

## **Fall Budget Workshops**

Town and village officials can learn how to develop a budget at our annual Fall Budget Workshops. Dates and locations are as follows:

September 12	Trego
September 13	Minocqua
September 14	Wabeno
September 17	Mineral Point
September 18	Janesville
September 19	West Bend
September 25	Black River Falls
September 26	Stevens Point
September 27	DePere

Topics also include land use, community and economic development for rural areas, and fire department/EMT financial matters. Speakers include staff from the Local Government Center, Department of Revenue, IRS, University of Wisconsin, and Wisconsin Towns Association.

## **Materials Bundle Program Succeeds**

Attendance was brisk at WisLine programs this year, with 2524 enrollments. In addition, we also served many people who could not attend in person. The new "materials bundle" option (audiotape or CD plus handouts) delivered 833 programs to local officials, while our ongoing audiostream (online) versions delivered 167 programs. This flexibility in content delivery recognizes the diversity of roles among our audience.

## **Fire Department Questions Answered**

This April we conducted our first-ever Fire Departments WisLine on tax, payroll and accounting topics for local fire departments. The two-day program was well received, and emergency medical services personnel asked if they could be included in such programs in the future. The program was offered in conjunction with the Internal Revenue Service and state Department of Revenue. If you missed it, you can still purchase the audiostream or materials bundle.



Dan Hill of the Local Government Center addresses elected officials at a Spring 2007 Town Officials Workshop.

## **Town Officials Workshops**

Attendance at our spring Town Officials Workshops was the highest ever! We had 1520 participants across Wisconsin (the next highest enrollment was 1336 attendees in 2001). Newly elected officials had a chance to network with each other and their more seasoned peers, while learning some of the basics of local government from LGC staff, WTA staff, and Don Walker of the UW Transportation Information Center.

If you missed the workshop, materials packets can still be purchased for \$35.00 which includes a reprint of the statutes most relevant to town government. Quantities are limited.



## **New Look for LGC**

We are in the process of developing a new logo and website design for the Local Government Center. Our new web address, [LGC.UWEX.EDU](http://LGC.UWEX.EDU), is slated to go live in August 2007. However, all our old web pages will re-direct to the new site for at least six months, to give you the chance to update your bookmarks.

Please freely post, copy, and/or duplicate electronically. Thank you for helping to publicize our programs.

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