

NOVEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER



TRAINING TIP: PUSH/PULL/DRAW OR DRIVE

When arriving at the scene of an incident, law enforcement officers will decide if it is best to work the scene as they find it or to move the scene off the roadway to aid in safe, quick clearance. [State statutes](#) authorize peace officers to remove vehicles, cargo, or other property obstructing a roadway or creating a hazard to traffic. When moving an incident scene from the roadway, there are multiple methods available to quickly and efficiently clear the scene and restore traffic to normal flow:

Drive

If the vehicle is still drivable, have the motorist move it out of the roadway and onto the shoulder, off-ramp or parking lot.

If the driver is unable to drive the vehicle, law enforcement has the authority to drive the vehicle out of the travel lane themselves.



Push

If the vehicle is not drivable, use push bars to move the disabled vehicle out of the travel lanes. The cost-benefit of a scratched bumper outweighs the risk of a secondary crash. Other types of vehicles, such as snowplows, could also be used to push the vehicle.



Pull/Draw

If the vehicle is not drivable or able to be pushed, attach a tow chain/tow straps to move the disabled vehicle out of the travel lanes.



For more information on push/pull/draw or drive, download the fact sheet on the [Nebraska TIM website](#).

CRASH RESPONDER SAFETY WEEK SUMMARY

The State of Nebraska proclaimed November 17-21, 2025, Crash Responder Safety Week (CRSW) in partnership with the Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) and the Nebraska State Patrol (NSP). CRSW offers a way to show the public the coordination, communication, complexities and risks involved in clearing traffic crashes safely and quickly. The TIM program appreciates your support and your practice of TIM tactics to improve motorist and responder safety!

How did we celebrate?

- Press Conference (11/17) and Social Media Campaign – public education and support for TIM efforts!
- Trainings in Palisade, NE (11/17) and in Bridgeport, NE (11/19)
- After-Action Review in Morrill, NE



Images from
CRSW social
media campaign



PREEMPTIVE CLOSURES: DID YOU KNOW?

During upcoming winter weather events, the NDOT may determine that an interstate closure is needed preemptively. Preemptive closures are likely in areas where winter weather forecasts indicate a significant impact on the traveling public and where other potential traffic disruptions, such as construction, are present to prevent safety, operational and maintenance issues before they occur. The appropriate parties are notified when the decision is made to preemptively close the interstate, allowing for the management of resources at closure points.

DECEMBER STATEWIDE VIRTUAL MEETING

Join us on Wednesday, December 10, from 10-11:30 a.m. CT/9-10:30 a.m. MT for the Nebraska TIM Statewide Virtual Meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to share state and national TIM best practices and resources and to create a statewide network of TIM champions. In December, we will cover:



Work Zone Enforcement

This segment will explore a recent case study highlighting the impact of targeted enforcement strategies in Nebraska work zones. The presentation will examine collaboration between law enforcement, DOT personnel, and contractors to reduce speeding and improve compliance in high-risk areas. Key takeaways will include enforcement outcomes, lessons learned, and recommendations for applying similar approaches across other districts to enhance safety for both workers and motorists.



Discipline Spotlight: Emergency Management

Attendees will gain insight into how emergency managers coordinate with first responders, transportation agencies, and environmental authorities to prioritize safety and minimize disruption. The discussion will highlight the distinct challenges and responsibilities faced in rural versus urban settings—ranging from resource availability to interagency collaboration and public communication. By examining these differences, the session aims to enhance preparedness and operational effectiveness across diverse jurisdictions.




Program Update and Open Discussion

Want to hear the latest on the Nebraska TIM program? Tune in to hear key updates, including recent progress, ongoing initiatives, and statewide coordination efforts. A major highlight will be the official launch of the new District 7 TIM Coalition. Attendees will gain insight into the coalition's goals and early activities.

Please [register](#) to attend. We look forward to “seeing” you on December 10!

Nebraska TIM: Safer, Together

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