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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Local Area Emergency Responders to be Recognized for Collaboration and Cooperation

**Sept. 24, 2024 (Gering, Neb.)** — The Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT), together with the Nebraska State Patrol (NSP), will host a ceremony on Sept. 26, 2024, to celebrate the signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between first responders in Banner, Cheyenne, Deuel, Kimball and Scotts Bluff Counties.

This event will celebrate the formalizing of Traffic Incident Management (TIM) partnerships in the Nebraska Panhandle and the group's progress in moving TIM initiatives forward to improve safety, reliability and efficiency on the region's roadways.

This marks a major milestone in the NDOT TIM program. NDOT Deputy Director of Operations Mick Syslo, NSP Troop E Captain Art Frerichs and other area responders will make brief remarks. This event is open to credentialed media. Photography and video are encouraged.

**What:** NDOT and partners to celebrate first responders in Banner, Cheyenne, Deuel, Kimball and Scotts Bluff Counties

**When:** 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. (MT) on Thursday, Sept. 26, 2024

**Where:** Nebraska Department of Transportation District 5 Headquarters (outdoor event)  
140375 Rundell Rd, Gering, NE 69341

**Who:**

- Mick Syslo, Deputy Director of Operations, Nebraska Department of Transportation
- Captain Art Frerichs, Nebraska State Patrol Troop E
- Chief Thomas Schingle, Scottsbluff Fire Department
- Heidi Gillespie, Director, Cheyenne County Emergency Communications Center
- Nebraska Panhandle Area TIM Representatives

Event will also be streamed live on [NDOT's Facebook](#) page.

For more information, visit [dot.nebraska.gov/safety/tim](http://dot.nebraska.gov/safety/tim).

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