

SAFETY/TRAINING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2008 WINTER HIGHWAY CONFERENCE

Since the last WCHA Conference the Safety/Training Committee has been working on topics and speakers for our upcoming Commissioner's training.

The training will take place April 2nd and 3rd at the Best Western Midway Hotel in Wausau. The deadline for registration is March 3, 2008. Some of the topics to be covered are:

- NIMS training – who needs it and what level of training is required,
- Electric car safety – how to safely approach and administer aid to occupants of vehicles during emergency situations,
- Bidding – what needs to be put out on bids,
- Work Zone Safety - new 2008 rules for Work Zone Safety,
- LFA clarification and
- A representative from the Governor's office will be there to answer questions.

We are in the process of developing a Mission Statement and a clear direction for our Committee. We will concentrate on developing resources for questions that Commissioners encounter daily. Our goal is to have the resources available on our WCHA website and also integrate the more complex questions into our yearly Commissioner's Training.

The first class of the ATSSA Training for work zone safety was held and the Committee would have liked to have seen more participation. We are no longer a focus State due to the drop in our accident frequency and severity rate, however, I talked with ATSSA and they indicated they would still give us the same rate for training.

The WISDOT, AFSCME and WCHA Ad campaign for work zone safety will kick off again in the spring. The new video for your driver is finished and will also be out this spring. I would like to thank Ernie Winters for his excellent work on the video. The Ad campaign committee would ask for everyone's support with the new campaign. The ads are more graphic than anything WISDOT has done, but the committee felt with the seriousness of the subject that the ads are appropriate.

Respectfully Submitted,
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Safety/Training Committee Chairman