

## Tech Talk – A Quick List of Ongoing Projects from the Technical Committees August 2015

- The Emergency Management Committee members continue to monitor and contribute to the work of the National Homeland Security Consortium, the Nationwide Public Safety Broad Network and the FHWA Executive Leadership Group, an executive-level organization which provides critical thinking and ideas on addressing policy and strategic issues related to the National Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Response System.
- The Engineering and Technology Committee is finishing up revisions to the APWA Red Book on Qualifications-Based Selection Guidelines for Public Agencies along with the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC). The committee is preparing a work plan draft for the coming year which will be finalized at congress.
- The Facilities and Grounds Committee is working to expand awareness of the new Urban Forestry Incident Command Engagement Model. A Click, Listen & Learn on the topic is scheduled for November 11.
- Following submission of *Reporter* articles for the September issue, Fleet Services Committee members are turning their attention back to identifying new ways to support the Certified Public Fleet Professional program.
- Leadership and Management Committee (LMC) invites those interested in leadership and management issues to participate in an open forum on Monday, August 31 from 1:30-3:00 pm at Congress. Participants will include LMC members, LM Knowledge Team members, ELA graduates and chapter liaisons.
- The Solid Waste Management Committee is evaluating the impacts of the new EPA “Interim procedure for Submitting Notifications under the 2015 Definition of Solid Waste final Rule.”
- The Transportation Committee continues to monitor activity on a Highway Trust Fund “fix” and is discussing ways some states are filling the funding gap. The Winter Maintenance subcommittee is completing articles for October issue of the *Reporter* magazine and working on a Click, Listen, and Learn presentation.
- The Utilities and Right of Way committee has prepared a draft work plan for the coming year and will finalize projects at congress. Best Practices for abandoned utilities have been developed by the committee and are being circulated to other stakeholders for comments.
- The Water Resources Management Committee will have a full agenda at their August meeting in conjunction with the APWA Congress. Among the initiatives to be discussed will be determining topics for articles that will be featured in the February 2015 APWA Reporter’s Water Resources issue. If you have an interest in submitting an article to the committee for consideration for inclusion in this issue, please contact Karen Wilson at [kwilson@apwa.net](mailto:kwilson@apwa.net).

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