



TO REGISTER VISIT:

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The Association of
County Road Superintendents
of Michigan

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

SAM Seminar Full Registration:..... \$250
Late SAM Seminar Full Registration: *\$300
Wednesday Picnic Ticket:..... \$50
Thursday Banquet Ticket: \$60

Register now at micountyroads.org/SAMSeminar.
If you have questions or need help registering, please call
CRA at 517.482.1189.

*Late registration fees take effect September 7.

Refund policy: Cancellations received within 14 days of
the event are not eligible for a refund..

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Hotel Information:

Hotel Guestroom:\$98 (plus \$15 resort fee)
CUT OFF DATE: September 11, 2026

To reserve a hotel room call (866) 348-5249 (option 1)
Treetops Resort | (989) 732.6711 | info@treetops.com
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52nd ANNUAL SUPERINTENDENTS SEMINAR



October 7 – 9, 2026

Treetops Resort • Gaylord, MI

SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER NOW!



11 – 1 p.m.

SEMINAR REGISTRATION (Conference Center)

1 – 1:05 p.m.

WELCOME

Jason Schnaidt, SAM President and Director of Operations, Lenawee CRC

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1:05 – 1:45 p.m.

SESSION 1 – WHAT’S NEW AT CRA

Speaker: Denise Donohue, CEO, CRA

Moderator: Jason Schnaidt



2 – 3:15 p.m.

SESSION 2 – THE BURIED TRUTH UNCOVERED

Speaker: Eric Giguere, Motivational Speaker, Safety Awareness Solutions

Moderator: Jason Schnaidt

3:30 – 5:30 p.m.

OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT SHOW (Parking Lot)

5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

DINNER (Conference Center)

Sponsored by SAM and Vendors



6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

INDOOR VENDOR SHOW (Conference Center)

Beverages sponsored by AIS / Action Traffic



SAVE THE DATE:

53rd SAM Seminar is October 6 – 8, 2027

Kewadin Casino | Sault Ste Marie, Michigan

6:30 – 8 a.m.

BREAKFAST (Conference Center)

Sponsored by Knapheide



8 a.m.

SEMINAR REGISTRATION

8 – 8:05 a.m.

WELCOME

Jason Schnaidt

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

8:05 – 9 a.m.

SESSION 3 – LIABILITY NEUTRAL LANGUAGE

Speaker: Charlie Pike, Director of Risk Management, MCRC SIP

Moderator: Dave Bondie, Superintendent, Clare CRC

9:05 – 10 a.m.

SESSION 4 – TRUCK MANUFACTURE AND EMISSIONS

Speakers: Curt McCarthy, Peterbilt; Doug Ackerman, D&K; Michael Laing, International

Moderators: Tim Trudell, Fleet/Facilities Manager, Leelanau CRC

Joe Girskis, Fleet/Facilities Manager, Montcalm CRC

10 – 10:15 a.m.

BREAK

Sponsored by Alta Equipment Company



PRIZE DRAWING

10:15 – 11:15 a.m.

SESSION 5 – TRUCK BUILDING FOR COUNTY ROAD AGENCIES

Speakers: Alex Cadwallader, Kent CRC; Dennis Bradford, Manistee CRC; Robert Franklin, Ottawa CRC; Mike Bouwman, Truck & Trailer Specialties

Moderators: Tim Trudell; Joe Girskis

11:15 – 12 p.m.

SESSION 6 – NUTS AND BOLT

Moderator: SAM Board

12 – 12:45 p.m.

LUNCH

Sponsored by Truck & Trailer Specialties, Inc.



PRIZE DRAWING

12:45 – 2 p.m.

SESSION 7 – NUTS AND BOLTS PART II

Moderator: SAM Board

2 – 2:15 p.m.

BREAK

Sponsored by Michigan Paving & Materials



PRIZE DRAWING

2 – 3:15 p.m.

SESSION 8 – WEATHER REPORTING IN MICHIGAN: CHALLENGE ACCEPTED

Speaker: Mark Torregrossa, Chief Meteorologist, MLive

Moderator: Art Buck, Superintendent, Midland CRC

6 – 6:45 p.m.

SOCIAL HOUR (Conference Center)

Appetizers Sponsored by Asphalt Materials, Inc.



Asphalt Materials Inc.

6:45 p. m.

BANQUET (Conference Center)

HONORING OF VETERANS – SAM Board, Randy Dellaposta

INVOCATION – Rob Hudec, Maintenance Superintendent, Saginaw CRC

BUFFET DINNER

RECOGNITION AND HONORING OF RETIREES

Speaker: SAM Board

Moderator: Jason Schnaidt

RECOGNITION OF GUEST OF HONOR

Speaker: Dan Medina, Saginaw CRC (Retired)

Moderator: Rob Hudec

RECOGNITION OF SAM PRESIDENT

Speaker: Jason Schnaidt

Moderator: Mike McTiver, PE, Engineer-Manager, Luce CRC

ENTERTAINMENT

Casino Night

Moderator – Rob Hudec



6:30 – 8 a.m.

BREAKFAST (Conference Center)

Sponsored by MacAllister CAT



8 – 8:05 a.m.

WELCOME

Jason Schnaidt

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ELECTION OF SECRETARY

Speaker: Rusty McClain, Assistant Operations Director, Kalamazoo CRC

Moderator: Jason Schnaidt

8:05 – 9:05 a.m.

SESSION 9 – COUNTY CRISIS RESPONSE PROJECT

Speaker: Dustin Earley, APR, Deputy Director of Engagement, CRA

Moderators: Brad Toivonen, Superintendent/Manager, Iron CRC and Rob Hudec

9:10 – 10:10 a.m.

SESSION 10 – CHIPPER SAFETY

Speaker: Rod Flaughner, Bandit Industries

Moderator: Joe Girskis

10:10 – 10:25 a.m.

BREAK

Sponsored by JX Truck Center



10:25 – 11:25 a.m.

SESSION 11 – TBD

11:30 a.m.

PRIZE DRAWING

12 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER!

