

Conference calendar

March 2008

20–21	Iowa Concrete Pavement Preservation Workshop	Ames	Sharon Prochnow 515-294-3781 prochnow@iastate.edu
24	Work Zone Safety	Storm Lake	Tom McDonald 515-294-6384 tmcdonal@iastate.edu
25	Work Zone Safety	Sioux City	Tom McDonald 515-294-6384 tmcdonal@iastate.edu
26	Work Zone Safety	Council Bluffs	Tom McDonald 515-294-6384 tmcdonal@iastate.edu
27	Work Zone Safety	Ames	Tom McDonald 515-294-6384 tmcdonal@iastate.edu
28	Work Zone Safety	Ames	Tom McDonald 515-294-6384 tmcdonal@iastate.edu

April 2008

4	Pervious Concrete Forum-Iowa City		Anne Leopold 515-964-2020 aleopold@snyder-associates.com
7–11	National Work Zone Awareness Week	Kickoff in Sacramento, CA	Get more information www.workzonesafety.org/news_events/awareness_week/2008/brochure
8	Tech Transfer Concrete Consortium	Baton Rouge, LA	
9–10	National Concrete Consortium (NC ²)	Baton Rouge, LA	
TBD	Motor Grader Operator Workshops	various locations TBD	Georgia Parham 515-294-2267 gparham@iastate.edu

June 2008

17	Mower Safety Workshop	Davenport, IA	Tom McDonald 515-294-6384 tmcdonal@iastate.edu
18	Mower Safety Workshop	Iowa City, IA	Tom McDonald 515-294-6384 tmcdonal@iastate.edu
19	Mower Safety Workshop	Waterloo, IA	Tom McDonald 515-294-6384 tmcdonal@iastate.edu
20	Mower Safety Workshop	Eldora, IA	Tom McDonald 515-294-6384 tmcdonal@iastate.edu

September 2008

10	Snow Roadeo (Truck, Motor Grader, Loader)	Newton	Duane Smith 515-294-8103 desmith@iastate.edu
11	Iowa Maintenance Training Expo	Newton	Duane Smith 515-294-8103 desmith@iastate.edu

Supervisory Techniques & Skills online training available by end of April

Some Roads Scholar courses will be available soon in a new online format through Engineering Distance Education at ISU. The first course will be offered soon: Supervisory Techniques and Skills (formerly called Successful Management), a core course to achieve the level of Senior Roads Scholar. The \$75 registration fee covers all course materials.

Supervisory Techniques and Skills is designed for city, county, and state transportation personnel, as well as other public works employees in supervisory positions. Among other things, the course can help supervisors learn to

- motivate employees,
- communicate effectively, and
- handle disciplinary issues.

Offered through an online system called Moodle, the online courses will allow participants to view informational videos, conduct self-assessment inventories, and review course materials when it is convenient and at their own pace. In the case of the Supervisory Techniques and Skills, participants will have six months from the time of registration to complete the course.

On completion of any of these courses, participants will receive a certificate of completion and appropriate credit in the Roads Scholar program.

For more information, contact Duane Smith, 515-294-8817, desmith@iastate.edu. ■

Applications for traffic safety funds due June 15

Beginning in 2008, applications from cities and counties for Traffic Safety Funds will be due at the Iowa DOT Office of Traffic and Safety by June 15. Note the earlier date.

Iowa's Traffic Safety Fund (TSF), also known as the Traffic Safety Improvement Program (TSIP) or the Half-Percent Program, provides funding for local safety-related proj-

ects in three categories: site improvements, materials to install new or replace obsolete signs or signals, or traffic studies or public information initiatives.

Advancing the application deadline from August to June 15 allows successful applicants to be notified of their awards in time to begin designing approved projects

during the winter.

In anticipation of related changes to the state administrative rules, likely in June 2009, applications for 2009 projects will be due June 15, 2008. For more information about the program itself, see the TSF program website, www.dot.state.ia.us/tsip.htm. ■