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OAPWA Directors Featured in Cover Story of Public Works Magazine

Did you recognize the two women on the cover of Public Works Magazine this month? The April 2015 issue of Public Works features two of the Ohio Chapter's directors, Diana Clonch and Diane Watkins in an article about Ice and Snow consultants. Diana Clonch started her career as an engineering technician at Franklin County and worked her way up to a managerial role with the Ohio DOT. After retiring from ODOT, Diana created her own firm DW Clonch, LLC. Diane Watkins joined the City of Cincinnati as a payroll clerk and retired from there as a division superintendent. Soon after, she accepted an independent contract position with Road Solutions Inc. (RSI) as regional sales consultant. Now, the two find opportunities to collaborate as they continue to serve Ohio communities as consultants. Diana and Diane may downplay their pioneering roles of women in public works for 30 years. The article tells of their passion for service and problem solving. It also relates their parallel stories of "firsts" throughout their careers - first female construction inspector, first female foreman, first female public works department head, first female highway superintendent. Although retired from public service, Diana and Diane continue to seek new challenges. And now they can add "Cover Girl" to their long list of accomplishments. [Read the article.](#)



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NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK
 "Community Begins Here"
 May 17-23, 2015

<http://www.apwa.net/discover/National-Public-Works-Week>

Learn how to get involved in the 2015 National Safety Stand-Down

Three million! That's how many workers OSHA and its partners hope to reach during the 2015 National Safety Stand-Down to prevent falls. From May 4-15, participants are asked to pause in their workday and participate in safety training in fall prevention. Last year more than 1 million employers and workers across the country joined the effort, making it the largest occupational safety event ever hosted in the United States.

Learn how you can be a part of this international effort by visiting the [2015 Stand-Down page](#). You can download or order *free* fall prevention training materials in both English and Spanish, including the new [2015 Stand-Down poster](#) (PDF*), find a list of local events, and also receive a certificate of participation signed by Secretary of Labor Thomas E. Perez.



NOAA's Lake Level Viewer of the Great Lakes

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA's) Office of Coastal Management has recently completed the development of a new online mapping tool for the Great Lakes that will give decision makers, resource managers, and community members information on future lake levels. The NOAA tool illustrates the scale of potential flooding or land exposure at a given water level on Lakes Superior, Michigan, Huron, Erie and Ontario. The development of this tool was funded by the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, which was launched in 2010 to accelerate efforts to protect and restore the Great Lakes.

Please visit <http://coast.noaa.gov/llv/> and <http://greatlakesrestoration.us/> to learn more on the Lake Level Viewer.

2015 Western Pennsylvania APWA Equipment Show and Seminars

Thursday June 4, 2015, 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Great training opportunities are not limited to just Ohio. You can attend this event just north of Pittsburgh, in Franklin Park. This year's focus is on Fleet Management. The topics will be "Fleet Management – Have You Considered Leasing Over Buying?" and "GPS – Tracking for Efficiency." Sessions may be eligible for Continuing Education Units (CEUs) or Professional Development Hours (PDHs).

For more information, contact Jason Dailey at jason.dailey@cranberrytownship.org or Tel: 724.776.4806 ext. 1521. Vendors and exhibitors may contact Pete Overcashier at publicworksdir@peterstownship.com or Work Phone: 724.941.6161 Cell: 412.997.2973

EQUIPMENT SHOW SCHEDULE:

8:00 am	Registration Opens
8:30-9:30 am	First Seminar Session
9:30-10:30am	Break - Visit vendors & see demos
10:30-11:30 am	Second Seminar Session
11:30-12:00	Break - Visit vendors & see demos
12:00	Noon Lunch

Blueberry Hill Park, Blaine's Way,
Franklin Park, PA 15143

\$20 general admission which includes lunch, seminar sessions, demos and exhibit floor

City of Columbus Snow Removal Plan Earns APWA National Award for Excellence

The City of Columbus' snow and ice control plan and snow removal efforts have earned the American Public Works Association's national Award for Excellence. The snow and ice control plan is the City's guide for providing residents efficient and timely snow removal. The APWA award was created to promote excellence in public sector snow and ice operations management and administration, and best practices in snow and ice removal that minimize environmental effects.

"We continue to invest in planning, equipment and state-of-the-art technology to give our Snow Warriors the best resources for fighting whatever nature throws at us each winter," said Mayor Michael B. Coleman. "I am proud that APWA has honored the hard work that goes on year-round to keep Columbus streets safe during winter storms."

