

## General Session & Exhibitor Show

Tuesday, October 17, 2017

*Moderator: Steve Cook, PE, Michigan Department of Transportation*

- 6:45 Registration & Continental Breakfast**
- 7:55 Opening Remarks**  
*John Kiefer, PE, Center for Technology & Training*
- 8:00 Keynote**  
*Bret Hodne, MPA, CPM, City of West Des Moines*
- 9:00 Snow Properties & Measurements**  
*Russ Alger, Keweenaw Research Center, Michigan Technological University*
- Break**
- 10:00 Maintenance Support System (Pooled Fund Study)**  
*Ben Hershey, Iteris, Inc.*
- 11:00 Winter Maintenance of Gravel & Surface Treated Roads**  
*Warren Nicholishen, Municipality of Port Hope, Ontario*
- 12:00 Lunch**
- 1:00 Exhibitor Show Opens**
- 2:00 Winter Operations—Differences Between Rural & Urban Areas**  
*Wilf Nixon, PhD, PE, Salt Institute*  
*Mark DeVries, Vaisala, Inc.*
- 3:30 Finger Food in Exhibitor Area**
- 5:00 Exhibitor Show Closes**
- 5:30 Dinner**
- 6:30 Networking & Games (Lawn Area)**
- 8:30 Adjourn**

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# Agenda



## Manager/Supervisor Track

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*Moderators: Chuck Fritz, City of Novi - Department of Public Works; Dean Reid, City of Novi - Department of Public Works*

- 7:00 Breakfast**
- 8:00 Understanding the Emergency Management Life Cycle**  
*Christopher Tarantino, MEP, CMCP, Epicenter Media & Training*
- 8:45 Politics & Plowing**  
*Tom Trice, Bloomfield Township*
- Break**
- 10:00 From Simple Salt Water to Super Ice Melter**  
*Denver Preston, K-Tech Specialty Coatings, Inc.*
- 11:00 Mi-TIME Traffic Incident Management System**  
*Angie Kremer, Michigan Department of Transportation*
- 12:00 Lunch**
- 1:00 Minnesota Snow & Ice Control-Field Handbook for Snowplow Operators**  
*Renae Kuehl, PE, PTOE, SRF Consulting Group*
- 1:30 Applying Long-Term Thinking to Winter Maintenance Operations**  
*Wilf Nixon, PhD, PE, Salt Institute*  
*Mark DeVries, Vaisala, Inc.*
- 2:30 Adjourn**

## Mechanic/Operator Track

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*Moderator: Duane Poole, Bloomfield Township*

- 7:00 Breakfast**
- 8:00 Open Forum (discussion with panel & audience)**  
*Kevin Campbell, Emmet County Road Commission*  
*Justin Frazer, Barry County Road Commission*  
*Session Moderators: Bryan Pickworth, City of Farmington Hills, Jake Welch, Barry County Road Commission*
- 9:45 Break**
- 10:00 Topic TBD**  
*Bret Hodne, MPA, CPM, City of West Des Moines*
- 11:00 Operators' Experiences with Tow Plows**  
*Marshall Bay, Michigan Department of Transportation*  
*Gerald Danforth, Michigan Department of Transportation*
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