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Exploring Innovation in Service Delivery

Cities across Tennessee are facing more complex challenges, and at MTAS we believe meeting those challenges requires both strong fundamentals and a willingness to evolve. Along with our long-standing commitment to hands on support, we are intentionally looking for new and innovative ways to deliver more advanced services.

As an organization, MTAS is exploring how technology can help us serve cities better, whether that means expanding access to data, enhancing training delivery or using new tools to support better decision making at the local level. Our goal is to make MTAS services more timely, more practical and more impactful for the communities we serve.



Angie Carrier
MTAS Interim
Executive Director

Innovation doesn't replace relationships or experience, it strengthens them. By combining technology with trusted expertise, MTAS will continue to be a reliable partner for cities and towns across Tennessee, today and into the future.



We're committed to innovating for you!

Meet New MTAS Finance and Accounting Consultant Jill Lewis



Jill Lewis joined MTAS on January 5 as the new finance and accounting consultant in East Tennessee. We asked her a few questions to introduce her to Tennessee cities.

What's your professional background, and what drew you to the consulting role at MTAS?

“Most recently, I served as a local finance consultant for the Tennessee Department of Education, where I partnered closely with school districts to provide financial guidance, support compliance efforts and help strengthen fiscal operations. In that role, I gained valuable experience working collaboratively with district leaders, analyzing financial data and offering practical solutions tailored to their specific needs.

I was drawn to the consulting role at MTAS because it builds on that foundation while expanding the scope of impact. The opportunity to work with a broader range of municipalities, tackle new challenges each day and support local leaders in improving their operations is especially appealing to me. I genuinely enjoy meeting new people, building relationships and helping others strengthen their roles and organizations. MTAS represents a chance to continue doing meaningful work while growing professionally in a dynamic and service-oriented environment.”

In your day-to-day work, how will you be supporting cities and town officials across Tennessee?

“In my day-to-day work, I will be supporting cities and town officials across Tennessee by showing up and by truly listening to what their needs are. Every community is different, and the best way to serve them is by being present, accessible and responsive.”

What are you most excited about as you start working directly with communities through MTAS?

“I'm most excited about building relationships with the personnel in the cities I'll be working with. Getting to know them, understanding their unique challenges and meeting them where they are will allow me to provide meaningful support and help achieve better outcomes for both their teams and their communities.”

Outside of your MTAS work, what's one thing people might be surprised to learn about you?

“One thing people are often surprised to learn about me is how much I enjoy solving complex problems just for fun—whether it's puzzles, strategy games or breaking down big ideas. I genuinely enjoy figuring things out.”

WELCOME,
JILL!

RIC Connect Webinar Returns May 20 with Special Guest John Chlarson

After the successful inaugural season last year, the Research & Information Center (RIC) Connect webinar series will return in 2026 on Wednesday, May 20, at 10 a.m. EDT. In addition to RIC librarians, this installment will feature a special guest: MTAS Public Works Consultant John Chlarson!



Lyndy Wibking
MTAS Librarian

Many of you may already know John from his 28 years serving Middle and West Tennessee municipalities and/or his tenure with the Tennessee Chapter of the American Public Works Association. Prior to joining MTAS, John held a variety of positions in government, industry and private consulting.



John Chlarson
MTAS Public Works
Consultant

Join us for this RIC Connect webinar to learn how his expertise in civil engineering can help you help your communities.

The RIC Connect webinar series is designed to introduce our customers across Tennessee to the services and resources available through the MTAS Research & Information Center. Registration links and information on upcoming sessions will be shared through the MTAS website and social media.



West Tennessee Mayor’s Association: A Tradition of Regional Leadership

The West Tennessee Mayor’s Association (WTMA) traces its origins to the early 1950s, when the elected leadership of the 110 cities across West Tennessee united to speak with one voice on issues affecting their communities. For decades, this collaborative spirit has strengthened regional advocacy and supported improved municipal governance.

The partnership between MTAS and WTMA began in the early 1990s. This affiliation is a natural fit—MTAS’s mission includes providing education, training and technical assistance to Tennessee municipalities.

As part of this role, MTAS supports the association by coordinating meetings, sharing resources and bringing University of Tennessee expertise directly to the cities we serve. Service is in our name, and we are proud to support the work of West Tennessee’s municipal leaders.



