

2021 Virtual District Meetings

AGENDA

March 12th

8:45am – 9:00am

Teleconference / Zoom Entry

Beginning at 8:45am, staff will be available to grant access to the program. You can choose to access the meeting via phone or Zoom.

9:00am – 9:15am

Call to Order, Introductions, and Announcements

9:15am – 10:00am

WTA 2021-2023 Legislative Agenda Overview

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Speakers:

Mike Koles, WTA Executive Director

Joe Ruth, WTA Attorney/Lobbyist

10:00am – 10:10am

Break

10:10am – 11:00am

Heavy Concepts: Understanding State Law and Municipal Authority to Impose Weight Limits on Local Roads:

This session will provide an explanation of the state laws pertaining to weight limits and describe the different types of weight limit restrictions that local governments may choose to implement. Some best practices for adopting defensible weight limit ordinances and permitting procedures will also be reviewed.

Speaker: Carol Nawrocki, WTA Assistant Executive Director

11:00am – 11:10am

Break

11:10am – 12:00pm

State Legislator Panel

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Speakers:

Assembly Speaker Robin Vos

Senate Majority Leader Devin LeMahieu

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Department of Revenue Updates

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Speaker: John Dickert, Wisconsin Department of Revenue State and Local Finance Division Administrator

9:45am – 10:45am

Wisconsin Fire/EMS Service Requirements & Funding Options

Review your local government's legal requirements to provide Fire and EMS services to your community, explore options for funding these services, and learn about how the Service Award Program (formerly known as LOSAP) can help to attract and retain volunteer fire fighters, first responders, and EMTs.

Speakers:

Lara Carlson, WTA Attorney

Jake Langenhahn, WTA Outreach Specialist

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Volunteer Recruitment and Retention

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Speaker: Phil Stittleburg, La Farge Fire Chief

March 22nd

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- 2:10pm – 3:00pm** **Legislative Panel**
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Senate Minority Leader Janet Bewley
Assembly Minority Leader Gordon Hintz
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