

## Plan to attend these traffic safety events

### **Annual Iowa Traffic and Safety Forum September 6, 2001 University Park Holiday Inn West Des Moines**

The third annual Iowa Traffic and Safety Forum will be held September 6 in West Des Moines. The Iowa DOT's Office of Traffic and Safety, Highway Division, sponsors this event, which this year focuses on "context sensitive design." Other topics include

- updates on traffic and safety research projects
- a report from the traffic signal design standards committee
- a discussion of crash report processing from the Motor Vehicle Division, Office of Driver Services

Iowa's local traffic and safety engineering staffs and state agency safety partners are invited to attend. Anyone who promotes transportation safety can benefit from this event.

You're welcome to submit other projects or topics for presentation. Contact Tom Welch, Iowa DOT state traffic safety engineer, 515-239-1267, tom.welch@dot.state.ia.us. Watch your mail for program notices and requests for pre-registration; the forum is free.

### **Multidisciplinary Traffic Safety Teams Peer Exchange October 23, 2001 (morning only) Four Points Hotel and Suites Des Moines**

On October 23, immediately preceding the Iowa Traffic Control and Safety Association (ITCSA) Annual Conference, invited members of multidisciplinary traffic safety teams from across the state will share what works—and what doesn't—for their teams. Topics will include

- selecting initiatives
- locating funding sources and other resources
- strengthening membership and leadership
- collaborating with other community groups and
- handling meetings and other logistics

Anyone interested in learning about multidisciplinary teams is invited to observe these discussions at no cost. Register for the event on the ITCSA Annual Conference brochure, [www.ctre.iastate.edu/itcsa/](http://www.ctre.iastate.edu/itcsa/). (You don't need to be an ITCSA member or attend the ITCSA conference to observe the peer exchange.)

The event is sponsored by the Iowa Safety Management System Coordinating Committee, the Iowa Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau, and ITCSA. For more information, contact Tom McDonald, LTAP Safety Circuit Rider, 515-294-6384, [tmcdonal@iastate.edu](mailto:tmcdonal@iastate.edu).

### **ITCSA Annual Conference October 23–24, 2001 Four Points Hotel and Suites Des Moines**

Traffic engineers, law enforcement personnel, emergency responder staff, and driver educators are encouraged to investigate what the Iowa Traffic Control and Safety Association (ITCSA) offers at ITCSA's annual conference. Members and non-members alike are invited.

The conference will be held in Des Moines beginning at 1:00 p.m. on October 23 and will conclude after lunch on the following day. Presentation topics include

- coordinated traffic enforcement
- diverse views of automated enforcement of red-light running
- first urgent hour for emergency response
- digital photos of crash scenes
- a case study of school route safety
- the new "millenium" edition of the *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices*

This year the conference will be preceded by a peer exchange for safety teams (see article below).

Registration information will be in the mail and online at [www.ctre.iastate.edu/itcsa/](http://www.ctre.iastate.edu/itcsa/) in mid-August. For more information, contact Tom McDonald, 515-294-6384, [tmcdonal@iastate.edu](mailto:tmcdonal@iastate.edu).

#### **What are multidisciplinary traffic safety teams?**

They are community-based collaborations among professionals in traffic and transportation engineering, law enforcement, emergency response, private citizen groups, and/or many other parties interested in improving traffic safety. Teams may form to solve specific problems or to identify measures that should be taken to prevent safety hazards. Their multidisciplinary nature is an important element of their effectiveness; it allows teams to consider many pertinent viewpoints on traffic safety in order to identify helpful solutions to problems and difficult issues.