The University of Tennessee Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS) is holding an Elected Officials Academy Level II. The EOA Level II provides training on municipal services. Topics about city services and departments are explored more in depth. This is great information for new (and often not-so-new) mayors, council members, aldermen, and others, including interested staff. Past graduates attribute their early success with the city, the community and with each other to the information, relationships and insights that they gained through the academy. We hope you can join us.

This exciting academy will be held at the wonderful Farmhouse Gallery and Gardens in Unicoi, TN. To get there take I-26 South to Exit 27. At the bottom of the ramp turn left to a dead-end at Roan Street. Turn right on Roan and go 2 miles. Look for the covered bridge entrance to Farmhouse Gallery and Gardens on your left. Meals include a catered BBQ dinner on Friday, all the fixin’s included, and a great breakfast on Saturday. Dress is casual. The cost is $200 per person (including meals).

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Municipal Risk Management
Municipal Risk Management for Elected Officials outlines the foundation of essential risk practices for local governmental entities. This session provides practical recommendations upon which an entity can develop a sound management program that will effectively address its risk exposures.

Human Resources
This session focuses on the key personnel issues within a municipality, such as the importance of city’s personnel policies and knowing how to evaluate the status of those policies. Participants will analyze recruitment and selection policies in particular. Special emphasis is also placed on analyzing the city’s compensation and benefit programs.

Water and Wastewater Operations
The session explains the responsibilities of the governing body in operation of the water and wastewater departments, defines a viable water and wastewater system, and provides benchmarks for measuring successful utilities. Current and future water and wastewater challenges are identified and explained as are the federal and state laws and regulators of municipal water/wastewater operations.

Police Overview
The Police Review addresses the police department’s role in the community and the governing body’s role with the department. Specific topics include: the drug fund, officer certification, staffing needs and department accreditation.

Public Works
Public Works This session emphasizes the role of the governing body in relation to the public works/engineering department. Four key questions will be addressed: 1) Why provide public works services and at what level? 2) How should services be funded? 3) How should services be organized and managed? 4) How do you measure results?