

Equipment Operator Technical Training and Skills Demonstration
2014 Conference Evaluation

Overall Conference Rating – In all categories, majority rated Excellent, quite a few Very Good, and a few Good

What did you like best about the conference?

All the great people.... A WONDERFUL COMMITTEE

Everything as a whole was very good

Being able to meet new people and see former acquaintances with friendly competition

The ability to share and absorb ideas

This was my first time – could not believe the support from team mates. The experience was priceless

Positive attitudes

Eric's story – The Buried Truth (4)

Good training

Getting to know new people and talk about subjects with County and City work

Interacting with the class

The opportunity to compete in the Skills portion (6)

The camaraderie between everyone. Getting to know others from different agencies

Meeting everyone and all the useful information provided

Meeting new people and making new friends

Great speakers – were very informative and enjoyed the presentations

Meeting up with friends made over the years (5)

Very laid back and great flow. "real" discussions about stuff applicable to our jobs

Everything – great job!

Event Center

Learning

Food/entertainment

Great public safety presentation

Ability to meet new people and discuss work practices. Learn new techniques

Networking and learning new ideas or practices. Making contacts from other agencies

Deschutes County Sheriff's presentation (8)

T-2 training

How can we improve on this conference?

During the grader competition, people need to attempt the section, not just go for time

Wider variety of classes

Agencies need to continue to support this program. Safety info learned need not be ignored

I think everything was well planned and went smoothly

Have another conference next year

More time for classes

Vegetation type classes

Trenching with coffin box

Have actual course set-up, like grading rock, spreading rock, etc.

More speakers like Eric Giguere and the Sheriff's Dept

Speed up Loader competition

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Doesn't need improvement – just keep it going!
Keep scores and times quiet till the end
PA systems for the class and speaker settings
More hands on training – like the Sheriff's
Get more Counties and City's involved
Competition more geared to teams vs individual
Reach out to other public works organizations to participate (yeah right)
Classes in the morning, competition in the afternoon both days.

What topics would you like to see at future conferences?

Field trips to see some of the hosting County's operations – chip seal, shouldering, paint
More of safety awareness type training from Sheriff's office,
Charlie Morecraft – Safety and Motivational speaker
Practical information for our line of work
Working in roads with traffic
Slips, trips, falls
Confined space training
Invented ideas between agencies that could help others (tried this before)
Operation techniques
Demo on new equipment and products
Equipment tie-down event
Lifting with crane and fork lift operation
Solid waste programs and equipment to run in the Roadeo
Equipment maintenance subjects – and the importance of maintenance on equipment
Power line distance rules – detailed class
Interagency agreement usage
More T2 classes
Situational classes- ditch work, asphalt, flagging, or culverts. Shorter classes, more classes, with smaller groups.
Compaction workshop