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Summer has arrived and with it comes new and exciting things to look forward to!

In this issue of the Arizona Milepost, we are celebrating several recent graduates of the Road Scholar Program! Additionally, we have included a quick overview of the trainings our center has delivered during the first two quarters of the year.

As we head into the last half of the year, we are renewing our commitment to providing Arizona's LPAs with the best technical transportation resources out there. We have added a new training to our catalogue and are in the process of developing additional courses and a new program which we hope will provide you with professional development opportunities to advance you in your career.

As always, we look forward to working with and on behalf of you, our agencies and partners.

Rebecca Mayher,
AZ LTAP Program Manager

ON THE ROAD

with our trainers



- Hualapai Tribe
- City of Somerton
- Quechan Indian Tribe
- Maricopa County
- City of Casa Grande
- City of Maricopa
- Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
- City of Cottonwood
- Town of Parker
- Town of Queen Creek
- Gila County
- Apache Junction
- City of Buckeye
- Pinal County
- City of Tolleson
- Town of Payson
- Pima County
- City of Eloy
- Town of Pinetop-Lakeside
- Pascua Yaqui Tribe
- City of San Luis
- City of Prescott
- City of Coolidge
- Yavapai County

Winter & Spring Quarter

TRAINING ROUNDUP

January to June 2024

67
TRAININGS
DELIVERED

to

41
LOCAL PUBLIC
AGENCIES

for

883
EMPLOYEES
TRAINED



The Road Scholar Program provides an opportunity for local municipal employees to be trained by AZ LTAP in the latest technologies and innovations through a series of instructor-led training. Enrollment into the program is free to all agencies and their

employees. Our program currently offers three levels of training, each of which feature a carefully curated curriculum of courses suited to transportation workers at every level of their career (i.e. entry level, low level managers, and supervisory/management).

Please join us in congratulating the following individuals who have completed the requisite hours of training to become *Road Scholars* of the listed level !

ROAD SCHOLAR	AGENCY	LEVEL	DATE
Landon Adsuara	City of Casa Grande	Level I	March 2024
Clinton Bradford	City of Casa Grande	Level I	March 2024
Duane Duvall	City of Casa Grande	Level I	March 2024
Joshua Florez	City of Casa Grande	Level I	March 2024
Paulo Gonzalez	City of Casa Grande	Level I	March 2024
Oscar Orduno	City of Casa Grande	Level I	March 2024
Michael Campbell	Pinal County	Level III	May 2024

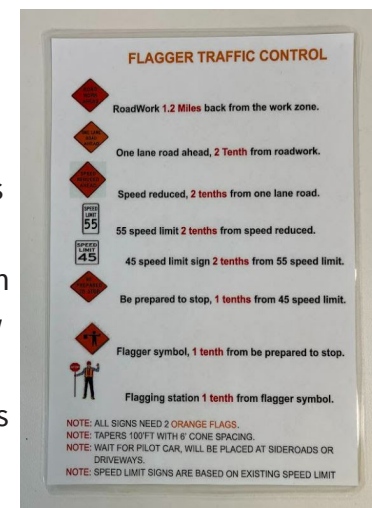
<https://www.azltap.org/services/road-scholar-program>

A new innovation is making it easier for ADOT crews to quickly and efficiently set up traffic control, while also improving safety.

Highway Operations Tech 4 Robert Ortiz, with the Infrastructure Delivery and Operations Division’s Quartzsite Maintenance Unit, created a traffic control flash card for reduced speed flagging operations.

The card shows what signs are needed, what order the signs go in, the spacing between the signs and additional notes to ensure crews are safe in the field.

The card also features measurements in tenths of a mile versus feet, so the crew can use their vehicle’s trip odometer to measure distance. The flash card makes setting up traffic control smooth and straightforward.



“The crew loves it,” Ortiz said. “It makes it easier for them, and they can check that they have the correct signage when going to do a flagger operation.” Ortiz is now working on a similar innovation for lane closures. - *This featured story and the accompanying photo are courtesy of the ADOT Communications team via the ADOT Connections (June 12, 2024)*

***Note: There are minor errors on the featured image. Should you choose to adopt this innovation, please ensure you abide by your agency’s policies.**



Do you know of an innovation your agency has developed that has improved the work you do? Well, we want to hear about it!

Scan the QR code to submit an innovation for local & national recognition!

American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) individuals are more than three times as likely to be killed while walking, compared with Americans of all other racial and ethnic backgrounds.

The disproportionate impact of pedestrian fatalities among this population is largely the result of unsafe road design. A common feature of pueblos, reservations, and the urban and suburban areas of cities to which many AI/AN people were forcibly relocated in the 1950s is the presence of high-speed highways close to homes, schools, businesses, and other destinations. When a pedestrian is struck by a car at 30 mph, the probability that the collision will be fatal is just 10% – however the pedestrian fatality risk rises to 50% at 40 mph, and to a shocking 90% at 50 mph. Unfortunately, most roads in the neighborhoods where AI/AN people live, work, and play have been designed for 50 mph or faster.

To address this crisis, America Walks is partnering with Pueblo of Jemez, Cherokee Nation, and the University of Montana on a project which will focus on education, movement building, and redesigning highways. We are grateful to the National Safety Council for funding the work with a Road to Zero grant.

In this webinar, members of the project team will describe the crisis of pedestrian fatalities in Indian Country and provide an overview of the 12-month project, which will include workshops and Quick-Build projects in tribal communities. | *Announcement taken from the National Center for Rural Road Safety Training Announcement (Volume 225)* | **For more information about this training, visit: <https://americawalks.org/webinar-pedestrian-fatalities-indian-country/>**

In case you may have missed it, we have added a new training to our Road Scholar Matrix, Emergency Management. This course focuses on the principles promoting effective disaster response operations and management. The nature of disasters, the context of state and Federal response operations and the roles and responsibilities of various emergency management related organizations are examined. It will also cover [Section 6I.01](#) (Incident Management) of the [Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices](#).

Currently, we have pre-scheduled a VIRTUAL session for delivery on July 30, 2024. Enrollment is open to all agencies with normal training fees applied. To view the other pre-scheduled training, [click here](#).



Arizona Department of Transportation turns 50! Arizona's Department of Transportation (in which the Arizona Local Technical Assistance Program operates out of) became a state agency on July 1, 1974. Seeing around *10 Billion Vehicle Miles Traveled per year*, ADOT plays a crucial role in ensuring Arizonans can safely traverse our great state.



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