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**Ottawa County Road Commission  
honored with statewide IMPRESS Award!**

LANSING, MI – The Ottawa County Road Commission (OCRC) was honored with a statewide IMPRESS Award at the 2026 County Road Association (CRA) of Michigan Highway Conference held in late March in Lansing. IMPRESS Awards recognize county road agencies that demonstrate innovation on noteworthy projects in the categories of communication, operations and collaboration.



*Pictured from left: Alex Doty, OCRC communications administrator and Ken Hildebrand, OCRC superintendent.*

This year, Ottawa County received an IMPRESS Award in operations for its *“Digital Operations Communication and Field Modernization Initiative.”* The initiative modernizes field operations by equipping staff with real-time communication and data-sharing tools, improving coordination, streamlining documentation and enhancing overall operational awareness.

“Ottawa County’s approach shows how modern tools can strengthen day-to-day operations and keep teams better connected in the field,” said Denise Donohue, CRA CEO. “By improving real-time communication and access to information, they’ve created a more efficient and responsive operation that supports both staff and the communities they serve.”

An independent panel of communications and operations experts from several of Michigan's 83 county road agencies judged all IMPRESS Awards submissions. Award recipients were honored for projects that solved issues both internally for their agencies and externally for their communities.

The 83 members of the County Road Association of Michigan represent the unified voice for a safe and efficient county transportation infrastructure system in Michigan, including appropriate stewardship of the public's right-of-way in rural and urban Michigan. Collectively, Michigan's county road agencies manage 75% of all roads in the state, including 90,500 miles of roads and 5,900 bridges. County road agencies also maintain the state's highway system in 63 counties. Michigan has the nation's fourth-largest local road system.

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