

## IT'S CONSTRUCTION SEASON!

This month's Traffic Incident Management (TIM) meeting discussions focused on traffic impacts for the 2025 construction season. The purpose of the discussion was to preplan incident response as much as possible – what happens if there is a crash in the work zone? How will communications, scene access, traffic control needs, detours and quick clearance strategies change? Thank you for your active participation in these discussions to improve safe, quick clearance in work zones this year!

## I-80, NW 56TH ST. TO PLEASANT DALE DISCUSSION OUTCOMES

- Host a project tour with responder stakeholders prior to switching traffic.
- Develop a plan for hard closures at the project location – detours, communications, etc.
- Monitor the project with additional portable cameras.

## CONSTRUCTION & WORK ZONE SAFETY REMINDERS

- Know your project manager for high-priority projects. If you need to be connected, reach out to your local roadway owner partners (City, County, State) or [Bobbi.Brooks@nebraska.gov](mailto:Bobbi.Brooks@nebraska.gov).
- Stay up to date on closures using Nebraska 511: [511.nebraska.gov](https://511.nebraska.gov).
- Monitor critical projects during off hours and communicate your concerns.
- Ask for more information if you need it. Coordination on phasing and changing traffic conditions is critical to managing the work zone as a TIM team.
- Watch for changing conditions and how it may impact your response. Slow down and pay attention to safely navigate through the work zone.
- Access the scene contraflow after verification of the road closure (in chute conditions with no shoulders).
- Move or ask drivers to move minor crashes out of the work zone travel lanes, if possible, to improve scene safety and limit impacts to already restricted traffic.
- Contact tow as soon as possible and place them on standby for expedited clearance.



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## TRAINING BEST PRACTICE

A recent training had pre- and post-session discussions about alternate routing and managing traffic on a newly constructed facility. The attendees got creative and talked through a tabletop flagging operation using the opposite direction lanes. Local Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) representatives are working on documenting an alternate route plan for this area. **Do you have any areas that you respond to you want to discuss with other key players?** TIM training sessions provide unique opportunities to discuss responder safety tools, quick clearance strategies AND local, relevant TIM topics. **BUT** – you don't need to schedule a training session to have meaningful conversations with your responder partners. Take initiative and go meet with them or reach out to your supervisor to determine what the best next steps would be to strengthen TIM in your area!



## VIRTUAL DISPATCH TRAINING OUTCOMES

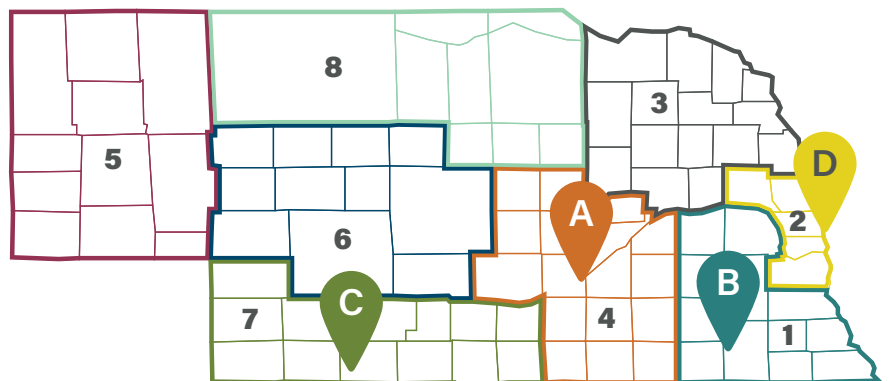
In March, a virtual TIM training was held, focusing on the role of emergency communications in managing traffic incidents, safety and quick clearance. The following are considerations for working with your emergency communications partners:

- Remember that they only hear things and can't see the incident the way you do when working on scene. Provide descriptive information so they can get you the resources you need.
- Conduct a sit-along at your local dispatch center to understand their perspective.
- Provide regular scene updates as conditions change.
- Enunciate and use clear speech when using your radio.

## SAVE THE DATE! TRAIN-THE-TRAINER OPPORTUNITIES



Train-the-trainer opportunities will be provided in each NDOT TIM District every other year to maintain and support a statewide network of responder trainers. If it is determined that there isn't a need for a train-the-trainer session, an in-person train-the-trainer refresher may be scheduled. A TIM training session may be scheduled the following night or day to offer a supported training opportunity for new instructors.

- A** June 4, 2025 – Grand Island
- B** August 20, 2025 – Beatrice
- C** November 12, 2025 – McCook
- D** February 11, 2026 – Omaha



Interested in hosting a training while the TIM team is in your area? Request a TIM training session via the [request form](#).

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