



# TN REAL ID: It's coming! Are you ready?

## What is REAL ID?

The REAL ID Act of 2005 establishes minimum security standards for license issuance and may prohibit Federal agencies from accepting driver licenses and identification cards from states not meeting the Act's minimum standard. **Beginning October 1, 2020, all persons must have a REAL ID license for accessing certain Federal buildings, entering nuclear facilities, and boarding commercial flights.**



Tennesseans are not required to obtain a REAL ID driver license. The decision to get a REAL ID credential is completely up to you. A REAL ID driver license or identification credential is not required for any other reason than to allow you to continue to fly within the United States and access certain Federal facilities after October 1, 2020.

A REAL ID will cost the same as current TN driver licenses and IDs. If it is time to renew your license, the cost to obtain a REAL ID driver license or Identification credential will be the standard renewal fee of an 8-year credential. However, if you are not within your renewal period and you wish to obtain a REAL ID compliant credential, you will be charged a duplication fee.



## You do NOT need a REAL ID to:

- Drive
- Vote
- Purchase alcohol or cigarettes
- Access hospitals
- Visit the post office
- Access Federal courts
- Apply for or receive federal benefits such as social security or Veteran's benefits

## Have more questions?

Please see the Tennessee Department of Safety & Homeland Security's REAL ID frequently asked question page: <https://www.tn.gov/tncrealid/faqs.html>

## 2019 COAT Speaker Mini-Series

The COAT Speaker Mini-Series, held at The Caverns in Grundy County on August 27th, 2019, was a great success! There were several guest speakers, including an introduction from Senator Janice Bowling. Ari Schonburn, a 9/11 survivor and author, spoke to our membership about his grim experience in 2001 and how it changed the way he views a healthy work/life balance.



Keynote Speaker, Ari Schonburn

Following Ari's presentation, Phillips & Jordan of Knoxville, TN described what it was like to provide disaster relief services after that horrific day. They revealed, in detail, the process for which they were able to clean up, transport, identify, and process forensic detail within 1 year of the attack.



Kellie Jackson, Montgomery County Clerk and Donna Simpson, Bradley County Clerk

Lastly, we held a panel discussion highlighting some of the disaster situations that have affected Tennessee counties. Kellie Jackson, Montgomery County Clerk and Donna Simpson, Bradley County Clerk lead the panel and shared their unique experiences when dealing with county-wide disasters. They answered questions from the audience to lend guidance to fellow county officials. Their participation gave attendees some excellent advice in what could be done in advance and how to get county governments fully operational more quickly. A Disaster Recovery Plan is crucial to insuring your office is ready and prepared for a natural disaster!

Here is what one of our members had to say about this event, "With all the great information given at the Mini-Series, I was able to implement new procedures and update my Disaster Recovery Plan!" - Mary Gaither, Tipton County Clerk.



## 2019 Annual Conference

Our Annual Conference is set to take place on November 20th-22nd in Sevier County at the Park Vista (Gatlinburg). If you have not already registered, [you can do so by clicking here.](#)

The theme for this year's President's Reception is a Moonlight Masquerade. Please be prepared to come dressed in your favorite masquerade attire.

The conference [agenda can be viewed by clicking here.](#)

If you have not already made your hotel reservations, please be advised that our room block is full for Tuesday night, 11/19. If you have questions or if you need a room reserved, please contact Lori Long (Lori@TNCountyOfficials.com).

## COAT WOULD LIKE TO THANK OUR PREMIER VENDOR PARTNERS FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR ASSOCIATION.

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## Speaker Sexton's New House Committee Assignments



With a new House Speaker, comes new House committee assignments and leadership. [Click here](#) for a detailed list of the new House committee structure via TNJ: On the Hill.



## Welcome New COAT Members

On behalf of the Membership Committee, Board of Directors, and all of us here at COAT, please help us welcome our NEW members:

- Wilson County Trustee, Jim Major
- Shelby County Clerk & Master, Donna Russell
- Sequatchie Clerk & Master, Thomas Goins
- Rhea County Clerk & Master, John Fine
- Perry County Register of Deeds, Patricia Bell
- Lewis County Clerk, Sandra Clayton
- Greene County Trustee, Nathan Hoyt
- Cannon County Circuit Court Clerk, Katina George
- Cannon County Clerk & Master, Dana Davenport
- Cannon County Clerk, Lana Jones
- Cannon County Register of Deeds, Sandy Hollandsworth
- Cannon County Trustee, Norma Knox

Welcome to the team! We are excited that you have joined!

## Edna Camp Retires After 58 Years

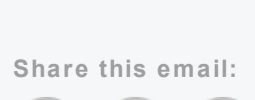


Chief Deputy Court Clerk, Edna Camp, retired earlier this year after serving in the Hamilton County Criminal Court Clerk's office for 58 years. The COAT staff made a trip to Chattanooga to honor Ms. Camp with a certificate of achievement and a catered lunch for her and her colleagues.

Ms. Camp is currently serving under Criminal Court Clerk, Vince Dean, but has served under 5 different clerks during her tenure there. The County Officials Association recognizes that dedicated county employees are an integral part of county government. Congratulations to Edna! We wish you the best!

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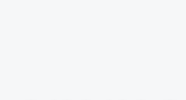
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