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Elected Officials:  
What YOU Need to Know About Traffic Safety  
(And What YOUR Constituents Expect YOU to Know!)

**December 1, 2008**

Gaylord, MI

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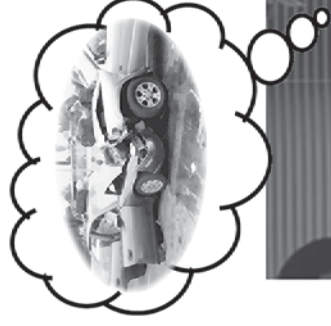
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# What Do Elected Officials Need to Know About Traffic Safety? (And What Do *YOUR* Constituents Expect *YOU* to Know?)

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## Bad Decisions Can Make Your Roads More Hazardous!

As an elected official, your communities depend on your ability to make informed decisions about issues that impact their everyday lives. Many decisions can be made based on your common sense business practices, but others require some technical understanding to make a sound decision. Traffic safety is one of those areas that you, as an elected official, need to understand to ensure safe roads in your communities. If you don't have a basic understanding of the field, what makes "common sense" to you could actually make the situation worse.

This workshop provides elected officials the background knowledge you need to understand and make decisions relating to traffic safety. It will help you understand issues affecting the safety of your roads so you can make smart decisions for your constituents. This workshop addresses traffic safety issues associated with traffic signs and signals, as well as addressing roadway operating and design characteristics that can add or detract from safety.

## Why Should I Attend?

This workshop is designed specifically for city council & commission members, township boards, county commissioners, and other local officials who need to understand traffic safety issues, and who want to make good decisions to improve the safety of your roads. The workshop is presented in plain language that is easily understood by a non-technical audience. You do NOT need an engineering background to participate. Bring your questions about your roadways to discuss as a group to gain insight into the traffic safety issues in your community.

## Registration

To register, call the Local Technical Assistance Program at (906) 487-2102. Seating is limited; please register as early as possible to ensure your participation. When you register, please let us know if you have special dietary needs.

Please call LTAP within 3 days prior to the event if you must cancel your registration so the next person on the waiting list can take advantage of this opportunity.

## Cost

A grant from the Federal Highway Administration will provide full registration fees for elected officials and local government staff, within the State of Michigan. The cost to consultants and other private sector employees is fifty dollars, which includes break refreshments and workshop materials. Call LTAP at (906) 487-2102 for registration information.

## When & Where

Each session runs from 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM on the following dates:

### **December 1, 2008**

University Center  
80 Livingston Blvd.  
Gaylord, MI 49735

### **December 3, 2008**

Washtenaw County Road Commission  
555 N. Zeeb Rd.  
Ann Arbor, MI 48103

### **December 2, 2008**

Horizon's Conference Center  
6200 State St.  
Saginaw, MI 48603

### **December 4, 2008**

Kalamazoo County Road Commission  
3801 E. Kilgore Rd.  
Kalamazoo, MI 49001

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## Workshop Agenda

8:00	Registration
8:30	<i>Most crashes occur on <b>YOUR</b> roads!</i> A profile of crashes in Michigan.
9:00	<i>What makes a road safe or unsafe for <b>YOUR</b> constituents?</i> Key factors to weigh before making a decision.
10:00	Break
10:15	<i><b>Why</b> can't I put a stop sign or signal where <b>I want it?</b></i> Safety features of traffic control devices.
11:30	<i>Question &amp; Answer</i> <b>YOUR</b> traffic safety concerns for <b>YOUR</b> community's roads.
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