University (Johnson City, TN)
 • Assistant Town Administrator, Collierville, Shelby County (20)
 • Planning Manager, TDOOT On Transportation (Standalone Nashville) (2016-2018)
 • Director of Planning and Eng Summer County Government
 • Executive Director, UT IPS Co Planning, October 2023



The West TN Mayors Association kicked off 2026 in January by welcoming the new president Ryan Griffin (McKenzie), expressing deep appreciation to the outgoing WTMA president Julian McTizic (Bolivar). Josh Suddath, executive director of the UT Center for Local Planning provided an overview of this new Institute for Public Service Agency. MTAS Management Consultant and WTMA Secretary Dana Deem also joined.

Interested in attending an upcoming meeting?

WTMA will meet on these dates:

- Tuesday, April 7
- Tuesday, July 7
- Tuesday, October 6

All meetings begin at 11:00 a.m. Central Time at:
 Southwest Tennessee Development District Office
 105 College Street
 Jackson, TN

For questions or additional information, contact:
 Dana Deem, WTMA Secretary
dana.deem@tennessee.edu

The 2026 Legislative Session Is Underway

The Tennessee General Assembly has convened for the 2026 legislative session. As in prior years, a wide range of legislation is expected, which could impact cities and towns across the state. While it is still early in the session, municipal officials should be aware of several general topic areas that frequently arise and have local government implications. Legislation impacting municipalities often addresses issues such as municipal authority, public safety, zoning and land use, taxation and revenue, open meetings and public records, and municipal courts.

It is important to keep in mind that legislation often changes significantly as it moves through the general assembly. Amendments, sometimes adopted late in the process, can substantially alter a bill's scope or its impact on municipalities. As a result, the full effect of proposed legislation may not be clear from its original language.

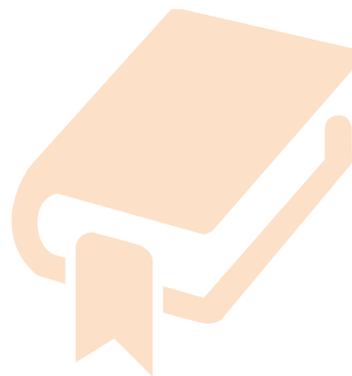
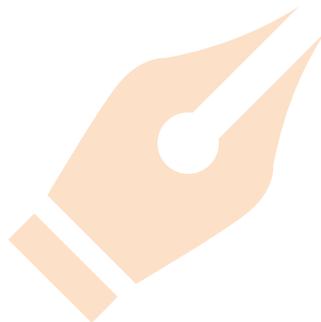
MTAS will continue to monitor legislative activity throughout the session and track bills that may



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MTAS Legal & Codes
Program Manager

affect Tennessee municipalities so that we can provide guidance on new and amended laws after the legislative session.

Be on the lookout for information regarding MTAS Legal Consultant John Waddell's 2026 Legislative Updates training session. This post-session training covers laws passed during session impacting Tennessee's cities and towns. In the meantime, please make sure you are connected with the Tennessee Municipal League for current information from this year's legislative session.



Fire Hydrants and Public Water Systems

The purpose of a public water system is to provide safe and adequate potable water for the consumers. Providing fire protection is not a state or federal requirement for a public water system. If a public water system decides to provide fire hydrants for the fire service, then fire hydrants and distribution lines serving them must be built per the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation's Community Public Water Systems Design Criteria and with the regulations found in Tennessee Rule Chapter 0400-45-01, Public Water Systems. Below is the section in the rule concerning fire hydrants. There is one more reference in the rule that states the fire hydrants must be on the distribution map of the system.

Rule 0400-45-01-.17

(18) All community water systems planning to or having installed hydrants must protect the distribution system from contamination. All water mains designed for fire protection must be six inches or larger and be able to provide 500 gallons per minute with 20 pounds per square inch residual pressure. Fire hydrants shall not be installed on water mains less than six inches in diameter or on water mains that cannot produce 500 gpm at 20 psi residual pressure unless the tops are painted red. Out of service hydrants shall have tops painted black or covered with a black shroud or tape.

Existing Class C hydrants (hydrants unable to deliver a flow of 500 gallons per minute at a residual pressure of 20 pounds per square inch (psi) shall have their tops painted red by January 1, 2008.



Steve Wyatt
MTAS Utilities Operations
Consultant

The water system must provide notification by certified mail at least once every five years beginning January 1, 2008, to each fire department that may have reason to utilize the hydrants, that fire hydrants with tops painted red (Class C hydrants) cannot be connected directly to a pumper fire truck. Fire Departments may be allowed to fill the booster tanks on any fire apparatus from an available hydrant by using the water system's available pressure only (fire pumps shall not be engaged during refill operations from a C hydrant).

