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Updates from Rhode Island LTAP

Since April, the Rhode Island LTAP has hosted 6 monthly Lunch & Learns. Examples of recent topics include Project Management at RIDOT, Transportation Funding and the Transportation Improvement Program, Non-State Bridges and Stormwater. Each of the Lunch & Learn recordings are available in the Rhode Island Learning Center, the State's online Learning Management System (LMS).

Lunch & Learns are held the second Wednesday of every month so be sure to mark your calendars. October's topic will be: Maintenance. Is there a topic you would like to see in the future? We want to hear from you! Email us your ideas at dot.RILTAP@dot.ri.gov.

Upcoming Rhode Island LTAP Training

Chainsaw Safety

Two Dates Available:

Wednesday, September 22nd

Thursday, September 30th

The Rhode Island LTAP is offering 1-day Chainsaw Safety Training. There will be two classes:

- Wednesday, September 22nd
 - 3 Seats Available
- Thursday, September 30th
 - 1 Seat Available



If you are interested in attending one of the classes, click **Register Now** below. Please include the following information:

- Employee Name
- Job Title
- Phone Number
- Email Address
- Preferred Date

[Register Now](#)

RIDOT Courses Taught by CCRI

Seats are still available to our municipal partners for:

- Quick Start Microsoft Suite
- Asynchronous Excel
- Enhancing Leadership Skills

These are RIDOT courses taught through CCRI. Seats are being made available to our municipal partners and paid for by the Rhode Island LTAP. To enroll in any of these courses please access the Rhode Island Learning Center, the State's Online Learning Management System (LMS).

Please see the [Course Descriptions](#) for more information.

Quick Start Microsoft Suite

Wednesdays 9am - 1pm

Participants can pick and choose which dates they want to attend as one of the Microsoft Suite products will be taught each week.

- Class 1 - Sept. 22: Microsoft Word
 - Class 2 - Sept. 29: Microsoft PowerPoint
 - Class 3 - October 6: Microsoft Excel
 - Class 4 - October 13: Microsoft Outlook
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Asynchronous Excel

Wednesdays 1pm - 3pm

This course will run approximately 24 hours and will allow participants to progress at their own pace on their own time. This asynchronous course has 3 mandatory live (virtual) classes:

- Oct 27: Kick-off class
- Nov 17: Mid-term class
- Dec 1: Final class

Enhancing Leadership Skills for Supervisors

Mondays 9am - 12pm

NOTE: Each participant must be a supervisor to enroll.

Wednesdays:

- Oct 25
- Nov 1, 8, 15, 22

[Register Now](#)

September is National Preparedness Month

Each September, National Preparedness Month encourages and reminds Americans to be prepared for disasters or emergencies in their homes, businesses, and communities. Long-term disaster preparedness is a must for local governments and every community in the United States should be ready to respond to weather-related and man-made emergencies.

With hurricanes, tornadoes, flooding, and other disasters now occurring more frequently and often in places with no prior record of such disasters, it is our obligation to ensure that our communities are prepared and resilient before a disaster, kept safe during one, and that communities can make an efficient, predictable, and timely recovery in the aftermath of a disaster.

For Local Governments

- **Mitigation:** FEMA describes mitigation as, "actions taken to reduce the cause, impact, and consequences of disasters."
- **Preparedness:** Being proactive with a well-planned mitigation strategy is just the first step. Preparing your government's employees and citizens is critical to ensuring your local government's business continuity, the safety of community members, and an effective recovery.
- **Response:** Once a disaster does occur, it is vital to respond quickly and efficiently. Leverage your preparation efforts by setting your action plan into motion to protect your community members and prevent further damage to physical infrastructure.
- **Recovery:** Once a disaster passes and the sky turns blue again, homes and businesses won't be repaired overnight due to the complexity of America's framework for delivering federal, state, and local disaster recovery assistance. In fact, recoveries usually take months or years to complete. Decisions made by local leaders early on in the recovery can have a massive impact on the length, predictability, and cost of the overall recovery.

For Individuals

- Know ahead of time where you would run a generator. Generator exhaust is toxic and can sicken or kill you. Always put generators outside well away from doors, windows, and vents. Never use generators inside a home, basement, garage, tent, shed, or other indoor or enclosed area.
- If your drinking water is from a private well, know your state or local contacts for inspecting the safety of your drinking water after a flood. Keep at least a 3-day drinking water supply per person, and don't forget pets.
- If your home is on a septic system, know whom to call to have it inspected after a flood, before you use it.
- Contractors need to use lead-safe work practices on emergency renovations on homes or buildings built before 1978. Activities such as sanding, cutting, and demolition can create lead-based paint dust which is harmful to adults, particularly pregnant women, and children.

