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**BAXTER COUNTY JUDGE TAKES ON NEW CHALLENGE**

**B**axter County Judge Joe Bodenhamer announced his resignation as the County's chief executive on Wednesday, May 26, 2004 to take on the inaugural role as head of Arkansas's Homeland Security Division, under the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management (ADEM). His resignation became effective on June 11<sup>th</sup> and he assumed his new position as Division Leader of Homeland Security for Arkansas on June 14<sup>th</sup>. ADEM is based out of Conway, Arkansas and Judge Bodenhamer will relocate to that area of the State to fulfill his new duties.

Judge Bodenhamer's accomplishments as the County's chief executive officer are numerous and the citizens of Baxter County have benefited immensely from his almost 10 years of service as County Judge. He was elected president of the Northwest Arkansas Regional Solid Waste District Board; named by the Federal Highway Administration as Local Road Coordinator for Arkansas; was chairman of the Ozark Opportunities, Inc. board of directors; and served on the County Judges Association administrative board. He also served nine years as a member of the Mountain Home School Board, two years of which were in the position of vice president and two years in the position of president.



The Arkansas Technology Transfer (T<sup>2</sup>) Program is losing a good partner. Numerous training seminars and workshops have been requested and conducted for Baxter County employees through Judge Bodenhamer's aggressive foresight and his proactive vision of self-improvement for his employees and staff. The rest of the State can now benefit from his knowledge, experience, professional wisdom and selfless servitude to the public. We certainly wish him well in his new role with the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management.

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## 2003 MUTCD WORKSHOPS SCHEDULED

The Technology Transfer (T<sup>2</sup>) office has scheduled workshop presentations on the use of the new 2003 Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). Pursuant to the recent presentation of a pilot workshop on June 24<sup>th</sup>, the T<sup>2</sup> office will sponsor three additional workshops at selected locations around the State. Pre-registration is essential for the workshop attendance, based on limited seating availability. Information on the workshops has been forwarded by fax or e-mail to all County Judge offices and to all cities within the State with a population of 1,000 or greater. For your convenience, registration can also be completed on line at the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department's web site at [www.arkansashighways.com](http://www.arkansashighways.com). Classes are filling, so please register soon. **Please note that Professional Development Hours (PDHs) will be awarded for the workshop sessions.** If additional information or a registration form is needed, please contact Danny Moore at the T<sup>2</sup> office in Little Rock. Workshop dates, locations and T<sup>2</sup> Program information are listed below:



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# MUTCD Workshop

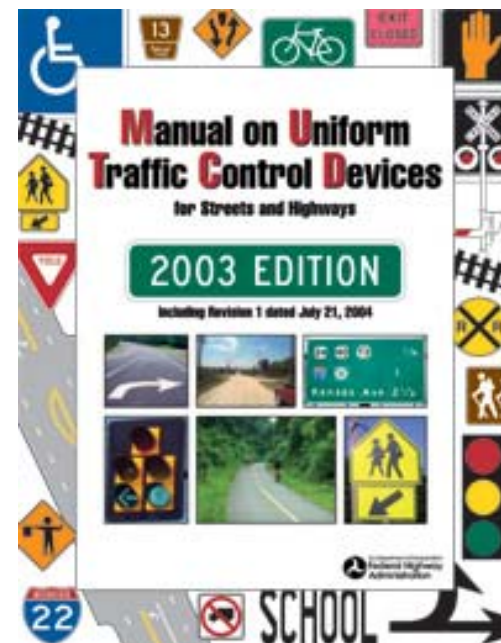
**Workshop times will be 8:30 - Noon.**

**Workshop dates and locations are listed below:**

**August 10** - Magnolia, AR at the SWAPDD, (Southwest AR PDD)  
600 Bessie Street, Magnolia, AR (870) 234-4030

**August 11** - Pine Bluff, AR at the SEAEDD, (Southeast AR EDD)  
721 S. Walnut Street, Pine Bluff (870) 536-1971

**August 12** - Jonesboro, AR at the EAPDD, (East AR PDD)  
2915 King Street, Jonesboro (870) 932-3957



## MUTCD DISTRIBUTION

A limited number of the 2003 Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) have been distributed to each of the eight Economic/Planning and Development District offices throughout the State. Copies have also been distributed to the West Memphis Area Transportation Study, the Texarkana Metropolitan Planning Organization, the Southeast Arkansas Regional Planning Commission, the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission, and METROPLAN. Each city over 1,000 population is scheduled to receive a copy from one of these agencies. If your city has not picked up your free copy of the MUTCD from one of the aforementioned agencies, please do so in the near future. It is recommended that each person attending the MUTCD workshops bring their copy of the new manual.

CD versions of the MUTCD can be obtained from the T<sup>2</sup> office in Little Rock upon request. Contact can be made by telephone, fax, e-mail or written letter to the Program Manager.

## TRAINING CERTIFICATES

If you or any of your agency employees failed to receive a Training Certificate for completion of one of the T<sup>2</sup> sponsored seminars or workshops, please contact the T<sup>2</sup> office at your convenience.

## SHORT SPAN BRIDGE WORKSHOPS

Dr. Tom Parsons, Professor of Civil Engineering at Arkansas State University in Jonesboro, will present updated seminars/workshops addressing issues associated with Short Span Bridge Design and Maintenance during the summer of 2005. Dates and locations will be published when determined. Your city's or county's unique experiences associated with bridge construction or maintenance will assist in the course development. If there are issues you would like to see discussed in the proposed workshops, please contact the T<sup>2</sup> office as soon as possible.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

***Association of Arkansas Counties Annual Conference***  
August 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> at the Hot Springs Convention Center  
Hot Springs, Arkansas

***County Judges Association of Arkansas 2004 Annual Fall Meeting***  
September 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn Holidome  
Texarkana, Arkansas

***APWA (Arkansas Chapter) Fall Conference***  
October 20<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Fayetteville City Center  
Fayetteville, Arkansas

***2005 Arkansas Municipal League Convention***  
January 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> at the Peabody State House Convention Center  
Little Rock, Arkansas