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Get to know Buddy Croft! IBTTA's 2016 President

Bill Cramer, Communications Director for IBTTA, posed the following questions to Buddy Croft so that members could learn more about the Rhode Island native and new leader for IBTTA in 2016.

How long have you been a member or involved with IBTTA?

I have been a member of, or involved with, IBTTA for approximately ten years.

What do you see as the number one benefit you receive as a member of IBTTA?

IBTTA has been a tremendous resource to me in gaining knowledge about maintaining and keeping bridges safe. Whether it be studying best practices or simply having the ability to discuss mutual areas of concern with fellow transportation professionals, IBTTA has been invaluable to me.

What do you see being your focus this year on *People, Partnerships & Progress*?

I think it is important for IBTTA to connect people and organizations for meaningful partnerships as we make continued progress in the world of mobility as we move America and the world forward.

What do you see as the two or three biggest opportunities for the tolling industry in the coming years?

One, providing infrastructure that is safe, well maintained, affordable and efficient. Two, continue to achieve national interoperability.

What role do you see IBTTA playing in these opportunities?

I am hopeful that IBTTA will continue to provide leadership delivering state-of-the-art and innovative solutions as we address our infrastructure and mobility needs in an ever changing transportation world.

What is your favorite food?

Just about anything my wife Shelly makes – especially her vegan dishes. She is a terrific cook and nothing is better in the world than sharing a strong cup of coffee at 5:00 a.m. with my bride of 40 years!

What is the best thing about living in Rhode Island, other than rooting for the Red Sox and Patriots?

Being the Ocean State, we have a magnificent coastline but, I must admit my favorite thing about Rhode Island is being able to spend time and making lasting memories with my wife, my four married children and their spouses – and most importantly – my nine grandkids with a tenth due in April 2016.

P.S.: While my family and I enjoy the Red Sox and Patriots, I am a fan of the Atlanta Braves, New York Giants, Providence College Friars, and Bishop Hendricken High School Hawks in Warwick, Rhode Island.