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ETDD HOLDS ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

The East Tennessee Development District Board of Directors held its 51s Annual Board Meeting and Luncheon on March 14, 2017 at Rothchild Conference Center in Knoxville. Approximately 125 members and guests were in attendance. ETDD was honored to have Congressman Chuck Fleischmann and Commissioner David Purkey with the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security, present at the meeting, and both provided excellent comments on current issues and events. At the meeting the Annual Budget, Work Program and Local Assessments for 2017-2018 were approved. Executive Director Terrence J. Bobrowski presented the 2016-2017 Annual Report to the Region. During his remarks, Director Bobrowski paid tribute to the long-standing support that ETDD has received from its member local governments: "I would like to thank our member local governments for their support of this organization, not just this year but for our entire fifty plus year history. We have a wonderful legacy of support here at the development district and I certainly hope that strong level of support continues for many years to come." One of the highlights of the meeting was the election of new officers for ETDD. The following slate of officers and Executive Committee members for the coming year (beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018) were elected at the meeting:

Officers

Chair: Johnny Merritt, Mayor of Luttrell Vice-Chair: E.L. Morton, Campbell County Mayor Secretary: Ron Woody, Roane County Executive Roland (Trey) Dykes III, Member at Large Treasurer:

Executive Committee Members

Anderson County: Terry Frank, Anderson County Mayor

Donald Mull, Mayor of Alcoa **Blount County:**

Jack Daniels, Claiborne County Mayor Claiborne County: Cocke County: Crystal Ottinger, Cocke County Mayor Terry Wolfe, Mayor of Bean Station Grainger County: Hamblen County: Bill Brittain, Hamblen County Mayor

Jefferson County: Rodney Davis, Development Representative

Knox County: Tim Burchett, Knox County Mayor

Rollen (Buddy) Bradshaw, Loudon County Mayor Loudon County: Tim Yates, Monroe County Mayor

Monroe County: Morgan County: Don Edwards, Morgan County Executive

Dale Perdue, Scott County Mayor Scott County: Sevier County: Larry Waters, Sevier County Mayor Union County: Mike Williams, Union County Mayor

Kent Calfee, 32nd District State Representative:

Ken Yager, 12th District State Senator:







FOREIGN TRADE ZONE (FTZ) REMINDER

County Mayors in the ETDD region are not likely to remember signing letters in 2012 requesting that their County be included in the Greater Knoxville Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) Service Boundary. *Why is this important?* It means that any company in your county that imports merchandise or parts and materials for manufacturing (or any industrial prospect within ETDD's boundaries that plans to import) is eligible to operate in the FTZ – no matter where they are located in ETDD.

So, what is an FTZ? It's a designated area located within a business' site that is exempt from payment of duty on imported merchandise. Depending on the nature of the company's business and how they intend to use the designated area, the FTZ can be used to reduce, defer or eliminate U.S. Customs duties. This can provide a tremendous competitive advantage for your industries in the global marketplace. You really don't need to know about this competitive advantage or how FTZs operate. But it is important that your Economic Development staff and the "Captains of Industry" in your respective counties know about it!

What can you do? Tell them about it. They can learn more about the advantages of operating in the Knoxville FTZ by going to its Website: www.ftztn.com or by calling its Zone Manager, Jeff Deardorff at (719) 966-9427 to determine whether their use of the FTZ would be cost-effective. Many believe U.S trade and Customs duty policies may change dramatically with the Trump/Pence administration, and that will make FTZs even more vital for international competitiveness and economic growth. So, go ahead and send this article and remind them! Importers will thank you.

PINI (TACIR) SURVEY

ETDD staff recently completed the collection of data that details the infrastructure needs from all 16 counties, 56 cities, 25 school systems, and 94 utility districts. All new and existing TDOT and Bridge projects within the ETDD region have been updated as well. We thank all the participants for their help in supplying this information to ETDD staff. Infrastructure projects for the purpose of this survey included any needed public improvement need over \$50,000 in these categories: transportation, utilities, education (facilities), health, safety, welfare, culture, economic development, and various public facilities. The data has been entered and checked. TACIR will publish a lengthy summary that details infrastructure needs for all of Tennessee. The report is presented to the Governor and

state legislators for use as a planning tool and a funding decision-making tool.