City's snow and ice removal plan's top priority is safety of the public. The APWA award lauds the plan's main goals:

- Reduce life threatening and injury-producing conditions
- Reduce damage to property
- Reduce interruption to commerce
- Minimize environmental effects associated with snow and ice removal employees to work together to achieve departmental common goals.

"The Public Service Department is a shining example of the innovation and professionalism our residents should expect from the City of Columbus," said Council member Shannon G. Hardin, chair of the Public Service & Transportation Committee. "These men and women work in some of the harshest conditions to improve the safety of our neighborhoods. They deserve all the credit they are receiving in this national recognition."

The Department of Public Service reviews and updates the plan annually, based on past performance and innovations in training, equipment and technology. Columbus' snow removal and treatment operations have been upgraded in the past two years to include:

- Purchase of additional trucks, bringing the total Snow Warrior fleet in the Department of Public Service to 86 plow trucks, plus additional trucks from the Department of Public Utilities and Recreation and Parks Department that give the City a total of 145 snow plow vehicles
- Creation of the Warrior Watch website (warriorwatch.columbus.gov) that allows the media and public to see when specific streets have been plowed in the past 72 hours
- The cross-training of additional City employees to drive snow plow trucks, bringing the total to more than 300 City employees who can be called on to help during extreme winter weather conditions.
- The installation of GPS/AVL units with sensors on all City snow plowing trucks that provide real-time tracking of the trucks' locations, speeds and whether their plow blades are down and salt spreaders are turned on
- The City's snow plow fleet is getting greener, with more than 50% of snow plow trucks running on CNG.
- The City plans to convert the entire fleet to CNG-powered trucks within the next four years.

The award was presented to the City of Columbus at APWA's 2015 North American Snow Conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan in April.

Board Member Spotlight Clyde “Butch” Seidle, PE



Clyde “Butch” Seidle, PE, has been a part of Ohio APWA for over 30 years. His first involvement was in 1983 when he was recruited to help APWA host the 1984 State annual conference in Columbus. Although this first assignment was “volun-told,” Butch quickly recognized the value of APWA membership. One of the most important benefits is the networking opportunities in APWA, not only in Ohio but across the nation. There were unlimited resources to search for answers to those difficult questions without easy solutions. This shared knowledge and experience helped Butch avoid “The School of Hard Knocks”. More importantly, APWA was a portal to “real world” knowledge that helped him become the Public Servant that he is today.

Butch became a member of the APWA State Board in 1987, and has remained on the State Board ever since. He has served as the chair on various committees, as chapter treasurer and in many other roles. Looking forward, Butch feels it’s important that APWA continue its investments in training and education. He supports the goals of the Central Ohio Branch to offer training to the private sector companies who provide services to local Ohio communities, as well as training that enhances qualifications for employment, whether in the public sector or in the private sector.

Butch has a deep commitment and dedication to public service. He sees public service as its own profession. Butch began his career with the City of Columbus in 1969 and during that tenure was recognized as “Engineer of the Year”. He subsequently became a Chief Deputy County Engineer for Delaware County. He moved on to be a Principal/Director with Moody·Nolan. Butch relinquished his partnership with Moody·Nolan to re-enter Public Service with the City of Hilliard where he currently serves as the City Engineer and Director of Public Service. Butch, we appreciate your commitment to public works professionals and you are an inspiration. APWA thanks you for your years of dedication and service. We recognize that without your service, our chapter would not be as successful as it is today. Thank you again, Butch!

Turn Around, Don’t Drown safety campaign and YouTube clips

National Flood Safety Awareness Week recently concluded in March. Many of our communities experience flooding and flash flooding, sometimes with tragic results. Most people do not recognize the power of fast-moving water. Some will risk trying to cross a flooded road to avoid a long detour. To encourage motorists to make better choices, FEMA is emphasizing the message ***Turn Around, Don’t Drown.***

The Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness site <http://www.weathersafety.ohio.gov/> has links to Turn Around, Don’t Drown video clips which you can share with your constituents. FLASH and NWS message on Turn Around, Don’t Drown: <http://youtu.be/jgn9RVau2QI> and in Spanish: <http://youtu.be/kqDVsgLwpu4>.

In addition to the TADD videos, other disaster preparedness videos which you may want to share on your web or social media are available at <http://www.drc-group.com/project/jitt.html#special>. Be sure to check it out. You’ll be ready for anything, even zombies.

