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*The Eastern Winter Road Maintenance Symposium in Manchester.*

## On the Road in New Hampshire

### *Eastern Snow Expo*

The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Eastern Winter Road Maintenance Symposium & Equipment Expo was held on September 4, 2003 at the Center of New Hampshire in Manchester. The event is in a different state each year. In 2001, it was in Massachusetts. In 2005 it will be in Connecticut. The 2003 show was co-sponsored by Federal Highway (FHWA), the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT), and the UNH T<sup>2</sup> Center.

The purpose of the expo was to improve agency's response to winter weather. The latest equipment and techniques were available to assist with snow and ice control, fleet maintenance, materials storage, and environmental issues.

The co-sponsors coordinated three interesting and informative educational tracks. The Environmental Track featured sessions called Environmental Impacts of Abrasives, Salt Storage, Fueling

and Vehicle Washing, and Environmental Concerns Related to Winter Maintenance Operations.

The Safety Track featured sessions entitled: Motor Carrier Regulations and Their Effect on Winter Road Maintenance, Use of Warning Lights, LEDs, and Fiber Optic Lights, Spring Weight Restrictions.

The Operations Track featured sessions entitled: Conflict Management and Communications Tactics, Maintenance Decision Support System, Weather Forecasting.

All three tracks were well-attended.

<u>Track</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Environmental	428
Safety	161
Operations	238

Three roundtables completed the day. They were entitled: Shopping for Diesel Engines, Winter Maintenance Effects of roadway Delineation, and Winter Maintenance—Liability and Insurance. Even though the roundtables began at 2:45, fifty-nine people attended.

Over 1000 people registered for the event. They came from 36 states and provinces. There were 73 vendors, whose products ranged from anti-icing chemicals to plow blades from insurance to safety clothing.

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