GRANT INFORMATION

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Community Development Block Grants were due on February 24, 2017. ETDD staff assisted the following communities with the submittal of a 2017 grant application.

- 1. Baneberry- Fire Truck
- 2. Campbell County- Fire Truck
- 3. Caryville- Fire Truck
- 4. Cocke County- Waterline Extension
- 5. Dandridge- Fire Truck
- 6. Harrogate- Sewer Line Extension
- 7. Jefferson City- Wastewater
- 8. Jefferson County- Waterline Extension
- 9. Loudon County- Fire Truck
- 10. Madisonville- Wastewater
- 11. Monroe County- Waterline Extension
- 12. Morgan County- Waterline Extension
- 13. New Market-Fire Truck
- 14. Parrottsville- Fire Truck
- 15. Roane County-Fire/Hazmat Trucks
- 16. Scott County- Ambulances
- 17. Sweetwater- Housing
- 18. Union County- Ambulances

This year the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development received a record high of 147 applications requesting over \$58.8 million in funding. Announcements for the recipients of the awards is expected in Fall 2017. Good luck to all our communities that submitted an application!

ETDD staff is currently assisting the following communities with the administration of their awarded CDBG projects:

- 1. Anderson County- Waterline Extension
- 2. Clinton Housing
- 3. Claiborne County- Road Repair (Disaster project)
- 4. Claiborne County- Waterline Extension
- 5. Cumberland Gap- Water Systems Improvements
- 6. Hamblen County- Fire Truck
- 7. New Tazewell- Housing
- 8. Norris- Wastewater System Improvements
- 9. Rockwood- Housing

- 10. Rocky Top Water system Improvements
- 11. Tazewell- Housing
- 12. White Pine- Waterline Extension

Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC)

Communities that submitted ARC pre-applications in December are anticipating to hear this spring if they will be asked to submit a full application for funding. Pre-applications that ETDD assisted with are: Claiborne County - Waterline Extension; Dandridge - Water Tank; Newport Utility - Broadband; TASS - Water Treatment Plant; and Union County - Sharps Chapel School Sewer System and UT - PIPES Program Phase II.

ETDD staff is currently assisting the following communities and organizations with ARC administration: Claiborne County, City of Madisonville, TASS, and Scott County.

Clean Tennessee Energy Grant

In 2011, Tennessee and other states were parties to a federal court settlement of an enforcement action under the federal Clean Air Act that resulted in a consent decree with the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA). A part of the decree obligated TVA to provide Tennessee \$26.4 million to fund environmental mitigation projects. The most recent round of pre-applications were due on February 28, 2017. ETDD assisted both Cocke County and Union County with their pre-applications. Full applications will be requested by the end of March 2017.

Local Parks and Recreation Fund

The next benchmarking deadline is May 31, 2017. Benchmarking provides points on the recreation grant application that makes your project more competitive. The benchmarking application will also provide your recreation department some notoriety across the State by being benchmarked. If you would like more information or would want help to benchmark your community, call ETDD staff for assistance.

The traditional local parks and recreation grant is scheduled for a grant application deadline in late spring 2018. ETDD staff will send out an email later this year to notify all communities about the grant when it becomes available. These grants require a lot of preparation and community outreach. If your community is thinking of applying in 2018 it would be beneficial to your application to begin the

preparation this summer. ETDD staff will be happy to assist your community with preparation and submission of your application.

EPA Grants

ETDD staff is currently assisting the following communities with administration of EPA STAG Congressional Appropriations:

City of Harrogate – Sewer Line Extension Project Phase II

Solid Waste Grant Programs

Congratulations to the following communities on the award of their solid waste grants.

Recycling Grants

- Roane County \$50,000 with a match of \$50,000 for weight scales.
- Sevier Solid Waste \$50,000 grant and \$54,897 match for a cleaning system.

Used Oil Grant

- Campbell County Grant amount of \$94,600.00 for used oil heater, tanks and transport trailer.
- Hamblen County Grant amount of \$54,700.00 for used oil heater, tanks and transport trailer.
- Jefferson County Grant amount of \$17,000.00 for used oil transport trailer.
- Knoxville Grant amount of \$42,700.00 for collection tanks, transport trailer and heater.
- Loudon County Grant amount of \$24,600.00 for used oil heater, tank and transport trailer.
- Sevier County Grant amount of \$14,700.00 for collection tanks.