«QUICK CLEAR»

“KEY TO RESPONDER SAFETY”

More than half of all highway congestion is caused by incidents, such as crashes, disabled vehicles, and spilled loads. Worse, crashes and congestion can cause additional incidents, accounting for 13 to 20 percent of rush hour traffic accidents.

These chronic and growing problems led to the creation of Ohio’s “Quick Clear” program by ODOT, the Ohio Department of Public Safety and other state agencies and advocacy groups. Unveiled in March of 2003, Quick Clear recommends policies and procedures for emergency responders to efficiently clear crashes and other incidents from the roadway. The program has grown in acceptance throughout the state.

When accidents happen, police and fire departments treat and remove the victims, tow trucks clear the scene. The average driver does not think twice about such activities. But in reality, clearing crashes involves a multitude of agencies and interest groups, whose agendas sometimes conflict with the goal of quickly clearing crashes and restoring traffic flow. Clearly, a set of guidelines and procedures was needed to improve emergency responses.

To better engage all disciplines, the Ohio Quick Clear initiative convened the leaders of all Ohio organizations with a stake in solving the problem. Participants included the Buckeye State Sheriffs’ Association, Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police, Ohio Fire Chiefs’ Association, Ohio Insurance Institute, Ohio Trucking Association, and the Towing and Recovery Association of Ohio. They created Ohio Quick Clear as a set of best practices in incident clearance: it has been reproduced as a checklist for incident responders to carry with them. A best practices guide has been created for general and classroom distribution to educate the public. A computer-based PowerPoint presentation for easy instruction of the quick clear concepts has also been created and made available as a learning

aid. The program has been implemented in Dayton since March of this year.

“We have seen with Ohio Quick Clear a reduction in roadway congestion and closures due to the increased emphasis on coordination and cooperation between agencies at a crash scene,” said Col. Paul McClellan, Ohio State Highway Patrol superintendent. “In the time Highway Patrol troopers have been utilizing the Ohio Quick Clear methods on Interstate 75 in Dayton, we have seen positive results.”

For all of the difficulty in coordination, the quick clear concepts are very simple, and all agencies can improve their practices. ODOT is deploying “freeway service patrols” on the most-congested freeways around the state, including Akron, Dayton, and Toledo in addition to the patrols in Cincinnati, Cleveland and Columbus. All districts are also developing pre-planned detours and action plans for freeway closures. For more information on the program, please contact Carl Merckle at 614.644.7165. The Ohio LTAP Center offers a free, On-Site “Circuit Rider” Class on Quick Clear. If you have any questions about the training please contact Jerry Garrison at Jerry.Garrison@dot.state.oh.us or 614.387.2431.



Northeast Ohio Snow & Ice Technologies State Expo May 20, 2015

Summit County Fairgrounds
299 E Howe Road, Tallmadge, OH 44278

Presented by Northeast Ohio Branch Chapter

The Ohio Chapter of the American Public Works Association has been supporting the Ohio Public Works industry for more than 60 years.

In 2014 a Northeast Branch was established to better serve the local constituents in that region of the state.

Ohio APWA has been providing valuable Public Work Expos and Snow & Ice Workshops for more than 20 years. Each event has been well attended and supported by public works.

Register & Visit us on-line at ohio.apwa.net



Informative Technical Sessions

Ohio APWA has prided itself on bringing to you the latest in topics, technical aspects and peer interaction.

CEUs available for many sessions.

Attendees

Our low cost gives you full access to the equipment display area and all technical sessions. Breakfast and lunch are included.

APWA Member fee: **\$35 registration before May 1** --- \$40 after May 1

Non-member fee: **\$50 registration before May 1** --- \$55 After May 1

	<u>SCHEDULE</u>
7:30 – 8:30 AM	Registration/ Time with vendors
8:30 – 9:00 AM	Introduction
9:00 – 9:30 AM	1st Roundtable
9:30 – 10:00 AM	Time with Vendors
10:00 – 10:30 AM	2nd Roundtable
10:30 – 11:00 AM	3rd Roundtable
11:00 – 11:45 AM	Time with Vendors
11:45 – 12:30 PM	LUNCH
12:30 – 1:00 PM	4th Roundtable
1:15 – 1:45 PM	5th Roundtable
1:45 – 2:30 PM	Time with Vendors

Vendors

Booth space starts as low as **\$500** for the length of the event. Breakfast and lunch are included for one. Also included is one skirted table & two chairs.

Sponsorship opportunities are available to give you maximum exposure at the event and show your support for Ohio APWA.

Impressive Equipment Displays



Second to none equipment displays, demonstrations, hands-on and vendor booths.