Preparedness Resources from the EPA

- [General Information for Disasters](#)
- [Emergencies and Indoor Air Quality \(IAQ\)](#)
- [September - Preparedness Month - Individuals](#)
- [Disaster Debris Planning](#)
- [Post Disaster Renovations and Lead-Based Paint](#)



This September: Don't Wait. Communicate. Make Your Emergency Plan Today.

Source: [National Weather Service](#)

National Weather Service

Be Informed

- [Wireless Emergency Alerts](#)
- [NOAA Weather Radio](#)
- [Complete List of Natural Disasters](#)
- [Hazardous Weather Awareness & Preparedness](#)

Make a Plan

- [Children](#)
- [Seniors](#)
- [Disabled](#)
- [Pets \(video\)](#)

Build a Supply Kit

- [Recommended Supplies List](#)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Digital Media Toolkits are available to help preparedness partners, including state, tribal, local, and territorial health departments, communicate the importance of personal preparedness for natural disasters, disease outbreaks, and other emergencies.

- [Take Action](#)
- [Create Community](#)

Additional Training Opportunities

National Operations Center of Excellence (NOCoE)

Talking TIM: Rural Roadway Strategies for Incident Management

September 22, 2021 from 1:30 pm – 3pm EDT

State and local Traffic Incident Management (TIM) programs cover a broad range of maturity from emerging programs to those that are advanced. This webinar will focus on rural roadway strategies for incident management. For more information and to register please [Click Here](#).

Iowa LTAP

Purpose and Types of Pavement Markings

September 23, 12pm to 2pm Central (1pm to 3pm Eastern)

Purpose and Types of Pavement Markings is an interactive virtual training that includes the foundation, or basic content, that needs to be understood about pavement markings, including the basics of pavement markings, such as the types used, allowable colors and the standards for when and where to apply pavement markings. The training will also discuss sight distances and their importance to the application of pavement marking on roadways. For more information and to register please [Click Here](#).

Underground Utilities Construction Inspectors School (via APWA-Minnesota)

October 2021 to May 2022 (Monthly)

This course provides practical information to enable people with underground utility inspection responsibilities to expertly and confidently do their jobs. Iowa LTAP will be offering an on-site location in Ames at the Institute for Transportation and remote attendees may participate via a virtual option. For more information and to register please [Click Here](#).

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

Virtual Public Involvement Conversations: Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP), and Corvallis Area MPO

Tuesday, October 5th, 3pm - 4pm ET

This webinar will provide an opportunity to talk with and ask questions of two of the agencies featured in our recently-released VPI Conversations video series. The webinar will begin with a short recap of main points from CMAP and the Corvallis Area MPO. For more information and to register please [Click Here](#).

Value Capture Strategies: Making the Business and Economic Case —A Primer

Wednesday, October 6, 2021 1pm - 3pm Eastern

The Value Capture Business Case describes how governments set the policy, goals, objectives, and key performance indicators that form the basis of the policy case for a project. These are linked to the business case for a value capture technique through the allocation of costs and risks. This chapter explains how policy makers at the State and local level can achieve alignment of their policy objectives with the business and financial case for value capture techniques. For more information and to register please [Click Here](#).

Project Bundling Webinar Series

FHWA will host a series of Project Bundling Webinars every 3rd Wednesday

Advanced project bundling consists of planning and awarding similar projects to leverage all economies of scale throughout project delivery, while also achieving important program goals. Project bundling isn't new, so why are the techniques promoted in Every Day Counts round five referred to as "advanced"? This webinar series will detail more effective methods collected from national best practices. For more information and to register for any of the upcoming webinars in this series, please [Click Here](#).

Public Involvement Management Application (PIMA) Innovations

Tuesday, October 26, 1pm-2:30pm ET

This webinar will feature presentations from Iowa DOT, MassDOT, and Maine DOT and will include information about how State DOTs are working together to implement and improve Iowa DOT's Public Involvement Management Application (PIMA). Presenters will discuss how their agencies are using PIMA, and provide information about recent enhancements to the tool, including a mobile application. For more information and to register please [Click Here](#).

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