The colors that you see on different fire hydrants are based upon a National Fire Protections Association recommended practice. The purpose is to provide information to the fire service personnel on the flow capabilities of the fire hydrant. The bonnet (top) and the caps should be painted with the appropriate color; as an alternative the utility may paint the whole hydrant the appropriate color. NFPA 291 suggests the following color scheme:

Classification and Marking of Hydrants

Hydrant Classification	Color Scheme	Hydrant Capacity (gpm)	Hydrant Capacity (L/min)
AA	Light Blue	> 1500	> 5700
A	Green	1000-1499	3800-5699
B	Orange	500-999	1900-3799
C	Red	< 500	< 1900

What's New in Municipal Finance: 2026 Overtime Rules, Fee Requirements and FY 2027 Budget Prep

As we move further into budget season and prepare for upcoming fiscal years, there are several important updates Tennessee municipalities should be aware of. Some involve new federal reporting requirements; others affect local fee documentation and budget preparation. Taking a little time now to review these items can help avoid headaches later.



Eric Spencer
MTAS Finance and
Accounting Program
Manager

OVERTIME REPORTING CHANGES ARE COMING

The recently passed One Big Beautiful Bill Act of 2025 includes a provision titled “No Tax on Overtime.” While implementation details continue to unfold, municipalities need to begin preparing now for reporting changes that will take effect in 2026.

Specifically, municipalities will be required to track Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) overtime premiums separately for reporting purposes. The provision does not apply to all overtime pay. It only applies to the extra premium of FLSA overtime.

If you haven't already, now is the time to:

- Review how your payroll system tracks overtime.
- Confirm that FLSA overtime premiums are clearly identified.
- Work with your payroll or software vendor to ensure your system can capture and report the necessary data.
- Double-check that payroll entries are being coded correctly and consistently.

Getting ahead of these changes now will make the 2026 reporting process much smoother.

[This resource document](#) from MTAS may help.

DEVELOPMENT FEES OVER \$250? BE SURE YOU HAVE DOCUMENTATION

On April 3, 2025, Governor Bill Lee signed Public Chapter No. 140 into law. This Act amended Titles 5, 6 and 7 of the Tennessee Code by introducing a new requirement for municipalities that charge development-related fees exceeding \$250. If your city assesses these types of fees, you must now document the cost justification behind them.

In simple terms, municipalities need to be able to demonstrate the fee is reasonably related to the actual cost of providing the service. Proper documentation is essential and should be maintained in case of audits, public inquiries or legal scrutiny.

Now is a good time to review your current fee schedule and ensure supporting cost analyses are on file and up to date.

Additional information can be found in the [Policy Guide for Local Governments: Documentation and Justification of Development Fees in Compliance with Public Chapter No. 140.](#)

What's New in Municipal Finance: 2026 Overtime Rules, Fee Requirements and FY 2027 Budget Prep, cont.

FY 2027 BUDGET PLANNING: CHECK THE UPDATED MTAS REVENUE PROJECTIONS

Budget season is upon us, and accurate revenue projections are key to building a sound financial plan.

MTAS Finance Consultant Brad Harris has updated the publication *State-Shared Taxes and Appropriations for the Coming Fiscal Year (MTAS-545)*. Population figures are available on the MTAS website under each municipality's dedicated city page. This document is an important resource for estimating state-shared revenues for FY 2027.

Municipal officials are encouraged to:

- Review the updated MTAS-545 during budget preparation.
- Check the website periodically for any updates.
- Use the projections to strengthen revenue estimates for the upcoming fiscal year.

We invite you to [read the publication](#).

COMPTROLLER'S REQUIRED BUDGET WORKSHEET: REVIEW BEFORE YOU SUBMIT

The Tennessee Comptroller's Office has revised the Required Budget Submission Worksheet for FY 2027. Before submitting your budget, be sure to review the updated version carefully.

Particular attention should be given to:

- Unrestricted Fund Balance
- Unrestricted Cash Balance

These areas are receiving increased focus, so accuracy and completeness are especially important.

[Access the revised worksheet.](#)

THE BOTTOM LINE

A little preparation now can save significant time and stress later. Whether it's adjusting payroll systems for new overtime reporting, documenting development fee justifications, reviewing state-shared revenue projections or carefully completing updated budget worksheets, staying informed is key.

