FALL 2015 TAMCAR CONFERENCE
The fall conference of the Tennessee Association of Municipal Clerks and Recorders is scheduled for Sept. 16-18 at Embassy Suites in Murfreesboro. READ

MTAS CONDUCTS TRAINING ACROSS TENNESSEE ON REGULATIONS AND MANAGEMENT OF WASTEWATER SYSTEMS
To kick off the month of August, MTAS Utility Operations Consultant Brett Ward facilitated a training course entitled “Layman’s Approach to the Regulations and Management of Wastewater Systems.” READ

MTAS 2015 LEGISLATIVE SESSION REVIEW NOW OFFERED ONLINE
New legislation passed by the TN Legislature in 2015 addressed every corner of municipal administration. READ
THE FALL CONFERENCE OF THE TENNESSEE ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL CLERKS AND RECORDERS IS SCHEDULED FOR SEPT. 16-18 AT EMBASSY SUITES IN MURFREESBORO.

Municipal government officials are under constant pressure to deliver services more efficiently. As a municipal government professional you must continually evaluate your performance in terms of productivity and effectiveness to keep pace with today’s demands as well as to prepare for tomorrow’s challenges. You must keep up with new trends, sharpen old techniques and acquire new skills.

Your participation in this training program will help prepare you for the challenges of public service. By participating in this course, you are joining an outstanding group of municipal professionals who realize that education is a life-long process.

These hours will apply toward your state certification and your international institute of municipal clerks certification if you are a member of IIMC. These hours will also apply as elective hours toward municipal administrative program certificates. Many of these hours may also satisfy the continuing education requirements that are mandatory to maintain your certifications including the certified municipal finance officer (CFMO).

TO KICK OFF THE MONTH OF AUGUST, MTAS Utility Operations Consultant Brett Ward facilitated a training course entitled “Layman’s Approach to the Regulations and Management of Wastewater Systems.” These courses were held at the UT Conference Center (Knoxville), Tennessee Bureau of Investigation Headquarters (Nashville), and the Jackson Energy Authority (Jackson).

The objective for this Municipal Administration Program (MAP) course was to provide elected officials and non-technical city staff members a better understanding of the details of wastewater system operations and management so they can communicate better with customers and citizens. During these classes Ward pointed out challenges that sewer system employees face, such as protecting public health, what’s in sewage and how much is present, and the regulations cities and wastewater plants face.

For other MTAS MAP trainings go to the MTAS web site www.mtas.tennessee.edu or contact Kurt Frederick kurt.frederick@tennessee.edu (615-253-6385) or Patrick Mills patrick.mills@tennessee.edu (865-974-0413).
NEW LEGISLATION PASSED BY THE TN LEGISLATURE IN 2015 ADDRESSED EVERY corner of municipal administration. Whether individuals represented law enforcement, finance and budgets or were elected officials, there was legislative updates which pertained to Tennessee cities.

The Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS), in cooperation with the Tennessee Municipal League (TML), facilitated training on the 2015 Tennessee State Legislature’s session. With more than 170 participants, these sessions were conducted in Kingsport, Knoxville, Franklin, Collegedale and Jackson. These interactive classes covered 35 areas and over 230 individual legislative acts. Areas of interest included: alcoholic beverages, animals, authorities, boards, commissions, codes enforcement, contracts, crime and criminal procedure, economic development, education, elections, environment, finance, fire, firearms, general government, land use, planning and zoning, landlords and tenants, law enforcement, motor vehicles and traffic, personnel, records, state government, taxation, tort liability, transportation, and utilities. The intended purpose of these sessions was to educate municipal officials regarding changes in laws impacting Tennessee cities.

Municipal employees across the state discovered what impact recent state legislation will have on their respective communities with the assistance of the UT Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS). MTAS Legal Consultant Elisha Hodge held legislative update classes throughout the month of July. These information-packed courses were an excellent opportunity for municipalities to learn about the impact the legislation will have on them.

Some city officials attending the sessions provided comments such as:

“Very informative and time relevant!”

“All the laws in four hours - Impressive”

and

“Quality speaker - hit the high key points of law, with fun slides to entertain the class.”

If you missed the instructor led version of this course it is not too late to catch up on this year’s legislation. Elisha has summarized the information that you need to know in an online version of this course. You will be able to download the “Summary of 2015 Public Act” and listen to only the areas you are interested in throughout the course. To register for the online version visit http://mtas.tennessee.edu and click on the headline for the Municipal Legislation 2015 Online course.
UPCOMING CONFERENCES

International City/County Management Association
Annual Conference
September 27-30 | Seattle, Wash
More info

Tennessee Stormwater Association Annual Conference
October 20-23
Fall Creek Falls State Park
More info

Tennessee Government Finance Officer Association
October 22-23 | Murfreesboro
More info

International Association of Police Chiefs Annual Conference
October 24-27 | Chicago, IL
More info

Renewable Energy Conference (TREEDC)
December 14-15 | Cookeville
More info

TAMCAR Fall Conference 2015
September 16-18 | Murfreesboro
More info

IPMA-HR 2015 Training Conference and Expo
September 28-30 | Denver, CO
More info

Tennessee Urban Forestry Council Conference
October 1-2 | Memphis
More info

Tennessee City Management Association
October 21-23 | Chattanooga
More info

Check out the 2015 MTAS Training Catalog and plan your training calendar now!

MTAS Training Opportunities

Bridging the Generational Gap in the Workplace: Smoky Mountain Paralegal Association
9/25/2015 1:00 PM Knoxville Holiday Inn Select

CMFO-Debt Management
9/23/2015 8:30 AM Memphis Memphis City Hall
9/30/2015 8:30 AM Collegedale Collegedale City Hall
9/30/2015 8:30 AM Nashville CIS Training Room

Municipal Court Clerk Class 2015
9/29/2015 8:30 AM Smyrna Smyrna Town Centre

Reflective Practices in the Workplace
9/22/2015 8:30 AM Jackson Jackson Energy Authority
9/23/2015 8:30 AM Franklin Williamson County Ag Expo Park
9/29/2015 8:30 AM Knoxville Univ of Tenn - Conference Center

CMFO-Payroll, Benefits & Pensions
10/12/2015 8:30 AM Memphis Memphis City Hall
10/21/2015 8:30 AM Collegedale Collegedale City Hall
10/28/2015 8:30 AM Nashville CIS Training Room

Cyber Security
10/7/2015 8:30 AM Collegedale Collegedale City Hall
10/8/2015 8:30 AM Knoxville Univ of Tenn - Conference Center
10/13/2015 8:30 AM Nashville TBI Headquarters
10/21/2015 8:30 AM Jackson Jackson Energy Authority

IT Security Warrior
10/28/2015 8:30 AM Collegedale Collegedale City Hall
10/29/2015 8:30 AM Knoxville Univ of Tenn - Conference Center

Municipal Court Clerk Class 2015
10/15/2015 8:30 AM Collegedale Collegedale City Hall
10/16/2015 8:30 AM Cookeville Leslie Town Center
10/21/2015 8:30 AM Johnson City Carnegie Hotel
10/22/2015 8:30 AM Knoxville Univ of Tenn - Conference Center

Roberts Rules of Order: Maximizing Your Meetings
10/13/2015 10:00 AM Jackson Jackson Energy Authority
10/14/2015 10:00 AM Nashville TBI Headquarters
10/15/2015 10:00 AM Knoxville Univ of Tenn - Conference Center