October 16 & 17, 2018
Shanty Creek Resorts – Bellaire, Michigan

Deploy innovation in your winter maintenance program...

Connect with industry experts...

Network for success...

Attend the Largest Snow Fighters’ Conference in Michigan!

The 2017 Winter Operations Conference attracted more than 200 operators, superintendents, managers, directors, and vendors from state, county, and municipal agencies, as well as private companies.
Tuesday, October 16, 2018
Moderator: Steve Cook, PE, Michigan Department of Transportation

6:45 Registration & Breakfast
7:55 Opening Remarks
8:00 Winter Maintenance of Gravel & Surface-treated Roads
   Warren Nicholishen, City of Toronto
8:55 Excellent Management Practices in Material Application
   Mark DeVries, Vaisala, Inc.; Wilf Nixon, PhD, PE, Salt Institute
9:50 Break
10:10 Implementing Change in a Small County
   Don Grande, Price County Highway Department
11:05 Proper Winter Patching
   Dan Koehler, Unique Paving Materials Corporation
12:00 Lunch
1:00 Managing Operator Fatigue
   Paul Albritto, Iowa Local Technical Assistance Program
2:00 Exhibitor Show Open
3:30 Finger Food in Exhibitor Area
5:00 Exhibitor Show Closes
5:30 Dinner
6:30 Networking & Games (Lawn Area)
8:30 Adjourn

Wednesday, October 17, 2018

7:00 Breakfast
8:00 All-liquid State Route
   Don Grande, Price County Highway Department
8:55 APWA Agency Accreditation – Its Benefits & How to Obtain It
   Kevin McCarthy, City of Farmington Hills
9:50 Break
10:05 Design & Sustainability for Winter Operations
   Warren Nicholishen, City of Toronto
11:00 Best Maintenance Practices for Snow Fleets
   Sam Lamerato, Public Fleet Advisors LLC
12:00 Lunch
1:00 The A to Z’s of Using Liquid Deicers
   Mark DeVries, Vaisala, Inc.; Bret Hodne, MPA, CPM, City of West Des Moines
2:00 Railroad Grade Crossing Safety
   Tina Hissong, Michigan Department of Transportation - Office of Rail; Kristian Foondle, Michigan Department of Transportation
2:30 Adjourn

Breakout Session
10:05 Wing Plow Implementation Forum

Planning Committee
Willis Greer, Superintendent, Road Commission for Oakland County
Brian Gutowski, Engineer-Manager, Emmett County Road Commission
Ryan Kemppainen, Operations Superintendent, Ottawa County Road Commission
Melissa Longworth, Region Support Engineer, Michigan Department of Transportation
Andy Manty, Training Coordinator, Center for Technology & Training
Bryan Pickworth, Road Maintenance Supervisor, City of Farmington Hills
Duane Poole, Road Foreman, Bloomfield Township
Jake Welch, Director of Operations, Barry County Road Commission
Matt Wiktorowski, Field Operations Senior Manager, City of Novi
Chris Williams, Transportation Planner, Southeast Michigan Council of Governments

Deploy innovation in your winter maintenance program...

Attendees have full access to a variety of technical presentations and hands-on demonstrations addressing urban and rural winter maintenance strategies, winter maintenance products and resource guides, infrastructure designs best suited for winter weather, and emergency response resources. Attendees will also have the opportunity to learn about effective communication techniques for winter maintenance teams and handling political issues involved in plowing operations.

Connect with industry experts...

Nation-wide suppliers of winter maintenance equipment, materials, and services will showcase the latest technologies and techniques for managing ice and snow in an afternoon exhibitor show.

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Operators, mechanics, managers, engineers, directors, and superintendents involved in winter maintenance will meet peers from municipal, county, and state agencies, as well as private companies. They will also have the opportunity to share and learn new ideas.
Accommodations
Rooms are available for Winter Operations Conference attendees at Shanty Creek Resorts at reduced rates of $95/night per standard room (single or double) or $105/night per studio parlor (single or double). Book your room at reserve.shantycreek.com/?g=449928 or 866-695-50510. The deadline for reserving a room is September 14th. Reservations made after the deadline may be subject to official resort rates.

Check-in Time
5:00 p.m.

Check-out Time
12:00 noon

Registration*
Register online at ctt.mtu.edu/training.
Per attendee through October 6th....................................................$160  
Per attendee after October 6th..........................................................$190

Visa and MasterCard are accepted. The registration fee includes access to all technical sessions as well as the exhibitor show and the outdoor equipment displays, materials and handouts, and meals and break refreshments as listed on the agenda; it does not include hotel accommodations. Please notify us in advance if you have special dietary needs.

Cancellation Policy: No-shows or cancellations within three business days prior to the conference will be charged the full registration fee. Substitutions will be accepted.

Questions? E-mail ctt@mtu.edu.

*Required for fulfillment of continuing education. The Center for Technology & Training’s continuing education policy is available at ctt.mtu.edu/ContinuingEducation.

Door Prize Raffle
Previous years’ prizes have included:
- Drone
- Trail cam
- Green and amber light bar
- Gift cards
- and more!

Enter your name between 2:00 and 2:45 in the Exhibitor Show room for a chance to win. Prizes will be drawn at 3:00, 4:00, and 5:00. You must be present to win. Visit the individual exhibit booths, which may have independent drawing and/or smaller swag items, to learn more about the latest products and technologies on the market.

*Attention Exhibitors: Register for exhibit space or donate door prize items at ctt.mtu.edu/WinterOps (see the For Vendors tab).
Register now!

To register for the 2018 Winter Operations Conference, visit:

http://ctt.nonprofitsoapbox.com/2018winterops

Register early—by October 6th—for only $160.
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