As always, thoughtful planning and attention to detail will help Tennessee municipalities remain compliant, financially stable and well-positioned for the coming fiscal years.

Understanding FLSA White-Collar Exemptions in the Public Sector

Tennessee public sector employers should review job classifications to ensure compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), particularly regarding white-collar exemptions. These exemptions—covering executive, administrative and professional roles—determine whether employees are entitled to overtime pay for hours worked beyond 40 in a workweek. With evolving job duties and organizational needs, many agencies need to take a closer look at whether positions meet the federal tests for exemption.

To qualify as exempt under the FLSA, an employee must satisfy three criteria: being paid on a salary basis, earning at least the minimum salary threshold (not less than \$684 per week) and performing primary duties that fall within the specific executive, administrative or professional categories.

For example, executive-level employees must supervise at least two full-time staff and have genuine authority over personnel decisions. Administrative employees must perform non-manual work related to management policies or general business operations, exercising independent judgment in significant matters. Professional employees typically need advanced knowledge in a field of science or learning, customarily acquired through specialized education.

In the public sector, these classifications can become especially complex. Many government roles are hybrid positions, blending administrative and operational duties. When essential job tasks do not align with federal exemption definitions, employees must be classified as non-exempt—regardless of job title—to ensure proper overtime compensation. Public employers must also



Peter Voss
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consider unique FLSA provisions that apply specifically to governmental organizations, such as compensatory time rules.

Recent audits and HR reviews within municipalities and state agencies highlight the importance of periodically reassessing job descriptions. As departments evolve to meet community needs, positions may shift in ways that affect FLSA status. Ensuring accurate classification not only protects employees' rights but also reduces the risk of costly compliance issues for public organizations.

Here is more detailed [information on FLSA white-collar exemptions](#).

If you need assistance, please [contact your MTAS consultant](#).

Considerations for Firefighter Work Periods and Shift Routines

Fire station activities never truly stop. Even in quiet moments, firefighters understand the next call for service may come at any second. This constant readiness shapes fire service culture, shift routines and even the structure of firefighter work periods and overtime.

Unlike the traditional 40-hour workweek, firefighters operate on extended shifts, often 24 to 48 hours, to ensure continuous coverage. The Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) recognizes the unique nature of fire protection services and allows public agencies to adopt what is known as a 7(k)-work period. Instead of calculating overtime weekly, departments establish a defined work period ranging from seven to 28 consecutive days.

Overtime is earned only after a firefighter's work hours exceeds the overtime threshold for the chosen work period. In a 28-day work period, overtime begins after 212 hours; in a 14-day period, after 106 hours. This structure accommodates extended shift schedules that would otherwise generate weekly overtime, while averaging hours across the full work cycle.

Work period length and shift routine can significantly influence overtime costs. In a 28-day work period, a firefighter assigned to a 48/96 schedule who takes no leave will earn approximately 252 overtime hours annually. A firefighter on a 24/48 or 24/72/48/72 (Shelbyville Shift) schedule earns about 148 overtime hours, a difference of 104 hours per firefighter without changing staffing levels.



Steven Cross
MTAS Fire Management
Consultant

Operational readiness must also be considered. A 24/48 schedule results in approximately 125 round trips to work per year and 250 on/off duty staffing transitions. A 48/96 schedule reduces that to 62 round trips and 124 transitions. The 24/72/48/72 (1, 3, 2, 3 shift) schedule falls between the two, with 84 round trips and 168 staffing transitions.

Leaders must balance fiscal responsibility with operational readiness and firefighter wellness. Ultimately, emergency services are not confined to business hours. Work period structures and overtime policies provide order to an unpredictable mission: maintaining operational readiness 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, with zero tolerance for failure.



News from MTAS Training and Development

COMMIT TO PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN 2026

At this point in the year, many of us are probably ready to leave winter behind. For gardening enthusiasts like me, winter can be an especially challenging time, and planning for the return of spring is what gets us through the season. We explore catalogs, inventory supplies, research plants for our wish lists, sketch out garden designs—whatever we can do to keep our minds busy while we wait to get back outside! While these activities tide us over to spring, they serve an even greater purpose—they make for better gardeners.

A successful gardener is constantly learning. Researching and understanding the unique needs of your plants, soil and property will always yield better results than carelessly putting a plant in the ground. Sure, that plant could thrive, but it will be because of luck, not because of skill.

