

NH Public Works Association

President's Message:

As our organization starts into a new year, I would like to say a special "thank you" to our out-going President, Ken Daniels. Even with the increasing demands on their time, there are a number of Public Works people that make time in their schedules to try to make our work more rewarding. Ken has been an active participant in many of the initiatives to better train our staff, open lines of communication with the agencies that we all work with daily, and achieve more recognition of the important work we do. Thanks, again, Ken.



I received a lot of positive feedback from our members who attended the Annual Meeting in May. The NHDES sessions on the Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act, Stream Crossing Rules and the Wetland Mitigation Fund were all timely. Even though Thelma Murphy wasn't able to give us a firm effective date for the new MS4 permit, it was encouraging to hear that the EPA is trying to address the many responses they received at the public hearing in Portsmouth and during the extended public comment period. NHDOT Commissioner Campbell did a great job keeping us entertained and informed as our keynote speaker.

If you missed us in May, don't miss us at the Ken Ward Memorial Plow Rally in Hopkinton on September 24 and at the NHLGC Annual Conference in Manchester in November. Board member Nancy Mayville is already working on the agenda for the November meeting to include speakers from NHDHR and NHDES to speak on complying with resource studies and permit requirements for municipally managed projects.

Finally, I will make my first plea as President, but it certainly won't be my last, to "Get Involved". Elsewhere in this newsletter is information on New Hampshire's first Construction Career Days and the Ken Ward Memorial Plow Rally. Both of these events require volunteers to plan and coordinate. Please plan to offer your help. I also encourage you to attend a board meeting. We meet on the second Friday of each month at 9:00 a.m. at the Local Government Center in Concord. The exceptions are May when we meet at the Annual Meeting and November when we meet at the LGC Conference. If you plan to attend or have an item that you would like considered for the agenda, please contact one of our officers.

Best regards,
Dave Lent, President

NHPWA

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- Board Member:** Jim Terrell, Walpole

If you're interested in volunteering, contact Dave Lent, dlent@merrimacknh.gov.

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4th Annual Ken Ward Memorial Snow Plow Rally

Submitted by: Carl Quiram , Public Works Director, Town of Goffstown

Once again the NHPWA is planning our 4th Annual Ken Ward Memorial Snow Plow Rally. The Hopkinton Fair Grounds will again host our event which is scheduled for September 24th (rain date Oct 1st). As in the past, the event will also include educational displays, equipment displays and educational mini-workshops. We will also be holding the Dana Wright Memorial Backhoe Competition for operators that want to display their skills.

Thanks to the generous support of our sponsors, particularly the Local Government Center, we can offer this event free of charge. The day includes continental breakfast, a tee-shirt and lunch. We will have registration forms out soon. Everyone attending needs to register and we will take the first 22 teams that register for the Plow Rally.

The competition consists of the plow teams completing an obstacle course designed to test their driving skills, a knowledge quiz and the pre-trip inspection. As in the past, the winner from the municipal teams will run-off against the winning NHDOT team to represent NH at the New England APWA Snow Plow Rodeo in November. We are hoping to have NH Chronicle there this year so we can show the residents of NH what we in public works are all about. Hope to see you all there.

Public Works Summit

Submitted by: Kathy DesRoches, Workforce Development Director, Manchester Community College

On July 22, 2009, public works officials will come together to identify common goals and develop action plans to achieve those goals. Political, economic, and social events of the past have caused the New Hampshire Public Works Standards and Training Council (NHPWSTC) to believe this planned meeting to be necessary.

The NHPWSTC is sponsoring the event in conjunction with the New Hampshire Local Government Center. Two people from each of the following groups have been invited so as to have representatives from across public works.

- NHWPCA-New Hampshire Water Pollution Control Association
- NHPWA—New Hampshire Public Works Association
- NHPWMA-- New Hampshire Public Works Mutual Aid Association
- NHPWSTC-- New Hampshire Public Works Standards and Training Council
- NHRAA—New Hampshire Road Agents Association
- NHWWA—New Hampshire Water Works Association

Dave Lent, President of the NHPWA said, "This is an excellent opportunity for the groups to discuss common interests, goals, and challenges that we face now and expect to face in the future."

If you have issues that you wish brought up at this meeting, contact Dave Lent at Merrimack Public Works.

NH Public Works Employee Memorial

HB 608, "An act establishing a committee to oversee the design and construction of a Public Works Employee Memorial for Public Works employees who died in the course of performing public duties", was signed into law by NH Governor John Lynch on June 15, 2009. The committee will include representation from the NH Public Works Association and the NH Road Agents Association among others. Our thanks to our former Board member State Rep. Gus Leraudeau, the other legislators who sponsored the bill, Butch Knowlton, the NHDOT, and to the Public Works employees who testified in favor of the bill.

Sources: <http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/legislation/2009/HB0608.html>

Construction Career Day is coming to New Hampshire!

Who is going to replace your superintendent, grader operator, or mechanic when they retire? How will we train the next generation of Public Works professionals? Here is an opportunity for you to share your experience and passion for Public Works.



Construction Career Days (CCD) events are a workforce development tool that introduce high school students to careers in the transportation construction industry and support the pipeline that will provide the professionals of tomorrow. At its core, CCD events promote hands-on activities, safety, diversity, partnership and teamwork, continuous improvement and follow-up for all of the participating students.

Established in 1999 in Texas, CCD events now take place in nearly every state in the United States. New Hampshire's first Construction Career Day is slated for Friday, September 25, 2009 at the Hopkinton State Fairgrounds. We are anticipating 600 high school juniors and seniors to attend. The NH Steering Committee includes representatives from NH Public Schools, NH Public Works Association, NH Road Agents Association and the Granite State Chapter of the National Association of Women in Construction, as well as contractors and other private sector entities.

For more information about National Construction Career Days and events please go to: www.constructioncareerdays.us

For more information on how you can participate in the New Hampshire event, please contact Catherine Schoenenberger at Stay Safe Traffic Products, Inc. at staysafetraffic@aol.com

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**Mark
These
Dates:**

Calendar

- July 22 - Public Works Summit
- September 24 - 4th Annual Ken Ward Snow Plow Rally
- September 25 - Construction Career Days

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