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COUNTY ROAD REPRESENTATIVES HONORED WITH MERIT AWARDS

LANSING, Mich. – The County Road Association of Michigan honored three members with Merit Awards at its 2015 Annual Highway Conference.

“It has been said that organizations are only as strong as their members. We have dedicated and passionate members who set a high bar,” said Denise Donohue, director of the County Road Association of Michigan. “The members honored this year have dedicated their time and talent to providing educational opportunities for their peers, ensuring Michigan’s county road agencies have access to specialized training.”

Merit Awards recognize the efforts of members who dedicate considerable time and commitment to provide educational opportunities for Michigan’s county road agencies.

“The three individuals recognized this year have helped lead educational workshops that keep our members up-to-date on the latest technology and best practices for their field,” Donohue said. “These conferences are a vital component to ensure Michigan’s county road agencies are innovative, efficient and models for best practices.”

Mathew Hannahs, assistant county engineer for the **Eaton County Road Commission** received the 2014 Merit Award for his work as **chair of the 2014 County Engineer’s Workshop**.



Mathew Hannahs of the Eaton County Road Commission

Frank M. Leiva, Iosco County Road Commissioner was recognized with a 2014 Merit Award for his effort as **chair of the 2013 New Commissioner's Workshop and 2014 Commissioner's Seminar.**



Iosco County Road Commission Pictured (left to right) Bruce Bolen, Frank Leiva and Ben Brewer

John Strauss, director of finance for the **Kent County Road Commission** received a 2014 Merit Award for his efforts as **chair of the 2014 Finance and Human Resources Seminar**.



John Strauss of the Kent County Road Commission

The County Road Association of Michigan represents the interests of Michigan's 83 county road agencies that collectively manage more than 75 percent of all roads in Michigan – more than 90,000 miles and the fourth largest local roads system in the nation.

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Local Roads Matter: to schools, to businesses, to emergency response times, to seniors, to health care, to families, to agriculture, to tourism, to revitalization, to the economy, and **to every Michigan resident!**