We can apply this gardening analogy to professional development. Success in work,



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career or any endeavor requires a commitment to learning. Reading, research, training attendance and meaningful collaboration keep minds nimble and skills sharp. Without commitment to professional development, some of our success at work may come down to luck, not skill. I think most of us prefer a more intentional approach!

Now is the time (it's always the time) to make sure you've planned professional development into your year. Keep an eye on the MTAS training calendar as new training topics and sessions are added regularly, all year long. The training team looks forward to learning with you!

[MTAS TRAINING CALENDAR](#)



News from MTAS Training and Development, cont.

NEW FOR 2026!

We're excited to announce three new training sessions—available at no cost to you!

As part of our commitment to meeting customer needs and expanding access to training for all customers, we've selected these sessions because they address the most requested topics and focus on practical skills and insights you can apply right away.

You host the space and we'll bring the engaging learning experience! [Contact your regional training consultant](#) for more information.

➤ **MAKING THE SHIFT TO LEADERSHIP**

Are you ready to make the shift?

Stepping into your first leadership role is an exciting milestone—but it requires a new mindset, new skills and new confidence. This interactive session helps you navigate the transition from peer to leader and equips you with practical tools to lead effectively from day one.

➤ **KEYS TO CIVILITY: CHARACTER + EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE**

When pressure rises, are you showing up with civility?

This session teaches how to stay calm, kind and respectful, especially when things get stressful. You'll explore emotional intelligence and learn how to show good character in everyday conversations.

➤ **INNOVATE TO ELEVATE**

Need help thinking differently about everyday municipal challenges?

This session helps you learn how to think in new ways so you can solve problems better. You'll learn that innovation doesn't have to be a big radical idea—sometimes simple ideas make the biggest difference.

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News from MTAS Training and Development, cont.

Q&A WITH MATT HENSLEY

Matt Hensley, Ph.D. is a training and development consultant in East Tennessee. Matt is the architect of MTAS's newest leadership program, PULSE TN, which kicks off in July.

Q: What is PULSE TN?

PULSE TN Strengths-Based Leadership Intensive, inspired by the UT System's call to address Tennessee's Grand Challenges:

- Advancing K-12 Education
- Overcoming Addiction
- Strengthening Rural Communities

The mission of PULSE TN is simple: "Amplify the beat of local leadership for a stronger Tennessee." PULSE TN brings together proven municipal leaders, elected officials and community partners from across the state to develop strengths-based leadership skills, gain context and perspective through community-engaged learning, and collaborate on solutions and opportunities to confront these state-wide challenges—starting in their own communities.

Q: What inspired you to launch PULSE TN?

Tennessee's local communities are uniquely their own, shaped by size, geography and context. This richness and diversity are certainly among the state's greatest strengths. Yet across the grand divisions exists a shared reality that transcends local boundaries—the presence of grand challenges that touch every community in Tennessee.

The University of Tennessee System has committed to addressing these challenges by "harnessing the collective power of relationships, research, science, technology and imagination to create a future where every Tennessean can thrive." Certainly, achieving that vision requires

aligned, capable leaders on the ground who can translate these broad priorities into measurable local outcomes.

PULSE TN was designed to bridge that gap by convening proven municipal leaders, elected officials and community partners around a shared leadership approach grounded in strengths, community-engaged learning and collaboration. Moving beyond a textbook understanding of leadership, PULSE TN aims to offer an applied experience that empowers leaders to maximize their unique strengths and drive meaningful change within their communities—aligning local action for coordinated, statewide impact.

Q: What can participants expect from PULSE?

- Leadership strengths coaching, grounded in CliftonStrengths and change leadership principles.
- Expert panel discussions (featuring MTAS consultants, IPS agency colleagues and other state and local partners/stakeholders). Opportunity to highlight how IPS agencies work in tandem to strengthen communities across Tennessee; highlight resources and tools available to communities through IPS.
- Community-engaged service-learning experiences in collaboration with Leadership Tennessee.
- Tri-Star Team breakout sessions to develop a Strengths in Action Plan that participants will commit to in their own community.

Q: This sounds like an incredible opportunity.

How can we learn more?

Folks interested in learning more about PULSE TN can visit our [MTAS training website](#), or reach out directly to [Matt Hensley](#).

News from MTAS Training and Development, cont.

