NEW MTI: MANAGING MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Cities provide the services your residents rely on each day for comfort and quality of life. From water, sewer, fire, and police protection, cities are the key to managing services. Learn more about the basics of municipal service management in this session.

Two classes will be held on Friday, September 7 (De Soto) and Friday, September 21 (Andover). The MTI will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost to attend this course is $75 for members, $100 for nonmembers. Lunch and materials provided. Your city will be invoiced after the class is finished.

To find more information and register for the MTI, visit our website.

CONFERENCE SESSIONS AT-A-GLANCE

Join us October 6-8, 2018 in Topeka for the next League Annual Conference: Ideas Worth Exploring. All conference events will be held at the Capitol Plaza Hotel/Maner Conference Center & Kansas Expocentre. Topics this year include:

- Creating Successful Staff and Elected Official Relationships
- Why Home Rule Matters
- National League of Cities Federal Advocacy Update
- Using Parks and Recreation to Create Development
- Strategic Planning – Why, When, and How to Start
- Building Your Census 2020 Complete Count Committee
- Cybersecurity Basics for City Officials
- Effective Social Media Strategies for Local Government
- Addressing Sexual Harassment in the Workplace: Policies and Best Practices
- Salary and Workforce Trends at the Local Level

Visit our website for details and hotel information.

KOMA Training for Elected Officials

September 20
Derby

This 2-hour mini MTI class is tailored for elected officials and is a quick, casual way to get your KOMA basics training! Visit our website for more information and to register!
TRANSPORTATION TASK FORCE UPDATE

The Joint Legislative Transportation Task Force held its first meeting in Topeka on August 6. The Task Force will meet several times over the next few months to discuss transportation needs and issues in Kansas. The Task Force website has the members listed and the role of the Task Force. The League has two representatives on this Task Force: Jon Daveline, Councilmember, City of Hutchinson and Donald Roberts, Mayor, City of Edgerton. The meetings of the Task Force have been set for the following dates and locations:

- September 6 – Salina
- September 12 – Wyandotte County
- September 20 – Pittsburg
- October 4 – Newton
- October 11 – Garden City
- October 18 – Wichita
- October 24 – Hays
- November 8 – Johnson County
- November 9 – Manhattan
- November 28 and 29 – Topeka

Local officials must provide advanced notice if they would like to be on the agenda and provide oral testimony at any of the above meetings. If you wish to submit oral or written testimony to the Task Force, contact the Kansas Legislative Research Department at (785) 296-3181. The guidelines for submitting testimony are online. We strongly encourage League members to attend the Task Force meetings in your area – local government input and discussion is going to be a critical part of this conversation and we want to make sure your insights and comments are heard by the Task Force.

A listing of transportation publications and articles/information are also available on the KLRD website. Deputy General Counsel Eric Smith and/or Deputy Director Trey Cocking are the League's contacts for this Task Force.

KANSAS ELECTED LEADERS VISIT WHITE HOUSE

Several elected officials from Kansas were invited to the White House on August 16 to discuss intergovernmental cooperation. League Deputy Director Trey Cocking attended as well. We support #localgov working with all levels of government to further cities’ work.

Kansas leaders met with White House Cabinet members and agency staff to discuss issues including intergovernmental affairs and cooperation, affordable housing, the opioid crisis, and agriculture.

In the photo to the right (top), Vice President Mike Pence talks to the group. In the lower right photo, City of Newton Vice Mayor Leroy Koehn, City of Overland Park Mayor Carl Gerlach, and City of Dodge City Mayor Kent Smoll (and wife Dee) pose for a quick photo outside of the White House.