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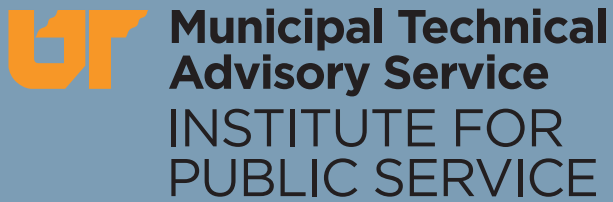
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# MTAS MUNICIPAL E-NEWS

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## CLASS LISTINGS & INTERACTIVE TRAINING CALENDAR

**Mark your calendar!** MTAS training events and conferences are listed here along with information on how to register for upcoming training events on your Solution Point account. [READ](#)

## RESEARCH/INFORMATION CENTER NEW MATERIALS

- Certified Population of Tennessee Incorporated Municipalities (2015) [Download](#)
- Summary of 2015 Public Acts of Interest to HR Professionals | [Download](#)
- "Confronting Conflict: Conflict Isn't Necessarily a Bad Thing, But Ignoring It Can Be" (article) | [Request this article from RIC](#)

For a listing of all new materials: [CLICK HERE](#)

## PAST ISSUES OF THE MUNICIPAL E-NEWSLETTER

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## CITY SPOTLIGHT:

### JASPER

**Marion County**  
Incorporated 1852

2015 Population: 3,323

Municipal Management Consultant

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## FALL 2015 TAMCAR CONFERENCE

The fall conference of the Tennessee Association of Municipal Clerks and Recorders is scheduled for Sept. 16-18 at Embassy Suites in Murfreesboro.

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## MTAS CONDUCTS TRAINING ACROSS TENNESSEE ON REGULATIONS AND MANAGEMENT OF WASTEWATER SYSTEMS

To kick off the month of August, MTAS Utility Operations Consultant Brett Ward facilitated a training course entitled "Layman's Approach to the Regulations and Management of Wastewater Systems." [READ](#)

## MTAS 2015 LEGISLATIVE SESSION REVIEW NOW OFFERED ONLINE

New legislation passed by the TN Legislature in 2015 addressed every corner of municipal administration. [READ](#)



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# WOMEN

# in Public Service symposium

**November 19, 2015**

Doubletree Hotel, Murfreesboro  
9am - 3pm (CST)



Keynote Speaker:  
Dr. Debbye Turner Bell



Comedian:  
Leanne Morgan

Call Patrick Mills to register - (865) 974-0413 or register online: [www.mtas.tennessee.edu](http://www.mtas.tennessee.edu)



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# Fall 2015 TAMCAR Conference

TAMCAR Fall Conference 2015  
September 16-18 | Murfreesboro



**THE FALL CONFERENCE OF THE TENNESSEE ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL CLERKS AND RECORDERS IS SCHEDULED FOR SEPT. 16-18 AT EMBASSY SUITES IN MURFREESBORO.**

Municipal government officials are under constant pressure to deliver services more efficiently. As a municipal government professional you must continually evaluate your performance in terms of productivity and effectiveness to keep pace with today's demands as well as to prepare for tomorrow's challenges.

You must keep up with new trends, sharpen old techniques and acquire new skills. Your participation in this training program will help prepare you for the challenges of public service. By participating in this course, you are joining an outstanding group of municipal professionals who realize that education is a life-long process.

These hours will apply toward your state certification and your international institute of municipal clerks certification if you are a member of IIMC. These hours will also apply as elective hours toward municipal administrative program certificates. Many of these hours may also satisfy the continuing education requirements that are mandatory to maintain your certifications including the certifies municipal finance officer (CFMO).



## MTAS Conducts Training Across Tennessee on Regulations and Management of Wastewater Systems

**TO KICK OFF THE MONTH OF AUGUST**, MTAS Utility Operations Consultant Brett Ward facilitated a training course entitled "Layman's Approach to the Regulations and Management of Wastewater Systems." These courses were held at the UT Conference Center (Knoxville), Tennessee Bureau of Investigation Headquarters (Nashville), and the Jackson Energy Authority (Jackson).

The objective for this Municipal Administration Program (MAP) course was to provide elected officials and non-technical city staff members a better understanding of the details of wastewater system operations and management so they can communicate better with customers and citizens. During these classes Ward pointed out challenges that sewer system employees face, such as protecting public health, what's in sewage and how much is present, and the regulations cities and wastewater plants face.