CHANGES TO HOW YOU ACCESS ZOOM SESSIONS—TECH TIP

There is a new step for accessing Zoom sessions for MTAS training. To enhance security and ensure a smooth experience, please follow the process below:

1. Click the Zoom link in your K@TE confirmation email.
2. Enter your first and last name along with your email address.
3. Check your inbox for a new confirmation email containing your unique link to join the session.

Tip: To adjust to the new process and give yourself time, log in 5-10 minutes early!

THE ROOM IS TOO HOT! NO, IT'S TOO COLD!

Since it's performance feedback season, we thought it would be fun to include common training feedback themes across organizations. According to Copilot, the top universal training comments across organizations are:

- Room temperature issues (“too hot,” “too cold,” “perfect for storing meat”).
- Coffee complaints (“Stronger coffee, please!”).
- Chair comfort (“Great class, but the chairs were made by someone who hates humans.”).
- Timing preferences (“Loved the training, but could it be shorter?”).
- Technology woes (“The projector was on strike again.”).

FAREWELL, MICHELLE BUCKNER; AND WELCOME ABOARD, LEAH FRAZIER!

Join us in celebrating the retirement of our valued team member Michelle Buckner. Known for her straightforward, no nonsense style—and insightful commentary whenever you asked the right question—she's been a steady, trusted presence behind the scenes, especially with the CMFO program.



We are grateful for Michelle's 18 years of dedicated service to MTAS. Never one for the spotlight, she leaves with our deep appreciation and warmest wishes for this new chapter.

We are pleased to announce that on March 1 we welcomed new Training and Development Consultant Leah Frazier to MTAS, who will serve our Middle Tennessee customers.



Look for a full introduction soon!

EV Charging Expands in Tennessee: New Fast Chargers in Dunlap + Mobile Emergency Support

Tennessee continues to strengthen its electric vehicle (EV) infrastructure with both new permanent charging stations and innovative emergency charging support.

FAST CHARGERS INSTALLED IN DUNLAP

Two new fast EV charging stations are now open at the Sequatchie County/Dunlap Chamber of Commerce. These units are part of the East Charge TN Network, a statewide initiative supported by the Tennessee Valley Authority, the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation and Seven States Power Corporation. The network aims to make long-distance EV travel easier throughout Tennessee and surrounding regions.

Keith Cartwright, Tennessee Renewable Energy and Economic Development Council (TREEDC) member and Sequatchie County Executive, and Dwain Land, TREEDC president and Dunlap Mayor, noted that the chargers will not only benefit local EV drivers and visitors but will also encourage travelers to shop and dine in downtown Dunlap while they charge. Additional support for the project came from Sequatchie County Valley Electric and Citizens Tri-County Bank.

EMERGENCY MOBILE EV CHARGING AVAILABLE FOR MIDDLE TENNESSEE

In response to recent winter storm-related power outages across Middle Tennessee, a research team from the University of Tennessee and Tennessee Technological University (TTU) is offering no-cost, volunteer mobile EV charging assistance to affected communities.

This service is made possible through the U.S. Department of Energy-funded Second-Life Battery-Integrated Mobile Charging Station



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(SMART) Project. The TTU team has developed off-grid, battery-integrated mobile units capable of providing emergency EV charging when grid power is unavailable. Each unit can deliver DC fast charging up to 15 kW, providing about 12 kWh of energy per hour—enough for approximately 36–48 miles of driving range.

Communities, organizations or households needing emergency EV charging (preferably in a safe public space) may contact Professor Pinggen Chen, project lead, at pchen23@utk.edu. Service availability is limited and handled on a first-come, first-served basis.



With the new EV stations in Dunlap (left to right): Dunlap Mayor/TREEDC President Dwain Land, Dunlap/Sequatchie County Chamber of Commerce Director Janis Kyser, Issac Newman (Senator Bill Hagerty's office) and Sequatchie County Executive Keith Cartwright.

Other Conferences and Learning Opportunities

[Tennessee City Management Association Spring Conference](#)

April 22–24, 2026 | Murfreesboro

[TAMCAR Spring Conference](#)

April 8–10, 2026 | Franklin

The [Tennessee Environmental Network Show of the South \(TENSOS\)](#) will be held in Chattanooga, May 13–15, 2026. The three-day event will host environmental professionals seeking to exchange knowledge and share ideas. The educational program offers over seventy unique courses in nine educational breakout sessions, allowing attendees to design their own personalized curriculum.

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