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# Winter Operations Conference



## October 19-20

### Shanty Creek Resorts in Bellaire & Virtual

#### Day 1 – Tuesday, October 19

- 1 8:00 Developing Excellent Employees  
Bret Hodne, MPA, CPM, City of West Des Moines
- 2 9:00 Michigan Center for Truck Safety  
Charlie Culton, Michigan Center for Truck Safety
- 9:45 Break
- 3 10:00 WisDOT Liquids Program  
Jim Hughes, Wisconsin Department of Transportation
- 4 11:00 Snow Plow Training: Panel  
Matt Dolan, City of West Des Moines  
Duane Poole, Bloomfield Township  
Mark Crouch, Michigan Department of Transportation  
Moderator: Bryan Pickworth, City of Farmington Hills
- 12:00 Lunch
- 5 1:00 Lessons Learned - Facility Planning  
Matt Wiktorowski, City of Novi  
Bret Hodne, MPA, CPM, City of West Des Moines
- 6 2:00 The Science Behind Seasonal Weight Restrictions  
Tim Colling, PhD, PE, Center for Technology & Training
- 3:00 Exhibitor Show Open
- 6:00 Exhibitor Show Closed

#### Day 2 – Wednesday, October 20

- 7 8:00 EGLE Chloride Implementation  
Steve Puuri, PE, County Road Association of Michigan & Michigan Municipal League
- 8 9:00 Employee Recruitment and Retention: Panel  
Matt Dolan, City of West Des Moines  
Lisa Marsh, Michigan Department of Transportation  
Moderator: Jake Welch, Barry County Road Commission
- 9:45 Break
- 9 10:00 Selecting Deicing Products for Your Agency – Some Things You May Want to Know  
Bret Hodne, MPA, CPM, City of West Des Moines
- 10 11:00 Winter Maintenance Challenges  
Michigan Department of Transportation Representatives
- 12:00 Lunch
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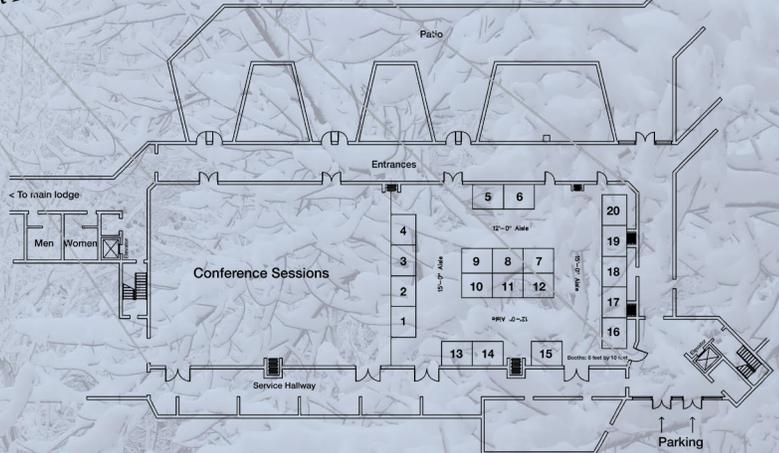
*The Michigan Winter Operations Conference is a two-day event with technical sessions and equipment demonstrations for operators, superintendents, managers, and directors. Attendees can learn the latest technologies and techniques for fighting snow on road networks and can connect with peers from state, county, and municipal agencies as well as private companies.*

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## Winter Ops Planning Committee

- Willis Greer**, Retired, Road Commission for Oakland County
- Brian Gutowski**, Engineer-Manager, Emmett County Road Commission
- Mark Crouch**, Transportation Maintenance Coordinator, 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



*Can't Travel? Attend Virtually*  
 Attend the 2021 Winter Ops Conference virtually! Your registration fee provides you with live-streaming access to all of the technical presentations.

## Registration\*

Register at <http://ctt.nonprofitsoapbox.com/2021winterops>  
 On-site or virtual attendee \*\* ..... \$170

Visa, MasterCard, Discover, and American Express are accepted. The registration fee includes access to all technical sessions on site or virtually, on-site exhibitor show, and meals and break refreshments listed in the agenda for on-site attendees; it does not include accommodations. Please notify us in advance if you have special dietary needs.

Questions? E-mail [ctt@mtu.edu](mailto:ctt@mtu.edu).

*\* Required for fulfillment of continuing education (Center for Technology & Training policy: <http://ctt.mtu.edu/ContinuingEducation>). No shows/cancellations within three business days of the event will be charged full registration fee; substitutions accepted. Accommodation requests related to a disability should be made by ten business days prior to the event to [ctt@mtu.edu](mailto:ctt@mtu.edu). Michigan Technological University is an Equal Opportunity Employer that provides equal opportunity for all, including protected veterans and individuals with disabilities.*

**\*\* IMPORTANT: Only the registered attendees will be let into the virtual conference, and only registered attendees are eligible for a certificate of attendance. Presentations will NOT be recorded. On-site attendees consent to being filmed and shown in the live stream of the event.**

## Location & Accommodations

Shanty Creek Resorts, 5780 Shanty Creek Road, Bellaire, Michigan 49615.  
 Rooms are at reduced rates at the resort until September 10<sup>th</sup>. Visit <https://www.shantycreek.com/reservations/winteropsconference> for more info or to book.

## Exhibitor Show & Prizes

Visit exhibitor booths to learn about the latest products and technologies on the market. And, enjoy hors d'oeuvres while mingling with exhibitors, presenters, and peers.

Through generous donations by our exhibitors, attendees can enter their name in the Exhibitor Show room between 3:00 and 6:00 for a chance to win a door prize! Previous years' prizes have included a drone, a trail cam, a green-and-amber light bar, gift cards, and more. Prizes will be drawn during the Exhibitor Show. You must be present to win. Individual exhibitor booths may also have independent drawings and/or swag giveaways.

\* Attention Exhibitors: Register or join the wait list for exhibit space or donate door prize items at <http://ctt.mtu.edu/WinterOps> (see the Exhibit tab).