

UPCOMING TCCOG EVENTS

Developing Road Preservation Local Law and Road Use Agreements: A Half-Day Forum - Tues, May 8 from 7:45 am to noon

- **WHERE:** NYS Grange, 100 Grange Place, Cortland, NY

- Does the prospect of more truck traffic than your municipal roads are accustomed have you worried?
- How can you protect the highway infrastructure and the taxpayers?
- Event expenses of \$250 to be shared by participants - if 50 register then \$5 each

7:15 am Doors Open

7:45 am Welcoming Remarks

8:00 am Road Structure and Allocating Damage Costs Equitably

Lynne Irwin, Director. Cornell Local Roads Program

9:15 am Options for Managing Truck Traffic

Michael Kenneally, Esq. Associate Counsel. Association of Towns of the State of New York

10:00 am Break

10:15 am - Strategies for Negotiating Road Use Agreements

Mark Sweeny, Esq. Whiteman Osterman and Hanna, LLP

11:15 am Moderated Panel "Questions and Discussion"

12:00 pm End of Program

For Registration Contact: Michelle Pottorff at MPottorff@tompkins-co.org

Come prepared with any specific questions or concerns you would like our panelists to address! Questions may be emailed

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Emergency Response Training Sessions - Saturday, May 12 (9am – 12pm, Incident Command System (IS-100)

- **WHERE:** Tompkins County Department of Emergency Response, 92 Brown Road, Ithaca

WHO: All elected and appointed officials and other municipal employees who have not been trained in the past 5 years (this includes supervisors, council members, clerks, highway personnel, planners and others)

WHY: Municipal officials and employees are responsible for ensuring the public safety and welfare of the people of that jurisdiction.

FEMA requires that public officials complete NIMS and ICS training in order to be eligible to recover expenses for emergency incidents.

Municipal officials provide strategic guidance and resources during preparedness, response, and recovery efforts; they must have a clear understanding of their roles and responsibilities for successful emergency management and response.

The National Incident Management System, or NIMS, integrates best practices into a comprehensive, standardized framework that is flexible enough to be applicable across the full spectrum of potential incidents, regardless of cause, size, location, or complexity.

When an incident requires response from multiple local emergency management and response agencies, effective cross-jurisdictional coordination using common processes and systems is critical. The Incident Command System (ICS) provides a flexible, yet standardized core mechanism for coordinated and collaborative incident management, whether for incidents where additional resources are required or are provided from different organizations within a single jurisdiction or outside the jurisdiction, or for complex incidents with national implications.

These courses are also available to complete online, so if you can't make the meetings you can do that instead. But this training is much more valuable when done in person in an interactive format where you have a chance to meet and learn with the people you'll be coordinating with if an incident arises. Your attendance is strongly encouraged.

PLEASE RSVP by April 10 to Irene Weiser irene_weiser@townofcaroline.org

Public Educational Event on Gas Pipelines – May 17, 5-7 p.m.

- **WHERE:** Tompkins County Public Library, Borg Warner Room; 101 E. Green St., Ithaca, NY

COST: Free

Co-sponsored by Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County and TCCOG

Twenty interstate natural gas pipeline systems crisscross the region from West Virginia to Maine. As gas drilling operations expand, thousands of miles of new pipelines will be needed to connect existing pipelines to gas wells.

Learn:

- the difference between gathering, transmission, and distribution lines;
- what agencies have jurisdiction over the various types of lines;
- how pipelines are permitted, regulated, and monitored;
- how municipalities can prepare for an increase in pipeline networks.

Presenters:

Sharon Anderson, Environmental Program Leader, Cornell Cooperative Extension Tompkins County;
Jim Austin, Environmental Certification and Compliance, State of New York Department of Public Service;
Deborah Goldberg, Managing Attorney, Earthjustice Northeast Regional Office;
Meghan Thoreau, Planner, Southern Tier Central Regional Planning and Development Board

Co-sponsored by Cornell Cooperative Extension Tompkins County and Tompkins County Council of Governments

For more information see <http://ccetompkins.org/calendar/12/04/25/gas-pipeline-forum> or contact Sharon Anderson, ska2@cornell.edu, (607) 272-2292.