

## Maintain Bridge Files

More municipalities now have bridge files than was indicated in the 1996 UNH T<sup>2</sup> Center bridge maintenance workshops. A complete file would include the following:

- Drawings and other descriptive information.
- NHDOT and local inspection reports.
- Records of work done, by whom and when.
- Pictures and plans for future work.

Bridge managers in some municipalities do not maintain bridge files. The most frequent reason given was that their town offices keep the NHDOT inspection reports. Participants felt that the Public Works or Highway Department should maintain the above listed information. Departments can get copies of recent reports from the NHDOT Existing Bridge Section at 271-3714.

## Additional Information

The UNH T<sup>2</sup> Center has a number of publications and videos on bridges and bridge maintenance. Please call or email us with any questions or information requests.

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## Public Works Events Calendar

The UNH T<sup>2</sup> Center has established a Public Works Events Calendar on its web page. The URL is

[www.t2.unh.edu/training/events.html](http://www.t2.unh.edu/training/events.html).

The intent is to have one source for events of interest to public works and highway managers, their crews, and municipal engineers. All agencies, organization, and associations are invited to list their events on the Calendar. To do so, contact Dave or Kathy at the UNH T<sup>2</sup> Center.

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a snow bank. For that reason he has taken his trucks to local elementary schools to educate children of the potential dangers of digging and playing in snow banks. He would like to see more communities do this and hopes the Association can promote this type of training activity. He also hopes the Mountain of Demonstrations and NHRAA membership continue to prosper.

Lee has been a member of the Road Agent's Association for eleven years. Although, his term as President expires this summer, he will continue to serve in the role of Past-president. He's stepping down because he feels it's time the Association had some "new blood." Lee, it has been a pleasure!

## NCHRP 350\* Requirements for Work Zone Devices

### *What They Mean for NH Municipalities*

FHWA has mandated that all work zone devices used on the National Highway System (NHS) meet NCHRP 350 requirements. For new purchases of devices, FHWA has established various deadlines for meeting the NCHRP 350 criteria. One deadline has passed and others will occur soon.

Although few municipal roads are in the NHS, the standards and deadlines could apply in liability suits. It is therefore recommended that

municipal road managers require suppliers to self-certify that new devices meet NCHRP 350 criteria. Municipalities can use existing devices as they complete their normal service life.

\* NCHRP 350: National Cooperative Highway Research Program Report 350.

Source: <http://www.atssa.com/nchrp350.htm>