

2018 MML Legislative Conference



The 2018 MML Legislative Conference brought together hundreds of municipal officials to learn about the most pressing issues under consideration at the state level that affect Missouri communities. Speakers included Rep. Shamed Dogan, chair of the House Local Government Committee, and Rep. Kevin Corlew, chair of Missouri's 21st Century Transportation Task Force.



Buckle Up. Phone Down.

A group of Missouri mayors came together on Feb. 14 after the MML Legislative Conference to voice support for an initiative aimed at encouraging people to wear their seat belts and put down their cell phones while driving.

Jefferson City Mayor Carrie Tergin spearheaded the effort to promote the Buckle Up/Phone Down campaign, an outreach program the Missouri Department of Transportation implemented more than a year ago. Tergin was joined by about 25 mayors, including Kansas City Mayor Sly James, Springfield Mayor Ken McClure and Florissant Mayor Tom Schneider, in voicing support for Buckle Up/Phone Down, also known as BUPD, on electronic message boards throughout the state.

“There are two simple acts that can save your life, and the lives of others,” Tergin said. “Buckle up and make sure every passenger in your vehicle is buckled up. If you’re driving, put the phone down.”

"No text, email or phone call is more important than a life," said James.

Learn more at www.modot.org/buckleupphonedown.



Kansas City Mayor Sly James speaks (above) at the Feb. 14 Buckle Up Phone Down Press Conference. "No text, email or phone call is more important than a life," said James.

Spearheaded by Jefferson City Mayor Carrie Tergin (at podium, top) the event promoted an outreach program implemented by the Missouri Department of Transportation more than a year ago. Mayors made the thumb up/thumb down pose to show support for the safety campaign.



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