

LTAP 25th Anniversary

The Iowa LTAP staff

Over the past year, we have celebrated Iowa LTAP's 25th anniversary with a series of articles about the history of LTAP. We've told you a little bit about how Iowa LTAP got started and what we've accomplished so far.

In this final issue celebrating our 25th anniversary, we'd like to introduce (or re-introduce) you to your Iowa LTAP staff and give you a sneak peek of what lies ahead for the Iowa LTAP.

Meet your Iowa LTAP staff!

Duane Smith has been director of Iowa's LTAP since 1993. He oversees all of the LTAP programs and is constantly working to develop new workshops and training events. Duane also works with the Iowa LTAP advisory board to ensure that the LTAP program is meeting the needs of Iowa's local agencies.

Tom McDonald joined the LTAP staff as Safety Circuit Rider in 1998. He travels across the state conducting workshops on topics such as flagger safety, sign and pavement markings, work zone safety, and more.

Bob Sperry, the newest member of the Iowa LTAP team, is your Local Roads Safety Liaison. He provides individual consultations and training in crash-data tools for Iowa's local agencies.

Jim Hogan took over as Iowa LTAP's librarian in 2000. He manages hundreds of publications—manuals, DVDs, reports, training references, etc.—through the Iowa LTAP library. If you're looking for information on a specific topic, call Jim!

Georgia Parham is Iowa LTAP's event coordinator and secretary. She manages the LTAP mailing list; organizes workshops, conferences, and special events; and handles a variety of other day-to-day tasks.

Dee Short is CTRE's receptionist. She helps Georgia with various LTAP tasks.



Meet your LTAP staff (from left to right) Georgia Parham, Dee Short, Bob Sperry, Jim Hogan, Duane Smith, and Tom McDonald.

Publications staff

In addition to the regular LTAP staff members, several members of CTRE's publications group also work with the LTAP program.

Marcia Brink has been managing editor of *Technology News* since she first came to CTRE in 1994.

Michele Regenold has been a writer and editor for *Technology News* since she started at CTRE in 1996. Michele maintains Iowa LTAP's website and acts as issue editor for *Technology News*.

Alison Weidemann joined the staff as CTRE's first full-time graphic designer in 2005. She designs the graphics and layout for *Technology News* and creates promotional materials for LTAP events.

Sabrina Shields-Cook began writing and editing articles for *Technology News* in 2008. She works closely with other LTAP staff, especially Director Duane Smith, to brainstorm article ideas.

What's coming in 2009?

Training and workshops

The Iowa Public Employees Leadership Academy (IPELA) is the big project on the horizon for Iowa's LTAP in 2009.

"We'll be working on getting a couple of new modules up and running and making the

ones we already have available online," says LTAP Director Duane Smith.

Supervisory Skills and Techniques, the first module in the IPELA, is already available online through Iowa State University's Distance Education program. The Effective Communication module has been developed and should be available online by mid-year of 2009.

Technology News

After the first of the year, look for an old favorite to return to *Technology News*. The always-popular "Tips from the Field" section will be making a comeback in 2009. Get your ideas ready and look for submission information in the next issue of *Technology News*. ■

You've heard from us, now let's hear from you!

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