

From the NH LTAP Program Manager 2010 UNH T² Center Accomplishments



Another training season has come to an end. It is somewhat relieving as we switch our mindset from instant delivery to planning for the future (next season). However, it is also bittersweet as we have put energy and long hours into creating the previous training season - to only see it come to an end. Work never ceases when you work for, or in, municipal government! I say that humbly as I still consider myself 1) lucky to have a job in this economy and 2) very lucky to have the particular job I have, since I get to work with such great people both in and out of the office.

As our training season ends, I'd like to reflect on some accomplishments we've made in 2010. First, **we delivered 124 training sessions** for NH highway departments! This included 26 sessions (days) of Grader Operation and Safety, 12 sessions of Backhoe Operation and Maintenance, and 8 sessions of ATSSA Flagger Certification. **Linsey organized all 124 of these training sessions and Butch instructed, or co-instructed, 71 of these!** Also, **nine new training workshops were developed in 2010**, including a Pavement Preservation Conference and a Sign Retroreflectivity Summit. Amazing! In addition, **we exhibited at six events in 2010**, including the NH Good Roads Show, Mountain of Demonstrations, Emergency Management Conference, NH Snow Plow Rally, and the Local Government Ctr. Annual Conference.

I am proud to announce that we now have 5,330 contacts in our customer database - each contact attends our training or takes advantage of at least one of our services. Amazingly, there are currently **4,486 people enrolled in our NH Roads Scholar Training Program!** **408 students have reached Roads Scholar Level 1, 98 students have earned Roads Scholar Level 2, 113 students are at Senior (3) Level, and 208 students have graduated (level 4) from our NH Roads Scholar Training Program!** Congratulations to all of our Roads Scholars out there! Please call me if you'd like to instruct to give back what you have learned!

During 2010, we published four editions of the quarterly Road Business Newsletter, which had a total of 25 articles, including 18 original articles written by center staff. We also managed to serve on 10 boards and committees, manage 11 email listservs, update our center work plan, complete and analyze a state-wide needs assessment, develop a new layout for our workshop flyers and create a Center FaceBook page! Phew! Time for that break!

I would like to thank all our brave volunteer instructors. You get up in front of groups of people for every class and share your knowledge and stories so that your experiences can help someone else. Our Training Program would not be as successful without your hard work, energy or dedication.

I would also like to thank my two comrades - **Miss Linsey Shaw and Mr. Butch Leel** - for their hard work this past year. Linsey juggled numerous tasks and projects and met many deadlines all while supporting other staff in their roles here. Butch instructed and attended countless training workshops and events and spent many nights away from home to deliver training across the state of NH. The municipal highway workers in NH are lucky to have staff as bright, devoted, and creative as my staff is. I'm proud to serve with you both every day. Thank you from myself and on behalf of all of our NH customers! We couldn't do this without your tireless efforts! Looking forward to another successful and productive year in 2011! Stay tuned!

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