

TRAINING TIP: WORK ZONE RESPONSE

Response in work zones can provide unique challenges, including narrow lanes and shoulders, reduced visibility, and congestion. Keep the following strategies in mind when responding to crashes in work zones:

- Watch for changing conditions and how they may impact your response. Slow down and pay attention to safely navigate through the work zone.
- Consider accessing 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.
- Notify the roadway owner and/or contractor as soon as possible for them to investigate potential impacts to the work area.



SPRING COALITION MEETINGS – IT'S CONSTRUCTION SEASON!



This spring, Traffic Incident Management (TIM) coalition meeting discussions focused on traffic impacts for the 2026 construction season. The purpose of these discussions was to preplan incident response in work zones—how communications, scene access, traffic control needs, detours, and quick clearance strategies will change. Thank you for your active participation in these discussions to improve safe, quick clearance in work zones this year!

Stay Connected

- Know your project manager for high-priority projects. If you need to be connected, reach out to your local roadway owner partners (city, county, or state) or email Bobbi.Brooks@nebraska.gov.
- Stay informed about closures using Nebraska 511: 511.nebraska.gov.
- 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.
- Notify the roadway owner and/or contractor if you observe situations that encourage risky road user behavior, missing traffic control devices, or improper work practices.
- View [District Construction Maps](#) to see your area's projects with traffic impacts.

NEXTGEN 911



Dispatching Technologies Being Deployed In Nebraska

[Neb. 911 dispatchers turn to smartphone tools to pinpoint callers more quickly](#) – Check out this article from EMS1 / The Grand Island Independent on the technologies the Hall County/Grand Island 911 Communications Center is using to locate callers and crash victims. For more information on these technologies, visit the [what3words](#) and [RapidSOS](#) websites.

This topic has also been covered during recent virtual meetings in [September 2025](#) and [March 2026](#). Click the links to view the recordings on YouTube.

JUNE STATEWIDE VIRTUAL MEETING

Join us on Wednesday, June 17, 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 June, we will cover:



Driver Behavior & Grant Funding: Collaborating with Nebraska's Highway Safety Office

The Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) Highway Safety Office (HSO) is responsible for developing and implementing effective strategies to reduce the state's traffic-related injury and fatality rates, typically through traffic safety grants focused on driver behavior topics such as impaired driving, occupant protection, speed, and education for young drivers. The efforts of the HSO and TIM programs are closely aligned and rely on engaged stakeholders to implement strategies. This session will provide an introduction to the HSO, its staff, and the available traffic safety grants. It may also include tips and tricks for effective grant writing.



Hazmat Response Best Practices

Hazardous materials incidents on Nebraska roadways vary widely in scale and complexity, requiring adaptable yet coordinated TIM strategies to provide for responder safety, protect the environment, and restore traffic flow efficiently. This session will cover best practices for managing hazmat events, from minor spills that can be safely handled by Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response (HAZWOPER)-trained tow professionals to larger, more complex incidents that require coordination with agencies like the Nebraska Fire Marshals and oversight from the Nebraska Department of Water, Energy, and Environment (DWEE) for cleanup. The focus will be on incident assessment, responder safety, and common challenges encountered during these incidents.



Statewide Updates

Bobbi Brooks, NDOT Highway Emergency Program Specialist and TIM Coordinator, will present current program activities, including training, resources, and upcoming meeting opportunities. She will also discuss the TIM program's "Beyond the Basics" efforts, focusing on effective traffic management aspects such as vehicle positioning, advanced warning, temporary traffic control deployment, and flagging. Additionally, key insights from recent after-action reviews may be shared during this session.

Please [register](#) to attend. See you on June 17! All past Nebraska TIM Statewide Virtual Meetings are available on NDOT's TIM [YouTube playlist](#).

VISOR CARDS NOW AVAILABLE

NDOT support visor cards are now available. These include information on **how to request support from NDOT** through the Traffic Management Center (TMC)/State Operations Center (SOC) and the types of **support NDOT may provide**, such as advanced warning, upgraded traffic control devices, incident scene support, and flagger support. If you are interested in receiving printed copies of the visor cards, please contact Bobbi.Brooks@nebraska.gov.

TRAINING PROGRESS

586 people have been trained so far this year! The goal of 1,000 is 59% complete. Up-to-date information on classes, including the registration form, can be found on the [training website](#). Data is as of April 15, 2026.

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