

SECTION VIII REPORTS FROM REGIONAL EQUIPMENT MANAGERS MEETINGS

SOUTHEAST EQUIPMENT MANAGERS MEETING

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The equipment managers in the Southeastern states have developed a very active series of regional meetings. Every year the level of activity and the number of participants increase.

At each annual meeting, the states represented are asked to present information on equipment programs they are conducting and that are of interest to the other participants. For topics of special and current interest, a round table discussion (RTD) is used to encourage discussion regarding the topic.

Through 1990, four meetings have at locations throughout the southeast. The state agencies that have been involved include Alabama State Highway Department (ASHD), Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (ASHTD), Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KTC), Louisiana Department of Transportation (LDOT), Mississippi State Highway Department (MSHD), North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), South Carolina Department of Highways and Public Transportation (SCDHPT), Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT), Texas State Department of Highways and Public Transportation (TSDHPT), Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), and West Virginia Division of Highways (WVDOH). The locations of the meetings and topics covered were:

1987 - Montgomery, Alabama

- Automatic Fueling, FDOT
- Equipment Specifications, MSHD
- Fleet Standardization, VDOT
- Problem Equipment, TDOT
- Underground Fuel Storage, VDOT

1988 - Cannan Valley, West Virginia

- Equipment Purchases, ASHTD
- Quality Assessment Reviews, FDOT
- Replacement Criteria, ASHD
- Specialty Equipment, WVDOH
- Tire Specification, NCDOT
- Training Programs, WVDOH
- Underground Fuel Storage, WVDOH
- Vehicle Assignments, ASHD

1989 - Hot Springs, Arkansas

- Automated Refueling, VDOT
- Bonding, ASHTD
- Centralized Hydraulic Repairs, ASHTD
- Commercial Drivers License, KTC
- Employee Assistance Programs, SCDHPT
- Equipment Disposal, ASHD
- Equipment Information Exchange Newsletter, TSDHPT
- Guaranteed Buy Back Update, ASHTD
- Lease Purchase Procedures, WVDOH
- Rental Rates, MSHD
- Specification Review, TDOT
- Tire Retreading, NCDOT and SCDHPT
- Truck Mounted Attenuators, LDOT
- Underground Storage Tanks, VDOT

1990 - Williamsburg, Virginia

- Air Conditioning Policy, RTD
- Anti-lock Brake Systems, Eaton Corp.
- Apprentice Training, NCDOT
- Commercial Driver's License, VDOT
- Coolant Maintenance, ASHD
- Disposal of Tires, Batteries, Waste oil, Antifreeze and Mufflers, VDOT
- Electronically Controlled Diesel Engines, Caterpillar Corp.
- Engine & Transmission Selection for Single Axle Dump Trucks, TDOT
- Fuel Spill and Site Cleanup, VDOT
- Maintenance, Use and Testing of Special Purpose Equipment, RTD
- Mechanic Training, VDOT
- Preventive Maintenance, RTD
- Reconditioning Used Equipment, KTC
- Replacement Criteria, TDOT
- Specification Review, RTD
- Underground Storage Tank Update, VDOT
- Warranty Provisions in Specifications, TDOT

MIDWESTERN STATES EQUIPMENT CONFERENCE

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Until recently, attempts to organize a conference of fleet managers from the state transportation agencies within the Midwestern region were unsuccessful. On October