



Coordinated Training Program Builds Stronger Responder Corps for Safer Incident Recovery

Unified “team” approach allows the roads to be cleared faster

Three injury crashes occur every minute in the United States, putting nearly 39,000 incident responders potentially in harm’s way every day. Congestion from these incidents often generates secondary crashes, further increasing traveler delay and frustration. The longer incident responders remain at the scene, the greater the risk they, and the traveling public, face. Minimizing the time and resources required for incident clearance is essential to meeting our goals for safety and reliability.

A cadre of well-trained responders can more quickly reduce the time it takes to clear accidents, offering the benefits of reduced congestion and lost travel time for travelers, as well as the potential to better protect our incident responders.

The Solution “National Traffic Incident Management Training”

A new coordinated, multi-disciplinary training program developed through the second Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP2) is now available for all emergency responders and those supporting Traffic Incident Management operations. The training puts ***Law Enforcement, Firefighters, state and local departments of transportation, towing, medical personnel, and other incident responders on the same page, leading to a safer, faster, integrated responder team.***

The training is delivered through an interactive seminar which includes case study analysis, tabletop role-play and scenario, and field practicum. Participants attend a four-hour training session that has shown to facilitate traffic incident recovery, resulting in streamlined, effective responses while building a common platform of proven practices in incident management training.

The Benefits

Participants in SHRP2's National Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Training have access to the most up-to-date, multi-agency standards and best practices successfully used across the nation to improve on-scene responder and motorist safety. Bringing together responders across all agencies improves team performance. Trained responders work together in a coordinated manner, from the moment the first emergency call is made, to the correct deployment of response vehicles, traffic cones, and advanced warning devices to ensure proper safety buffers and a secure work area. Proper handling and identification of hazardous materials, guidelines for working with hybrid vehicles, debris clearance, tow truck protocols, and cleanup are among the guidance covered in the curriculum.

How can you learn more?

FREE training classes are forming now. Departments that have at least 6 members attend the TIM training will **receive \$600 worth of traffic safety devices**. 3 CEH's will also be awarded for EMS continuing education. For more information, contact Mark Meints, Nebraska Dept. of Roads Hwy. Emergency Program Specialist. Office phone 402-479-3878 or by email mark.meints@nebraska.gov

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