

# **ACCIDENT RECONSTRUCTION**

## **DESCRIPTION:**

As the number of claims against highway agencies continues to grow, traffic accident investigation and reconstruction have become key elements of an effective risk management program. With an appreciation for the reconstructionist's needs, on-scene personnel can gather perishable data that often prove critical in the event a lawsuit is filed. By understanding the capabilities and limitations of accident reconstruction, the agency and its attorneys can better evaluate the validity of the claims being made. The goal of this workshop is to provide an overview of the accident investigation and reconstruction process. Both at-the-scene and after accident investigation and data collection are discussed. Collection techniques for roadway, vehicle, and other accident-related data are described. Common techniques used in accident reconstruction are outlined along with underlying assumptions and limitations. Hints on effective presentation of reconstruction conclusions via written report, deposition and trial testimony, and trial exhibits are presented.

## **WHO SHOULD ATTEND:**

Engineers, public works directors, law enforcement personnel, claims investigators, attorneys, and other state and local highway officials with responsibility in traffic safety related areas.

## **Big Island**

**When:** December 7 - 8, 2000

**Where:** Hilo, Hawaii

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Cost:** FREE