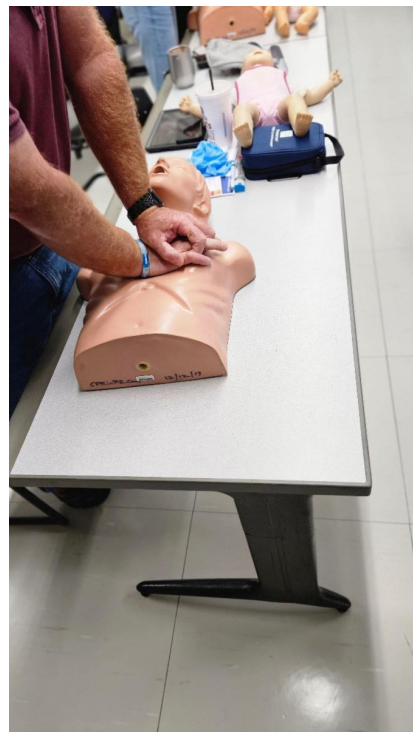
## Updates From Rhode Island LTAP

### Recent Rhode Island LTAP Classes



Chainsaw Safety Training  
Hosted by Narragansett Indian Tribe

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CPR, AED, & First Aid

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Chainsaw Safety Training  
Hosted by East Providence

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**ATSSA Flagger Certification**

Thank you to everyone who participated in classes offered by the Rhode Island LTAP over the Summer and early Fall. And thank you to all of our wonderful hosts! Classes offered included *Dealing With Difficult People, CPR, AED, and First Aid, Chainsaw Safety, Microsoft Excel 1 & 2,* and more.



**CPR, AED, & First Aid**



**NHI 133122-Traffic Signal Timing Concepts**

## Upcoming Training

Seats are now available for our Rhode Island City, Town, and Tribe partners for the below Winter 2024 classes. These live classes are a mix of in-person and virtual.



To enroll in any of these courses or if you have questions, don't hesitate to contact the Rhode Island LTAP at [dot.RILTAP@dot.ri.gov](mailto: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 training, tailgate talk, or technical assistance you're interested in, but haven't seen advertised? RI municipalities and the Narragansett Indian Tribe can submit a request to Rhode Island LTAP. Just complete this [Request Form](#) and email it to us!

<p><b><u>ATSSA Flagger Certification</u></b> In-Person Wed., October 23, 2024 8:00 am - 12:00 pm</p>	<p><b><u>Workshop: Working Safely Around Heavy Equipment</u></b> In-Person Wed., October 23, 2024 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm</p>	<p><b><u>Sander Calibration</u></b> In-Person Wed., October 23, 2024 8:00 am - 3:00 pm</p>
<p><b><u>Snow &amp; Ice Control / Winter Maintenance</u></b> In-Person Thu., October 24, 2024 8:00 am - 3:00 pm</p>	<p><b><u>Asset Management</u></b> In-Person Wed., October 30, 2024 8:00 am - 3:00 pm</p>	<p><b><u>Written Communication Management</u></b> Virtual - Fridays January 10, 17, 24, 31 &amp; February 7, 2025 9:00 am - 12:00 pm</p>

### Time Management

In-Person  
Date Pending

### Decision Making

In-Person  
Date Pending

### Project Planning &

Estimating  
In-Person  
Date Pending

## Available On-Demand Courses

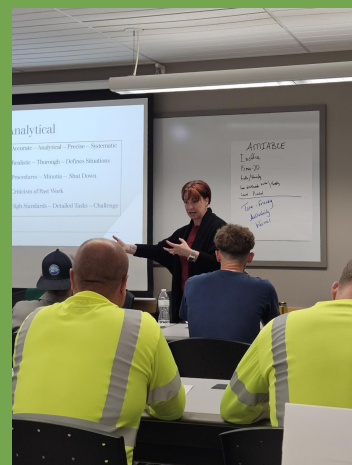
There are currently over 460 courses available for our Rhode Island LTAP partners in the RI Learning Center, the State's Online Learning Management System. See the list below for a sampling of new courses!

