

MARCH 2024 NEWSLETTER



WHAT IS TIM?

Traffic Incident Management (TIM) is a planned approach to detect, respond to and safely and quickly clear traffic incidents. TIM reinforces how safe, quick clearance, reliable interoperable communication, safe vehicle positioning, unified command and scene safety are key to **bringing responders home after every call**. The

National TIM Responder Training Program curriculum, developed by responders in partnership with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), is building a cadre of well-trained responders who can work together as a team in a coordinated manner, from the moment the first emergency call is made to final scene clearance. This multi-disciplinary training program is available for all emergency responders and those supporting TIM operations. The training brings together law enforcement, firefighters, state and local departments of transportation, towing, medical personnel and other incident responders, leading to a safer, faster, and more integrated responder team. Additionally, FHWA supported the development of emergency communications and state operations center (SOC)-specific TIM training curriculum to educate communications specialists on their TIM roles and responsibilities.



ESTABLISHED TIM GROUPS

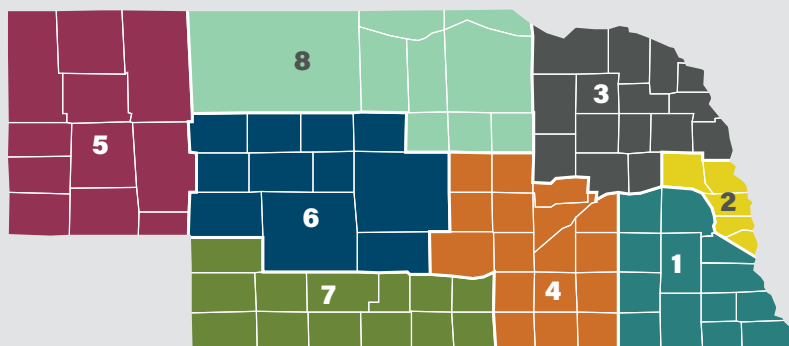
There are six established TIM groups along the I-80 corridor in Nebraska. Please contact us at ne@tim.hdrinc.com for recommendations and resources to help launch a TIM group in your area or to be added to a distribution list for an established group.

- Metro Area TIM Group: Cass, Dodge, Douglas and Sarpy Counties
- Southeast Area TIM Group: Cass, Gage, Lancaster, Otoe and Saunders Counties
- East Central Area TIM Group: Hamilton, Seward and York Counties
- Tri-City Area TIM Group: Adams, Buffalo and Hall Counties
- West Central Area TIM Group: Dawson, Keith and Lincoln Counties
- Panhandle Area TIM Group: Banner, Cheyenne, Deuel, Kimball and Scotts Bluff Counties

2024 TRAINING GOALS

The Nebraska TIM Program Executive Committee has outlined the following TIM training goals for 2024:

- Each TIM district will host the following **annually**:
 - Four multidisciplinary training classes
 - Four exercises or drills (e.g., push/pull/drag, demonstrations, etc.)
 - Four emergency communications trainings



Nebraska TIM districts

To view scheduled training opportunities and to request training in your area, please visit the [Nebraska TIM Training website](#).

WAYS TO SHARE TIM

Nebraska's responders are *safer, together*. With active participation in the TIM program, regular refresher training and a strong network of safety advocates, you will be contributing towards Nebraska's goal of zero fatal and serious injury crashes.

We have created two resources to help you share TIM with your colleagues and agency executives to accomplish these goals:

- **What is TIM? Flyer** – a 2-page introduction to TIM. Host a TIM training and invite allied agencies to participate using the flyer.
- **TIM Overview and Business Case Booklet** – a 4-page introduction to TIM geared toward agency executives and anyone interested in return on investment (ROI). Meet with your agency executive(s) or elected officials to ask for support on TIM-related opportunities (e.g., funding, policies, exercises, conferences, training, dedicated TIM position, etc.).

NEBRASKA HIGHWAY SAFETY CONFERENCE

The Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) hosted its first Highway Safety Conference this February to move Nebraska's fatality and serious injury crashes toward zero. Topics of discussion varied from grant writing to driver safety initiatives.



One of the workshops, *Red and Blue Lights: Ensuring Safe Post-Crash Care and Procedures*, focused on TIM's role in post-crash care (one of five elements of FHWA's Safe System Approach). Post-crash care is defined by FHWA as "people who are injured in collisions rely on emergency first responders to quickly locate and stabilize their injuries and transport them to medical facilities. Post-crash care also includes forensic analysis at the crash site, traffic incident management, and other activities." TIM is a crucial component of post-crash care because practicing quick clearance and TIM fundamentals improves on-scene safety, reduces the likelihood of a secondary crash and strengthens communication, leading to efficient response and treatment.



Providing the best post-crash care is a process of continuous improvement. As providers, we must constantly train to the newest standards, review and learn from previous incidents, and continue to evaluate our methods. We all have been affected personally and professionally by an unnecessary traffic death, and attending conferences like this is one of the best ways to get to our goal of zero fatalities.



–Fire Chief Brad Starling, Hastings Fire, Workshop Presenter

WHO'S WHO OF NEBRASKA TIM



JENNIFER HENDRICK
SOC Manager, NDOT

Role in TIM:

My focus is on TIM every day. I coordinate with various agencies and disciplines to ensure effective communication and collaboration among these parties during incident response. This includes deploying Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) devices, sending Motorist Assist Trucks or NDOT teams to an incident, assisting in managing traffic flow around incidents, and collaborating to develop a TIM plan that outlines roles and responsibilities, incident response protocols and communication procedures.

Fun Fact:

I am a huge fan of "Harry Potter" and "The Lord of the Rings." I started my 911 career in 1996. I was in the fire service for 10 years, leaving as a Captain/EMT-B.

Favorite TIM Tip:

There are so many good tips, but mine is to communicate and collaborate. You are not alone out there!

Nebraska TIM: Safer, Together



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