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The OTC Radar

News from the Ontario Traffic Conference

Upcoming Events

Future Committee meeting dates (open to all OTC members—Please RSVP in advance):

Legislation & Enforcement: January 26

Parking: TBA

Traffic Engineering: February 6, Town of Milton

Transportation Planning: January 23, OTC office, Mississauga

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Please email to receive future issues of Radar. Don't forget to add colleagues and others who are interested in OTC activities.

Happy New Year from OTC!

The Ontario Traffic Conference wishes you all the best for a happy and prosperous 2009!

The OTC is hard at work developing new training courses and workshops in addition to the events that were held in 2008 and in past years.

New issues of Radar, OT magazine and discussion board improvements are coming in the next few months.

2009 will be an exciting year in the development of OTC.

We look forward to a productive year!

Join the Convention Committee

With the 2009 OTC Annual Conference scheduled for the Ambassador Hotel in Kingston from June 7-9, 2009, work is underway to organize this event.

The OTC is looking for volunteers who would be interested in participating on the organizing committee for the 59th Annual Conference.

The time commitment would include several conference calls and supporting the successful executive of the event by contributing your ideas and expertise. Contact marco@otc.org for more information.

Ontario to Permit Low-Speed Vehicles

Ontario will permit low-speed vehicles (LSVs) equipped with additional safety features to be driven on public roads, under rules to be released this winter.

Low-speed electric vehicles can be driven safely on public roads as long as they include a number of additional safety requirements and follow appropriate road restrictions, according to a National Research Council study released today by the Ontario government.

The study recommends that LSVs driven in traffic with faster, heavier vehicles

should be equipped with the safety features that Quebec mandated in its recently announced pilot project, and that Ontario consider requiring other safety measures.

Currently available LSVs are designed only for use in controlled environments - such as parks and college campuses - because they do not meet federal passenger car safety requirements.

Ontario also intends to allow federally compliant LSVs to operate in controlled environments. A regulation authorizing

Police Traffic Supervisors Course

This course is a training partnership between the OTC and the Ontario Police College. It is designed to meet the needs of a front line Traffic Supervisor who is actively involved in operational traffic related duties.

This course will operate concurrently with the **Technical Traffic Operations Course**. Joint sessions encourage interaction between policing and engineering personnel and build an understanding of the roles staffs in each field contribute to enhancing safety on Ontario's roads.

The course will run from April 20-24, 2009.

More information: <http://www.otc.org/>

Tech. Traffic Operations Course

The Technical Traffic Operations Course will be held from April 20—May 1, 2009 at the Ontario Police College. The course runs concurrently with the Police Traffic Supervisors Course for the first week.

The course will focus on providing participants with a basic overview of all aspects of traffic engineering including an understanding of the various types of traffic control devices and how to use them. At the end of the course, the individual should be able to review a traffic problem and determine approaches to solve the problem. More information: <http://www.otc.org/>

