



County Highway Officials Retire

116 years of combined leadership, knowledge, experience, professional service, commitment, and dedication to the citizens of Tennessee and the Tennessee County Highway Officials Association is what 6 county highway officials retiring this year will take with them. These individuals cannot be replaced! But more importantly TCHOA has not lost their friendship or the ability to call on their years of experience for guidance and direction. TCHOA thanks you for your years of service to our (your) Association. Enjoy your retirement and we will see you at our regional highway meetings.



Eddie Cook, Hickman County



Tom Frazier, Bledsoe County



Alvin Harper, Coffee County



Harold Glenn, Warren County



Scotty Parker, Sumner County



Wendell Wheeler
Van Buren County

TN Local Roads Safety Workshops

TDOT in conjunction with the federal highway administration will host a Local Roads Safety Workshop August 31st through September 3rd 2010. The purpose of the local roads safety initiative program is to provide assistance to local governments in Tennessee to improve safety conditions on non-state routes in their jurisdictions. TDOT has federal funding from the High Risk Rural Roads Program to administer safety projects on rural major and minor collectors and local roads where the crash rate for fatalities and incapacitating injuries exceeds the statewide average. TDOT has narrowed its selection of consulting engineering firms to provide various engineering services for this program to 9 firms. They anticipate the firm selection process to be completed in the near future. The successful engineering firm will work with county highway officials to select qualifying locations on non-state routes. The maximum safety improvement contract amount per county will be \$250,000. These projects will be 100 percent federally funded. These workshops will be conducted in all 4 highway regions. TCHOA will e-mail you a workshop location and agenda at the appropriate time.

It is currently posted on our website at www.tnhighwayofficials.org

**CONGRATULATIONS
RETIREES!**

Fuel Tax Collection

Statewide fuel tax collection for the eleven month period July 2009 through May 2010 is 0.08% above last year's collection for the same period of time. Our budget estimate for FY 09-10 was \$177M which will be exceeded but by how much depends on a strong June collection. We raised our budget projection for next year (FY10-11) to \$180M in anticipation of a stronger economy.

July through May

FY 06-07	\$168,488,000
FY 07-08	\$173,100,000
FY 08-09	\$162,946,000
FY 09-10	\$164,248,000

TCHOA Meeting

President John Deakins has called a meeting of the Tennessee County Highway Officials Association for Tuesday, August 24th at 5:00 p.m. CDT at the Marriott Nashville Airport, 600 Marriott Drive, Nashville. This general membership meeting will be held in conjunction with the University of Tennessee County Technical Assistance Service 2010 County Officials Orientation Program (COOP 2010) for newly elected county highway superintendents. The CTAS training program begins at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 24th and continues on Wednesday morning, August 25th, 2010. Please reserve these meeting dates. We will provide you with additional information as these meeting dates approach. All highway officials are encouraged to attend. There is no charge to attend this conference for newly elected officials. There is a registration fee for incumbent highway officials. That fee has not yet been established. You can also follow this conference on Facebook. Search Tennessee County Officials Orientation Program.



TDEC Establishes New Dredging Permit

Effective July 1, 2010, the statewide general permit that covers gravel dredging both commercial and private will expire and will not be re-issued. After that date all gravel dredging will be illegal unless properly permitted. Anyone wishing to apply for a permit or for permit renewal for gravel dredging must apply individually. As normal with all TDEC permit applications there is a FEE!

TCSA Fall Conference & Trade Show 2010

Mark your calendar for October 26-28, 2010, for the upcoming fall conference & trade show to be held for the first time in Pigeon Forge, TN. Note that the conference begins on Tuesday and ends with our traditional breakfast / business session on Thursday. This schedule is a departure from past years. Although we are in the early planning stages, we will plenty on tap for this event, including a dinner show, a special spouse tour to include a cooking show and lunch, and an interesting educational training session on asphalt application.

The official conference hotel is the Music Road Hotel and Inn located at 303 Henderson Chapel Road in Pigeon Forge. This is at traffic light #1 just past the upside building in Pigeon Forge. More details will be forthcoming as they are available. Make your plans to attend!

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