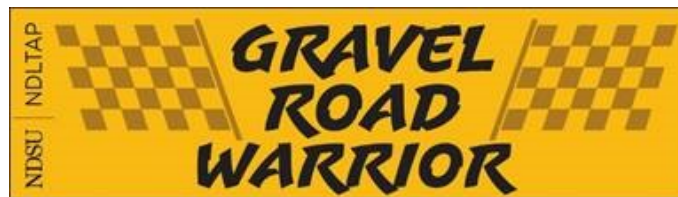


Motor-Grader Operator Boot Camp



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Local Grader Operators and County Officials Attend 'Boot Camp' in Bismarck

More than 100 motor grader operators, county road supervisors and county commissioners attended Motor Grader Operator Boot Camp April 25-26. Those attending represented 31 of North Dakota's 53 counties.

The two-day event was held at the Burleigh County Highway Department shop just outside of Bismarck. The shop space provided areas for demonstrations and maintenance workshops. Nearby gravel roads provided ample opportunities for hand's-on operator training and equipment demonstrations.

The Boot Camp was organized by the North Dakota Technical Assistance Program, a part of the Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute at North Dakota State University.



Operators attended sessions on interacting with the public, equipment maintenance, new products, and proper operating techniques. A key part of the event was hands-on training in state-of-the-art equipment designed to show operators how to use automated controls to obtain the best results from blading operations. County road supervisors and commissioners attended training ranging from setting specifications for gravel purchases to best management practices for gravel road maintenance and equipment management.

"Our discussions around the state show that training for operators coupled with other recommendations that we are helping counties and townships implement are really making a difference on the gravel roads of North Dakota," noted NDLTAP director Dale Heglund. "Local agencies are doing a better job with the dollars they have available and local residents are seeing the difference in improved roads."

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