

# Save The Date!

## Celebrate Engineers Week!

You are cordially invited to celebrate the close of Engineers Week 2012 at the E-Week banquet on Friday, February 24, 2012! Please invite all that may be interested in attending this event.

Brian R. Searles, Secretary of the Vermont Agency of Transportation, will be this year's presenter. Mr. Searles was appointed to his position by Governor Peter Shumlin effective January 7, 2011. Prior to this appointment, he was the Director of Aviation at Burlington International Airport in Burlington, Vermont. Mr. Searles also served as the City Manager for the City of St. Albans, Vermont. He served previously as Vermont's Secretary of Transportation, as well as the Deputy Secretary of Administration and as Commissioner of the State's Department of Personnel.

Prior to his service to the State of Vermont, Mr. Searles had 25 years of experience in law enforcement as Police Chief and Police Officer for the City of South Burlington, Vermont and as Executive Director of the Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council. Mr. Searles holds a Master of Science in Administration from St. Michael's College in Winooski, Vermont. He is currently the Chair of the Vermont Rail Council, a Board member of the Lake Champlain Regional Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the Executive Board of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO).

The presentation topic will be *Vermont's Hurricane Irene Reconstruction*.

Mr. Searles' presentation will include photos of the destruction caused by the storm, and he will describe the organization and implementation of the state's response. His presentation will also highlight the many resources, including military, that contributed to the quick and effective response to this disaster.

The Reception will be held at the Burlington Doubletree Inn. The cocktail hour will commence at 5:30 pm, and dinner will be served at 6:30 pm. Awards and the presentation will follow. Congressional and state government officials have also been invited to attend.

The cost is \$35 per person (\$20 for students). If you wish to only attend the presentation without dinner, the cost is \$10. Also, in the past we have asked the professional societies if they or their members would like to sponsor a student to attend the banquet. We have found that many students have an interest in attending, but not the budget for it. This would be a great opportunity for the students to mingle with the engineering community especially if your company is looking to hire.

**Please RSVP to Amanda Hanaway-Corrente by February 17<sup>th</sup> at [amanda.hanaway@gmail.com](mailto:amanda.hanaway@gmail.com) or 802.656.3946. Make sure to let us know if you will want the vegetarian meal option. Also, if you would like to send a check ahead of time please make it out to "Engineers Week / Vermont" and mail it to Vermont Engineers Week Committee, c/o Amanda Hanaway-Corrente, UVM Transportation Research Center, 210 Colchester Ave., Burlington, VT 05405**



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