SOLID WASTE ANNUAL REPORTS

ETDD staff worked with the following communities in completing their solid waste annual reports; Campbell, Cocke, Grainger, Hamblen, Loudon, Monroe, Morgan, Scott and Union County. If you are doing your own reports, keep in mind that under the planning section you need to make sure that you list all wants and needs. As grants become available, State staff will be looking at these reports to see if the requested items are in the report. If not, then the community will not be selected for possible award of the grant. These reports are also the only way that you can show

the State that you have reached your 25% waste reduction goal. ETDD staff can attend any of your solid waste board meetings to go over items of interest and give you updates from the State anytime throughout the year. Call Mitch Loomis at 865-273-6003.

surveying historic districts and identifying mid-twentieth-century architectural resources. Please contact Lindsay Crockett with ETDD for preservation-related assistance and technical guidance.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

The National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) is a program through the National Park Service (NPS) that recognizes historically significant places and resources. NRHP listing provides many benefits, including access to preservation grants and tax incentives, and limited protection from federally-funded or licensed endeavors. Grant applications are due to the Tennessee Historical Commission each January. These are 60/40 matching grants that can be used for building restoration, architectural surveys, and educational activities with a preservation component. ETDD can assist in the identification of competitive preservation projects that may be eligible for these types of grants and can also provide grant writing services to communities in our region. ETDD staff can also assist in the preparation of nominations to the NRHP, which are highly technical and often take around a year to prepare and process. Beyond access to grants, NRHP listing allows for widespread recognition of the site's historic significance and increased heritage tourism opportunities. ETDD preservation staff has submitted two nominations to the Tennessee Historical Commission for the May 2017 meeting of the State Review Board: the Vose School in Alcoa, Blount County, and the Tanner Store in Wartburg, Morgan County. Please contact ETDD preservation staff for assistance with grant applications and National Register nominations.

A Tennessee Historic Rehabilitation Investment Incentive is currently proposed within the State's legislature. 36 other states in the US (including all of the states surrounding Tennessee) have enacted state historic tax incentives to encourage the rehabilitation of historic buildings and the revitalization of established communities. This tax incentive would benefit historic downtowns seeking to revitalize their historic communities, property owners who cannot currently afford to rehabilitate their old buildings, and small businesses seeking attractive spaces for their customers. This tool would allow Tennessee to compete with its neighboring states in improving its main street communities.

ETDD works with a variety of local and regional preservation groups and advocates that can assist with NRHP nominations, preservation grant applications, and tax incentives. ETDD's preservation staff also has experience

HOUSING

In January, ETDD submitted a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application on behalf of the City of Sweetwater. If funded, this grant would fund substantial housing rehabilitation projects for a neighborhood populated by low-income homeowners. In March, ETDD also submitted two HOME grant applications to the Tennessee Housing Development Agency on behalf of the Town of Winfield and Union County. These projects could assist 20-30 households total in the communities. The HOME program is a significant source of funding for housing rehabilitations projects in our region and continues to be a popular resource for this type of assistance.

ETDD expects to receive another allocation from the Tennessee Housing Development Agency (THDA) or the Emergency Repair Program in July 2017. This allocation will be used to address repairs for houses across the 16county region. The program provides grants for home repairs in households where the applicant is at least 60 years of age and who meets ownership and income requirements. One new detail of the 2016 program is that the age requirement was waived for disabled residents so that additional clients in need of repairs can be assisted. ETDD works with local non-profits and organizations who coordinate construction activities and qualify the homeowners. These service providers are an integral part of the Emergency Repair Program's activities in our 16-county region, and ETDD is seeking more partners to complete projects in several counties, including Blount, Claiborne, Monroe, and Union counties. THDA expects a 50% match for the grant funds used for emergency repairs. The program has provided a great deal of assistance in our area, but there is an ongoing need to locate funding that will assist lowincome homeowners with housing repairs. ETDD maintains a list of local housing partners and assistance programs that can be accessed through the Housing page of our website, or by contacting us directly with specific needs.

ETDD housing staff is available to discuss housing needs and community housing grant applications. We can also provide information on local and regional housing service providers, agencies and alternate programs that can assist individuals in need of housing repair. For more information on these programs, contact Lindsay Crockett at (865) 273-6003.

RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION (RPO)

On March 2, 2017, the East Tennessee South Rural Planning Organization Executive Board and the East Tennessee North Rural Planning Organization Executive Board held meetings at the TDOT Region 1 Headquarters Auditorium in Knoxville. The major discussion items included ADA Transition Plans, Local Programs Funding, Discussion of TDOT Funding and TDOT Projects Updates.

Margaret Mahler with TDOT discussed the ADA Transition Plans. Ms. Mahler discussed which local governments must prepare a plan, the steps to compliance and the deadline for completing the ADA Transition Plans. If you have any questions regarding ADA compliance, please contact Margaret Mahler at 615-741-4984 or margaret.z.mahler@tn.gov.

Whitney Sullivan with TDOT discussed various TDOT funding programs available to local governments. The programs discussed include the following: Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG), Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation (BRR), Interchange Lighting, Local Interstate Connector (LIC), State Industrial Access (SIA), Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Grant (CMAQ), Safe Routes to School Grant (SRTS) and Transportation Alternative Program Grant (TAP). Ms. Sullivan's power point presentation summarizing these programs can be found on the **ETDD** web site http://www.etdd.org/services/communitydevelopment/transportation/.

Steve Borden with TDOT discussed TDOT funding. Handouts were distributed including: Transportation Plan Summary, Transportation Projects Summary, Summary of the IMPROVE Act, Additional Annual Tax Revenues to Local Governments in the RPO, List of Projects Proposed for Funding in the RPO. Mr. Borden discussed a website containing proposed project specific information. The following links will direct you to an interactive map showing proposed projects all across the state and a website containing information regarding the IMPROVE Act:

- Interactive Project Map https://www.tdot.tn.gov/projectneeds/spot#/
- IMPROVE Act Website https://www.tn.gov/nexttennessee/section/nt-the-improve-act.

Danny Oliver with TDOT provided an update of major projects in the region. Maps were distributed showing projects in Operations and projects in Project Development. Mr. Oliver discussed the status of many of these projects.

The East Tennessee Development District website contains the most up-to-date information on the two RPO's. The web site includes the most up to date TDOT Project Status Reports that provide a description and status of all TDOT projects in each county within the RPO. The link to this website is http://www.etdd.org/services/community-development/transportation/.

PLANNING ADVISORY SERVICE

The Planning Advisory Services (PAS) continues to offer a wide array of planning services to local cities and counties in the region on a contractual basis. One noteworthy service that may benefit local communities is the strategic planning services component. The strategic planning component reinforces the overall planning program of local communities by addressing in detail specific planning issues that the local leadership of cities and counties has identified. This may be a specific need that has arisen or used as one of the implementation methods of a comprehensive plan in support of the goals, objectives and policies. A strategic plan bridges the gap between the policy driven long range comprehensive plan and implementation of a planning strategy to address specific concerns of a community.

Strategic planning involves the development individualized plans or studies that address specific needs and various short to mid-term objectives. strategic planning targets an identified need in the community, the types of strategic plans and studies are quite broad and may cover virtually any type of local issue that needs to be addressed as it relates to growth and development. For this reason, the local leadership can craft a plan or study that is uniquely suited to their community. For example, strategic planning studies generally include, but are not limited to: waterline extension improvements, corporate limit fringe area analysis, downtown parking needs, neighborhood studies, fire protection concerns, road improvement/road data inventory collection recommendations, demographic analysis, recreational needs, housing inventories and many other studies that may not fit into a general planning category.

Moreover, the strategic planning service that is offered by the Planning Advisory Service (PAS) support the wellestablished grant writing services that has been offered by the East Tennessee Development District for many years. In fact, these strategic plans and studies may not only fully support specific needs of the local community, but can potentially support grant programs that may be available. This can translate into a funding mechanism that will lessen the financial burden of cities and counties for community improvements.

The Planning Advisory Service also continues to offer free regional training programs for planning commissioners. There are two separate two-hour training sessions that are being arranged for late May or early June of this year to be held in the evening. The topic of these training sessions will cover road construction standards and associated issues. These training sessions will be held in Jefferson City and Farragut. In addition, there will likely be two more two-hour training sessions finalized for later this year. The locations have not been determined.

GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS

During the last quarter, GIS staff created over 70 maps and illustrations for projects in district communities. Most of the grant focus this winter surrounded CDBG, with over 30 maps created (topographic maps, site location maps, minority concentration maps, jurisdiction boundaries, FEMA FIRMettes, and target area survey maps). Most of the projects required digitizing project area data (for example, proposed water or sewer line extensions and address locations). GIS staff also produced maps for HOME grants, Section 106 environmentals, and maps for LPRF grants. Another GIS project of interest has been mapping assistance for the Powell River Blueway Trail project, providing an aerial map of the watershed.

A variety of GIS projects for our Planning Advisory Service contracts this quarter included proposed rezoning illustrations and map updates, several study area work maps, and planning region maps. Months of work by the town planning commission, ETDD planner, and GIS staff resulted in a new, completely updated zoning map for Rocky Top that was officially adopted this winter. GIS work also continues for the Anderson County land use study. GIS staff initially created a draft land use map for Anderson Co. using 2010 data from the state that the ETDD community planner is field checking parcel by parcel. With the planner's field-checked information, GIS staff is updating the land use map with current land use designations. This GIS project requires detailed work that will be carried out over time.

Another project that is currently in process is the update of Tazewell's corporate limits and zoning map. Between 2011 and the present there were several annexations and fourteen zoning amendments that affected many parcels. GIS staff is now incorporating these changes into the maps and data.

AREAWIDE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION SBA 504 NEWS

The SBA 504 loan program continues to offer historically low rates on the 10 year fixed or 20 year fixed debenture. As of March 2017, the 504 loan rates are 4.817% for the 10 year note and 5.285% for the 20 year note. For fiscal year 2017, beginning October 1, 2016 through February 28, 2017 there have been \$1,982,750,000 SBA 504 loans approved nationally representing an increase of 8.10% in loan volume as compared to the same period in 2016. Although nationally the 504 loan volume is up, the average loan amount has decreased 3%. Areawide Development Corporation has processed five new loan requests from October 1, 2016 through March 31 2017 that have been approved by SBA totaling \$2,558,000. These loans are for small businesses located in Jefferson County, Knox County, Monroe County, and Sevier County. These SBA projects will result in the creation of 36 new jobs in East Tennessee.

As a reminder, the 504 Debt Refinance Program was reauthorized in December 2015. Under this programs small businesses may refinance existing debt incurred by the business not less than two years ago. Debt eligible to be refinanced includes long term fixed assets, such as land, buildings, machinery, and equipment acquired, constructed or improved by the small business for use in its business operations. The business may also include other eligible business expenses in the refinance such as Oher Secured Debt and Business Operating Expenses. Please contact ADC staff for more information on the 504 Debt Refinance Program at 865-273-6008.

Lastly, on March 9, 2017 SBA published an Informational Notice announcing that the rebranding of the SBA 504 and 7(a) loan programs to SBA Grow Loan Program and SBA Advantage Loan Program respectively has been rescinded effective immediately. The program names return to SBA 504 loan Program and the 7(a) Loan Program.

PEOPLE AND PLACES

ETDD Legislators of the Year

On March 7th, 2017, the Tennessee Development District Association held its annual Legislator Appreciation reception at the Doubletree Hotel in Nashville. At the event, Senator Doug Overbey and Representative Art Swann were named as TDDA Legislators of the Year for 2016-2017 from the ETDD region. "We appreciate the support Senator Overbey and Representative Swann have given our local

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governments by supporting the efforts of development districts in the legislature," said Richard Driver, TDDA President and Mayor of the City of Lafayette. ETDD is deeply appreciative of the hard work that these two gentlemen provide to all development districts across the state.

