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# CERTIFICATION



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## 2009 Mid-Winter Meeting and Knowledge Sharing (FHWA)



The 2009 Mid-Winter Certification Meeting in St. Pete Beach, Florida was a huge success. As with previously attended certification meetings, the Specialty Chairs were engaged with their specific programs and provided constructive input.

The meeting began with the approval of the minutes from the July 2008 Annual Meeting held in Arizona. Each Specialty Chair reported on their respective programs and events that occurred since the last meeting. In addition, Specialty Chairs brought the committee members up-to-date on any potential changes. As you can imagine, many of the program updates hinged on the completion of the 2009 MUTCD.

### Highlights from the Mid-Winter Meeting

Specialty Chair Greg Bothwell suggested splitting the Signs and Markings Level II program into a Level II for Signs and a Level II for Markings. The Committee is looking for suggestions and input regarding this change. The Committee was also asked to provide proposed outlines of the Level II programs for the Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida.

The Traffic Signal Committee met in Arizona at the last Annual Conference to discuss future projects. The Committee felt there was a need for a NEMA and 170/2070 Traffic Signal Cabinet Trouble Shooting class. Shortly following the Mid-Winter meeting, a Course Service Request (CSR) and Business Plan were submitted for review and approval. The goal is to standardize these programs to ensure participants receive the same information.

Doug Akin, from the Educational Foundation, asked Specialty Chairs for their input regarding on-line programs. Based on research by the Foundation, on-line programs have become more affordable. The Foundation will be providing some examples for the Committee to review.



### Knowledge Sharing (FHWA)

The Federal Highway Administration has a Knowledge Sharing website. The FHWA Knowledge Sharing site has recorded presentations (mini-courses) on Technical Topics. Technical Topics provides solutions to technical problems, promotes the implementation of new technologies, and shares successful practices. In the interest of capturing and preserving its institutional knowledge, FHWA has instituted a series of online presentations called "Knowledge On-Demand." These multimedia presentations are self-contained packages that combine text, audio, and video elements to create the learning experience of attending a presentation you can experience from the comfort of your own computer chair. Many of these presentations are designed by and presented by FHWA employees. Please visit the following website: <http://knowledge.fhwa.dot.gov/cops/FHWAKnowExt.nsf/pages/ondemand.html>