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 Traffic 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/. (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.

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.