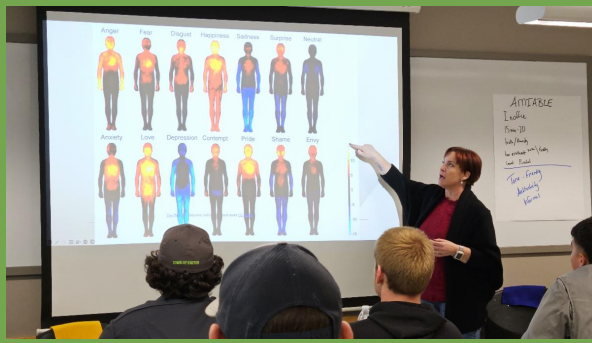
If you are interested in viewing these or other available on-demand courses in the RLearning Center, and you are a Rhode Island municipal employee or elected official, Narragansett Indian Tribe employee, or are an FHWA employee contact us at [dot.RILTAP@dot.ri.gov](mailto:dot.RILTAP@dot.ri.gov) to set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

- Everyday Safety Talks (Tailgate Talks)
  - Dealing With Stress
  - Electrical Hazards
  - Trenching & Shoring Basics
- Work Zone Safety , Set Them Up Right!
- Work Zone Setup: Answering Your Questions
- AASHTO Technical Training Solutions (TTS) (formerly TC3)
  - Basics of Work Zone Traffic Control
  - Crane Safety
  - Job Hazard Analysis
  - Math Basics for Highway Technicians
  - Public Relations Skills
  - Plan Reading Series:
    - Bridge Plans
    - Culvert Plans
    - Erosion and Sediment Control Plans
    - Grading Plans
    - Highway Plan Reading Basics Right-of-Way Plans
    - Traffic Control Plans

## Rhode Island Public Works Academy

Fall 2024





The Rhode Island Public Works Academy is an introductory-level training program designed for new public works hires. The R.I. Public Works Academy is a joint collaboration of the Rhode Island Department of Transportation (RIDOT) Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) and the Rhode Island Public Works Association (RIPWA).

The program consists of seven (7) sessions that will provide the core competencies necessary to be a public works professional. Participants are required to attend and complete all seven sessions to graduate from the Academy. These seven sessions cover the following topics:

- Dealing With Difficult People, Conversations, & More
- CPR, AED, & First Aid
- Chainsaw Safety
- Winter Operations / Snow & Ice Control
- Flagger Certification (ATSSA)
- Work Zone Safety - Safety Around Heavy
- OSHA 10-hour for Construction

The Fall 2024 Public Works Academy kicked off on Tuesday, September 24th with a highly interactive full-day workshop titled Dealing With Difficult People, Conversations, & More by Emily Morash! Throughout the Academy from that first class right to the last, participants will enjoy not only learning new skills, improving existing skills, learning best practices, and how to communicate effectively with their teams, supervisors, and the public, but they also have the opportunity to network, learn both in the classroom and with hands-on activities, and so much more. They also enjoy morning refreshments and lunches with each full-day classes courtesy of RIPWA! Upon successfully completing all 7 classes in the Fall 2024 Public Works Academy, participants will be awarded a jacket, also courtesy of RIPWA.

The Rhode Island LTAP is excited to be working with the energetic and engaging participants of this Fall's cohort and we look forward to working with RIPWA to create additional Public Works Academies in the future!

## Upcoming Observances & Safety Events

### October

- Pedestrian Safety Month
- National Protect Your Hearing Month
- Eye Injury Prevention Month National
- Fire Prevention Week Teen Driver
- Safety Week
- School Bus Safety Week
- Lead Poisoning Prevention Week

### November

- National Diabetes Awareness Month
- Lung Cancer Awareness Month
- Winter Weather Preparedness Week
- Drowsy Driving Week

## December

- National Impaired Driving Prevention Month
- Holiday Season Drunk Driving Campaign
- National Handwashing Awareness Week
- Older Driver Safety Awareness Week

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