For other MTAS MAP trainings go to the MTAS web site [www.mtas.tennessee.edu](http://www.mtas.tennessee.edu) or contact Kurt Frederick [kurt.frederick@tennessee.edu](mailto:kurt.frederick@tennessee.edu) (615-253-6385) or Patrick Mills [patrick.mills@tennessee.edu](mailto:patrick.mills@tennessee.edu) (865-974-0413).



**Instructor Brett Ward, MTAS Utility Consultant, reviews a table top exercise with participants during a recent course entitled, "Layman's Approach to the Regulations and Management of Wastewater Systems."**

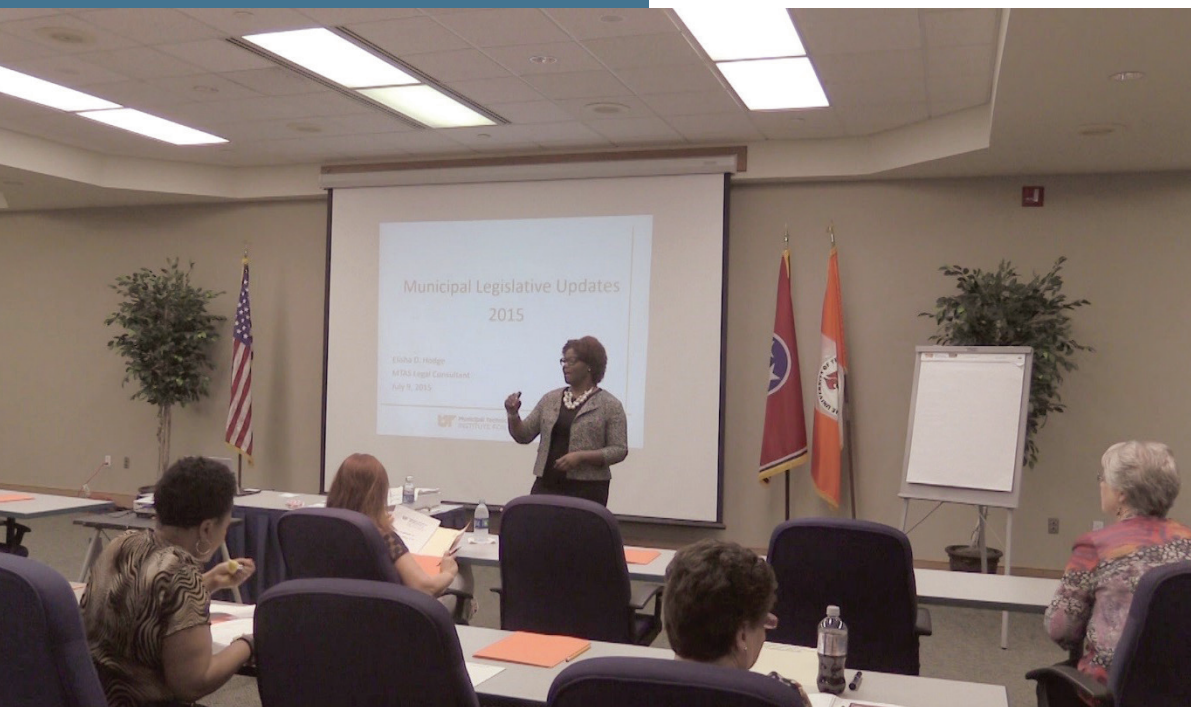


# MTAS 2015 LEGISLATIVE SESSION REVIEW NOW OFFERED ONLINE

**NEW LEGISLATION PASSED BY THE TN LEGISLATURE IN 2015 ADDRESSED EVERY** corner of municipal administration. Whether individuals represented law enforcement, finance and budgets or were elected officials, there was legislative updates which pertained to Tennessee cities.

The Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS), in cooperation with the Tennessee Municipal League (TML), facilitated training on the 2015 Tennessee State Legislature's session. With more than 170 participants, these sessions were conducted in Kingsport, Knoxville, Franklin, Collegedale and Jackson. These interactive classes covered 35 areas and over 230 individual legislative acts. Areas of interest included: alcoholic beverages, animals, authorities, boards, commissions, codes enforcement, contracts, crime and criminal procedure, economic development, education, elections, environment, finance, fire, firearms, general government, land use, planning and zoning, landlords and tenants, law enforcement, motor vehicles and traffic, personnel, records, state government, taxation, tort liability, transportation, and utilities. The intended purpose of these sessions was to educate municipal officials regarding changes in laws impacting Tennessee cities.

