

Supervisory Leadership in Public Works Programs

Hosted by the Maine Chapter of American Public Works Association, Maine Local Roads Center and Maine Municipal Association

Dates: Part I, September 8 & 9, 2026. Part II, October 20-22, 2026.

Location: MaineDOT Fairfield Training Center, Lance Gurney Building, 10 Mountain Ave., Fairfield, ME

Time: Each day will begin at 8:00 a.m. and end at approximately 4:00 p.m.

Cost: MCAPWA *Members: \$395.00 per person for Parts I & II

Non-Members: \$495.00 per person for Parts I & II

The fee includes lunch, morning and afternoon refreshments, handouts and five days of high caliber training.

Each person must attend all 5 days. PLEASE NOTE: Registrations are based on a first-come, first-served basis.

PARTS I & II are limited to 25 participants and are limited to up to 2 representatives per municipality.

***Proof of membership required**

Instructor: Part I - Danielle Abbott, The Abbott Advantage

Danielle has worked in leadership for twenty-four years in very high stress, fast paced environments, the majority of her time in the financial and healthcare industries and has spent more than fifteen years in training and developing exceptional leaders.

Agenda Part I

Day 1 – September 8, 2026

Developing your Leadership Style

- Employee Engagement
- Effective Communication
- Having Difficult Conversations

Day 2 – September 9, 2026

Accountability & Expectations

- Hiring and Onboarding
- Identifying and Addressing Poor Performance
- Coaching for Success



Agenda Part II

Day 1 – October 20, 2026

Morning

- Municipal Paving Operation
- Roadway Surface Preparations
- Hot Bituminous Mix Materials

Afternoon

- Record Keeping
- Communication with the Public & Media
- Communication Dos and Don'ts
- Bridge & Minor Span Management



Day 2 – October 21, 2026

Morning

- Snow & Ice Control
- Roadway Legal Issues
- Maine's Local Highway Law
- Maine's Tort Claims Act
- Risk Mgmt/Workers Comp

Afternoon

- OSHA and ME BLS Compliance
- Compliance Checklist
- Required Training
- Maintaining Records
- Equipment Inspections
- Facility Inspections

Day 3 – October 22, 2026

Morning

- Intro to Surveying and Layouts
- Tools of the Trade
- Measuring Horizontal and Vertical Distances/ Elevations, Field Books/Note Taking
- Plan Reading
- Modern Tech Tools

Afternoon – Field exercises involving:

- Plan Reading
- Shooting Grades
- Measuring Quantities and Distances
- Hi-Tech Station
- Culvert Station
- Parking Lot Lay Out
- Competition

Part II will be followed by a short ceremony and presentation of certificates by MCAPWA Board Members and staff from Maine Local Roads Center.

Cancellation: Cancellation notification must be given in writing at 2 weeks before the session begins. Any cancellation received within that 2-week window will be charged the full registration fee. If you have any questions, please contact Tammy Sobiecki at 207-592-3371 or tammy.sobiecki@maine.gov

Membership: Consider joining MCAPWA and save! For a membership form visit <https://maine.apwa.org/>

Instructors: Part II - ME Local Roads Center staff, MMA Legal & Risk Management staff, ME Bureau of Labor Standards staff, All State Materials Group staff, other DOT & Municipal Officials