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Road Safety Champion Training Opportunities

Exciting training opportunities are coming up across Texas! TxLTAP continues to offer free classes for city and county employees, providing practical skills and safety-focused training at no cost to your community. The Public Works Institute also has paid registration courses for those looking to advance into more specialized areas. Available program links below.



Training Opportunities:

Road Safety Champion Program (No Cost)

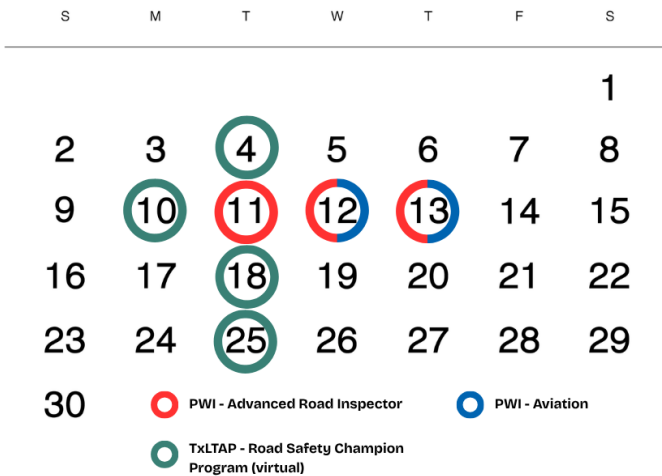
Advanced Road Inspector (Paid Reg)

Aviation Short Course Series - Airport Planning (Paid Reg)

Upcoming classes
include:

- **No Cost** TxLTAP training for Texas city

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- and county employees
- Public Works Institute Advanced Road Inspector courses (**Paid Reg**)
 - Public Works Institute Aviation Short Course - Airport Planning (**Paid Reg**)



The Digital Winter Maintenance Issue of the October APWA Reporter is Out!

As the seasons shift and communities prepare for winter, this issue dives into the innovations, strategies, and stories shaping public works today.

From digital credentialing and workforce development to winter fleet readiness and pedestrian safety, we're spotlighting the tools and training that keep our cities running smoothly.

Whether you're in the field or behind the scenes, there's something here to inform, inspire, and empower your work.



Crash Responder Safety Week 2025: November 17-21

Every second counts when traffic incident responders are on the scene. CRSW is a nationwide initiative that brings together EMS, law enforcement, fire and rescue, public works, towing, and transportation professionals to raise awareness and promote safety for those who risk their lives to keep our roads clear and safe.

This week is your opportunity to take action, whether by educating drivers, promoting responder training, or sharing your organization's commitment to roadway safety. Explore the outreach toolkit, join the national kickoff webinar, and help spread the word: slow down, move

Winter Effects on Public Works Fleets

As temperatures drop, public works fleets face unique challenges that require proactive planning and smart technology. Here's how winter impacts operations, and how agencies can stay ahead:



Increased Maintenance Needs

Cold weather puts extra strain on vehicles and equipment. Regular inspections and preventative maintenance are essential to avoid breakdowns during critical weather events.

Operational Risks

Snow and ice reduce freeway speeds and increase the risk of crashes. Fleet safety, productivity, and readiness become even more critical during winter months.



Real-Time Operational Visibility

GIS and digital fleet management tools offer real-time insights into road conditions and crew locations—boosting internal coordination and public communication.

Cost Management

Proactive maintenance and data-driven strategies help agencies stay on schedule and within budget while keeping roads clear and safe.

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Have Your Winter Roads Gone Digital?

As winter approaches, transportation agencies across the country are gearing up for more than just snow and ice, they're preparing for a digital transformation. Traditional methods of winter road maintenance, often reactive and manual, are being replaced by smart technologies like GIS, predictive analytics, and real-time fleet tracking. These innovations are reshaping how public works departments manage road safety, optimize resources, and communicate with the public during the most challenging months of the year.





Iowa DOT Winter Operations Training Series Available on YouTube

This comprehensive video playlist from the Iowa Department of Transportation is designed to prepare public works professionals for the challenges of winter road

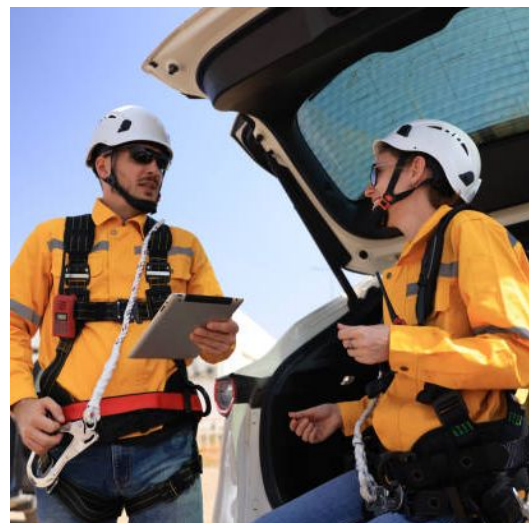
maintenance. Covering everything from preseason truck and plow prep to advanced plowing techniques, deicing strategies, and equipment calibration, the series offers practical, easy-to-follow guidance for safe and efficient winter operations.

Whether you're new to the field or a seasoned crew member, these 15 videos provide valuable insights to help keep roads clear and communities safe during the harshest months.

TxLTAP & NLTAPA Tailgate Talks



Tailgate safety talks are a key part of building a strong safety culture in public works and contracting crews. These short, focused sessions can be held weekly, monthly, or whenever new tasks or seasonal changes arise. They're designed to reinforce safe practices in a



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practical, approachable way, helping crews stay alert and informed without disrupting the workday.

[OutdoorWork.pdf](#)

[MotivateToWorkSafely.pdf](#)

[EDS-Dealing-with-Stress.pdf](#)

PWI/TxLTAP Instructor Meeting 2025

The 2025 PWI Instructor Meeting brought together instructors from across the state for two days of collaboration, learning, and strategic planning at UT Arlington's Extension and Extended Campus building. Held on October 1 and 2, the event served as a valuable opportunity to connect face-to-face, share insights, and strengthen the foundation of our public works training programs.

Bringing everyone together in one space allowed for open dialogue around current challenges, evolving needs, and innovative ideas to improve course delivery and participant engagement. These conversations are essential to ensuring our programs remain relevant, effective, and responsive to the communities we serve.



Instructors participated in targeted training sessions, including a workshop on Managing Conflict, which provided practical tools for navigating difficult conversations and fostering productive learning environments. We also welcomed a guest speaker from the Texas Municipal League, who shared valuable perspectives on local government operations and the role of public works in supporting resilient communities.

The meeting reinforced the importance of collaboration and continuous improvement. By investing in our instructors and creating space for shared learning, we're building a stronger, more unified training network—ready to meet the demands of today and tomorrow.

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