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## Leadership and Winter Preparedness/Snow and Ice Conference Coming to South Suburban College

SOUTH HOLLAND, IL—South Suburban College is presenting a Leadership and Winter Preparedness/Snow and Ice Conference designed for public works directors, supervisors and operators as well as commercial snow removal contractors from September 23-26, 2019.

Included will be workshops on winter operations for operators and commercial snow plowing contractors that will cover safety, sensible salting, new chloride regulations, techniques and changes. Other workshops are designed for leaders (directors and supervisors), covering winter operations, ethics, effective communications, professional development plans, succession planning, emergency management and the future of public works.

The conference will be offered in six sessions, some at SSC's South Holland campus and others at the college's Oak Forest Center. Award winning presenters include Chris Walsh, retired Director of Operations of Beloit Public Works, and currently an Adjunct Professor of Emergency Management at Texas A&M and winner of the American Public Works Association (APWA) Presidential Leadership Award, and Brian Usher, former President of APWA and former Public Works Director of Zion, IL and Largo, FL. Cost of the workshops range from \$30-\$70 per person. New chloride regulations require training as part of compliance.

The workshop schedule for public works operators is as follows: *The Basics of Snow & Ice* – Monday, September 23, from 11:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m., and Thursday, September 26 from 7:45-11:15 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

The workshop schedule for leadership personnel is as follows: *Winter Operations and Emergency Management Training* – Tuesday, September 24, from 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., and Wednesday, September 25 from 7:30-11:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

The Conference is sponsored in part by Baxter & Woodman Consulting Engineers and SNI Solutions. For more information, please email Nancy Burrows at <a href="MBurrows@ssc.edu">NBurrows@ssc.edu</a>. The Oak Forest Center is located at 16333 S. Kilbourn, Oak Forest, IL, and the Main Campus is located at 15800 S. State Street, South Holland, IL.

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