

Drivers license and CDL news

Grader operators removing snow Federal interpretation of the Commercial Drivers License (CDL) law now mandates CDLs for grader operators doing snow removal. This means these operators must also be in a drug and alcohol testing program. Employers should move forward with getting these operators properly licensed.

CDLs not needed for small vehicles Drivers of small dump trucks (GVWRs below 26,001 pounds) used for snowplow operations **do not** need CDLs. This applies only so long as the registered and actual loaded weights are also below 26,001 pounds.

Drug testing programs As of January 1, 1996, employers of CDL drivers (regardless of size) are required to have testing programs in place to check drivers for alcohol and drugs. If you don't yet have a program in place, you need to establish one.

Backup snowplow drivers law As yet, Wisconsin has not implemented the federal CDL exception for backup snowplow drivers employed by a governmental unit with population of less than 3000 people. It may be in place for the 1996-97 winter.

If you have questions about CDLs, call Julie Clark, at WisDOT, 266-2239. Some of this information is summarized from a March 25, 1996 memorandum written by John J. Sobotik, Assistant General Counsel, Wisc. Dept. of Transportation. For a copy of this memorandum call his office at 608/266-8810, or use our Reader Response form on page 7.

Resources

A limited number of copies of the printed materials listed here are available from the Wisconsin T.I.C. unless otherwise noted. To get your copy call 800/442-4615 or use the form on page 7. Videotapes are loaned free by Wisconsin County Extension Offices.

Access, Location, and Design, Participant Notebook, NHI Course No. 15255, 1993, 492 pp. Protect street capacity and reduce traffic conflicts by applying the principals, standards, and methods presented in this well-organized resource and design guide. Helpful to engineers, planners and consultants who design streets and commercial driveways, review development plans, and develop or administer street access policies and practices.

ROADWARE 6.0, the latest version of the T.I.C. pavement management software that implements the *PASER* pavement rating system. With this new version you can keep track of the condition and maintenance costs of your pavements, shoulders, drainage, curbs, and sidewalks. You can also project five years ahead and analyze how alternate street maintenance treatments, projects, and various budgets will change the overall condition of your street system and whether you've reduced the maintenance backlog or not. Version 6.0 is more flexible and user friendly. If you have used earlier versions your data is easily transferred. If you do not use a pavement management system you can learn more about the benefits of *PASER* and *Roadware 6.0* by calling the T.I.C. at 800/442-4615 or by using the form on page 7.

Views from the Road: A community guide for assessing rural historic landscapes, by David Capps, Island Press, Washington, D.C., 1995, \$25. This easy-to-use guide can help the non-expert understand the characteristics of scenic beauty and identify it along roadsides.

Chapter 10, Erosion Control, WisDOT Facilities Development Manual (FDM), about 150 pp. A detailed description of materials and installation of erosion control devices. Copies are \$5 from Mark Truby at WisDOT, 608/266-9349, P.O. Box 7965, Madison, WI 53707-7965. Future updates and revisions are not automatic.

Trans 207 Design and Construction of Municipal Highway Bridges in or over Navigable Streams, 13 pp. This chapter of the Wisconsin Administrative Code has specific guidelines for environmental protections during culvert or bridge replacements and includes erosion control measures.

Bidding Small Road Improvement Projects, audio tape of ETN broadcast, 2/13/96. Discusses legal background for bidding small projects and using sample documents. Copies are \$6.80, payable to UW-Extension. Request by name and date from: ETN Tape Orders, ICS-UWEX, 975 Observatory Dr., Madison, WI 53706.

Bidding documents for small road projects Sample documents prepared by the T.I.C. appropriate for simple paving or sealcoat projects. Also includes owner checklist. These documents have been updated from those provided at the February ETN workshop.

New tapes in video library

Maintaining and Controlling Roadside Vegetation, (#17917) 120 min. T.I.C. This videotape of the February 1996 satellite workshop interviews citizens and a local highway official about a roadside tree-cutting dispute. Also features presentations and Q&A by Dick Stark, WisDOT landscape architect, Wayne Tlusty, UW-Extension landscape architect, Steve Pudloski of the T.I.C., and Rick Stadelman, executive director, Wisconsin Towns Association.

A Traffic Plan to Live By (13-tape series) A new resource for your in-house work zone traffic control training programs. Designed especially for low-speed, urban street locations, and training maintenance crews and inspectors. Each module is a 45-minute session focusing on a particular traffic control application or problem. Included is an easy-to-follow training leader's guide, a master copy of a participant handout, and a video of real-life examples of proper traffic control procedures. Produced by Traffic Education and Consulting Services and Wausau Insurance.

Three traffic control concepts are stressed throughout: *visibility*, *advanced warning and control*, and the *P.L.A.N.* method of setting up work zone traffic control: *Preview the location*, *Lay out the traffic flow on a diagram*, *Analyze the diagram and design the control*, *Navigate through the work zone as if you were a motorist and then make necessary revisions*. Basic concepts and the *P.L.A.N.* method are introduced in the first tape. The series then applies the concepts and method to twelve problem areas:

Introduction to Low Speed Traffic Control (#17904)
Devices (#17905)

Traffic Control Procedures (#17906)

Unattended Work Sites (#17907)

Parking Lane/Shoulder Work (#17908)

Low Speed Lane Closures (#17909)

Intersection Work (#17910)

Pedestrians (#17911)

Protection of Locators and Surveyors (#17912)

Flagging (#17913)

Street Closures (#17914)

City Maintenance Operations (#17915)

Moving and Mobile Operations (#17916)