
**APRIL 5th Meeting Topic:
“Automated Red Light Enforcement”**

Our presenters will be Joe Robinson, P.E. and Jon Howell with the City of Tuscaloosa. Mr. Robinson is the Director of Transportation/City Engineer and has been with the city over 30 years. Mr. Howell is the Traffic Systems Manager and has been with the City for 25 years. Both have been heavily involved in Automated Red Light Enforcement for over four years. In 2002, The City of Tuscaloosa agreed to be a test site for installation of this equipment. Since that time, The City of Tuscaloosa has pursued legislation to allow municipalities the option of utilizing this equipment.

Cost of the luncheon will be \$13. Please email in your reservation to Gary Gleason by noon Friday at gary.gleason@hsvcity.com.

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GOOD SAMARITAN LEGISLATION

There is good news in the Alabama Legislature for engineers. As proposed, H.B. 281 and S.B. 201 would provide civil immunity to certain licensed engineers who, under the direction or supervision of an emergency agency, render emergency response activities without compensation.

In times of emergency, such as the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center towers or in the aftermath of Hurricane Ivan, civil engineers have volunteered their technical expertise to try to save both lives and property. Engineers have been called on to assist with building collapses, tunnel cave-ins, and similar disasters. They have done so often at risk to themselves, but also in danger of being subjected to a lawsuit if their actions did not prove successful.

Under disaster conditions, when critical situations exist, there is simply not always the time or resources for engineers to employ the same level of care that would be taken in a non-emergency situation. Decisions must often be made more quickly than in the normal course of design work to avoid worse loss of life or property.

A reasonable level of care is still required to exempt an engineer from liability, as is appropriate to protect the public. If an engineer acts with reckless or intentional disregard of known dangers, he or she would lose their exemption from liability.

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Attached to the email is a copy of HB281.

NEXT MEETING: April 5th

@ 11:30 A.M.

Green Hills Grill

RESERVATIONS: Gary Gleason by Noon Friday

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