Municipal employees across the state discovered what impact recent state legislation will have on their respective communities with the assistance of the UT Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS). MTAS Legal Consultant Elisha Hodge held legislative update classes throughout the month of July. These information-packed courses were an excellent opportunity for municipalities to learn about the impact the legislation will have on them.



Some city officials attending the sessions provided comments such as:

**“Very informative and time relevant!”**

**“All the laws in four hours - Impressive”**

and

**“Quality speaker - hit the high key points of law, with fun slides to entertain the class.”**

*MTAS Legal Consultant  
Elisha Hodge leads a  
legislative update course at  
the UT Conference Center.*

If you missed the instructor led version of this course it is not too late to catch up on this year's legislation. Elisha has summarized the information that you need to know in an online version of this course. You will be able to download the “Summary of 2015 Public Act” and listen to only the areas you are interested in throughout the course. To register for the online version visit <http://mtas.tennessee.edu> and click on the headline for the Municipal Legislation 2015 Online course.

## UPCOMING CONFERENCES

**International City/County  
Management Association  
Annual Conference  
September 27-30 | Seattle, Wash**  
[More info](#)

**Tennessee Stormwater  
Association Annual Conference  
October 20-23  
Fall Creek Falls State Park**  
[More info](#)

**Tennessee Government  
Finance Officer Association  
October 22-23 | Murfreesboro**  
[More info](#)

**International Association of  
Police Chiefs Annual Conference  
October 24-27 | Chicago, IL**  
[More info](#)

**Renewable Energy Conference  
(TREEDC)  
December 14-15 | Cookeville**  
[More info](#)

**TAMCAR Fall Conference 2015  
September 16-18 | Murfreesboro**  
[More info](#)

**IPMA-HR 2015 Training  
Conference and Expo  
September 28-30 | Denver, CO**  
[More info](#)

**Tennessee Urban Forestry  
Council Conference  
October 1-2 | Memphis**  
[More info](#)

**Tennessee City Management  
Association  
October 21-23 | Chattanooga**  
[More info](#)

**Check out the 2015 MTAS Training Catalog and plan your training calendar now!**

## MTAS Training Opportunities

**Bridging the Generational Gap in the Workplace: Smoky Mountain Paralegal Association**  
9/25/2015 1:00 PM Knoxville Holiday Inn Select

**CMFO-Debt Management**  
9/23/2015 8:30 AM Memphis Memphis City Hall  
9/30/2015 8:30 AM Collegedale Collegedale City Hall  
9/30/2015 8:30 AM Nashville CIS Training Room

**Municipal Court Clerk Class 2015**  
9/29/2015 8:30 AM Smyrna Smyrna Town Centre

**Reflective Practices in the Workplace**  
9/22/2015 8:30 AM Jackson Jackson Energy Authority  
9/23/2015 8:30 AM Franklin Williamson County Ag Expo Park  
9/29/2015 8:30 AM Knoxville Univ of Tenn - Conference Center

**CMFO-Payroll, Benefits & Pensions**  
10/12/2015 8:30 AM Memphis Memphis City Hall  
10/21/2015 8:30 AM Collegedale Collegedale City Hall  
10/28/2015 8:30 AM Nashville CIS Training Room

**Cyber Security**  
10/7/2015 8:30 AM Collegedale Collegedale City Hall  
10/8/2015 8:30 AM Knoxville Univ of Tenn - Conference Center  
10/13/2015 8:30 AM Nashville TBI Headquarters  
10/14/2015 8:30 AM Jackson Jackson Energy Authority

**IT Security Warrior**  
10/28/2015 8:30 AM Collegedale Collegedale City Hall  
10/29/2015 8:30 AM Knoxville Univ of Tenn - Conference Center

**Municipal Court Clerk Class 2015**  
10/15/2015 8:30 AM Collegedale Collegedale City Hall  
10/16/2015 8:30 AM Cookeville Leslie Town Center  
10/21/2015 8:30 AM Johnson City Carnegie Hotel  
10/22/2015 8:30 AM Knoxville Univ of Tenn - Conference Center

**Roberts Rules of Order: Maximizing Your Meetings**  
10/13/2015 10:00 AM Jackson Jackson Energy Authority  
10/14/2015 10:00 AM Nashville TBI Headquarters  
10/15/2015 10:00 AM Knoxville Univ of Tenn - Conference Center



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