John S. Wilder Rebuild Tennessee Award

At a ceremony in the State Capitol held immediately prior to the Tennessee Development District Association annual Legislator Appreciation reception in Nashville, Anderson County was awarded the 2017 John S. Wilder Rebuild Tennessee Award for the development of a temporary Tennessee College of Applied Technology (TCAT) (Knoxville) Satellite Campus in Anderson County. The construction of a permanent TCAT campus will commence immediately and is expected to be completed by January of 2019. The temporary facility will be located in a 27,000 sf former grocery store building that the owners, the Hensley family, have donated rent free for two and a half years for use by the TCAT. Eagle Bend Manufacturing and Aisin Automotive Casting also donated \$60,000 for the renovation project. The Anderson County Board of Education and the Education Foundation for Clinton City and Anderson County Schools were instrumental in acquiring and renovating the facility. The Anderson County Chamber of Commerce and the City of Norris also played a major role in the process. The new facility will be constructed in the I-75 Industrial Park in Clinton on an 8.8 acre parcel of land that was donated by SL Tennessee. The new TCAT facility will be approximately 25,000 sf in size and will offer courses in machine tool, welding, industrial maintenance, mechatronics, automotive technology, diesel powered equipment technology and specialized training for local industries. The Anderson County Commission provided a \$250,000 grant for the project and Governor Haslam's Drive for 55 initiative will provide a grant in the amount of \$5.7 million dollars. Congratulations to Anderson County!

In Remembrance of Lynn Mills

Mr. Lynn Mills, long time employee of Loudon Utilities and the City of Loudon, passed away on March 19th at the age of 67 after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Mr. Mills served the City of Loudon as the Manager of the Utility Board and subsequently as the Loudon City Manager. Mr. Mills has been credited with keeping the City of Loudon current with the stringent requirements of a myriad of governmental agencies while keeping utility rate and property tax increases at a minimum level. Mr. Mills

was a graduate of Hiwassee College and Tennessee Wesleyan College and an avid University of Tennessee sports fan. Mr. Mills also served on numerous civic and professional boards and as the Treasurer for the Christian Church of Loudon County. He will be missed by all that knew him. Our condolences go out to his family and friends.

ETDD Remembers Sid Hemsley

Mr. Sidney (Sid) Hemsley of Knoxville passed away on January 31, 2017 at the University of Tennessee Medical Center in Knoxville. For many years, Mr. Hemsley was the staff attorney at the Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS) and provided countless hours of legal counsel to municipal governments across the State of Tennessee. Mr. Hemsley was also a military veteran and served for 7 years at Army posts in Germany, France and Vietnam. Mr. Hemsley was a great public servant to local governments in the ETDD region and we extend our sincere condolences to his family.

Gatlinburg to host ECD Conference

The Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development recently announced that the 2017 Governor's Conference will be held in Gatlinburg on October 26th and 27th, 2017. The conference is normally held in downtown Nashville and typically attracts over 1500 registrants from across the State. The event will be held in Gatlinburg in order to reinforce the fact that Gatlinburg is open for business after the devastating November 2016 fires. Former ECD Commissioner Randy Boyd stated "Team Tennessee means nothing if we aren't there in times of need. Because of the tremendous loss experienced by the Gatlinburg community late last year, we could think of no better way to offer our support than to hold our largest event of the year in Gatlinburg". Congratulations to Gatlinburg and Sevier County!

New ED planner at ETDD

Mr. Mitch Loomis, ETDD Solid Waste Planner and Community Development Manager, has accepted the position of Economic Development Planner at ETDD. Mr. Loomis will be responsible for all economic development activities including grant preparation and administration for the ED, FIDP, EDA and ARC programs. Mr. Loomis will continue his work with the community development programs but will no longer serve as the solid waste planner. ETDD plans to hire a new solid waste planner in April of 2017. Congratulations to Mitch!

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- 11 ETDD Executive Committee & ETHRA Policy Council Meetings, ETHRA Offices
- 14 Good Friday Holiday, ETDD Offices closed
- 18 East Tennessee Regional Council of Fire Chiefs Spring Meeting, Oak Ridge FD
- 19-20 Association of Tennessee Valley Governments Spring Meeting, Gibertsville, KY
- 26 CROET Board meeting, Oak Ridge

May 2017

- ETDD Executive Committee & ETHRA Policy Council Meetings, ETHRA Offices
- 29 Memorial Day Holiday, ETDD Offices closed

June 2017

- 10-13 TML Annual Conference, Murfreesboro Convention Center
- 13 ETDD Executive Committee & ETHRA Policy Council Meetings, ETHRA Offices
- 24-26 NADO Annual Board of Directors Meeting, Charleston, SC

July 2017

- 4 July 4th Holiday, ETDD offices closed
- 13 ETDD Annual Awards Banquet, The Venue, Lenoir City
- 18 East Tennessee Regional Council of Fire Chiefs meeting, Rural Metro FD
- 19-20 Association of Tennessee Valley Governments Summer Meeting, Oxford, MS