

MAY 2024 NEWSLETTER



DISTRICT TRAINING STRATEGY MEETINGS

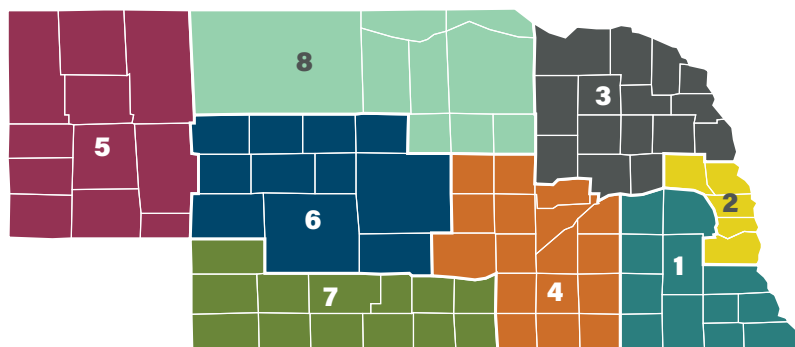
In April and May, representatives from each of the eight Nebraska Traffic Incident Management (TIM) training districts met to discuss the 2024 training goals set by the TIM Executive Committee. During the meetings, the districts collaborated to address training goals, mutual aid outreach, Nebraska-specific training curriculum and other TIM program support needs by region. The goal of the meetings was to leave with action items and assignments to accomplish the 2024 training goals.

2024 TRAINING GOALS

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

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



Nebraska TIM districts

TRAINING SHOUTOUT

District 5 has been working hard to pull together a multi-disciplinary training exercise, which will be held in June! They will cover topics such as safe, quick clearance strategies, effective interoperable communication and coordination, roles and responsibilities, and more. The exercise will consist of a simulated crash response executed by pre-designated agencies, and all other participants will observe and discuss their observations with facilitators. Following the simulation, there will be an after-action review session to debrief the crash as a group. Are you interested in organizing an exercise in your area and need some help getting started? Let us know!

A common discussion topic was establishing an active group of trainers in each district who can work collaboratively with agencies to conduct training while navigating difficult staffing issues. **Several areas identified the need for more trainers in strategic parts of their district, and others identified a need for collaboration between existing trainers.** We continue to work with the various training academies to incorporate TIM into their curriculum. Trainers and agencies need to strategize on how to continue TIM training through in-service hours and as part of the lateral officer training programs.

We are all waiting for the new Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) curriculum to be released and begin the process of updating it to meet Nebraska's specific needs. We are in regular contact with FHWA, asking for the material that is to be released, and we will get it to trainers as soon as possible. We received a lot of great ideas for Nebraska topics, **but we'll need everyone's help gathering photos, videos, summaries, and stories to make the content your own.** Please share specific incidents with good TIM talking points, and we will review them for potential use. The main takeaway is that everyone needs ongoing training. Since the launch of the TIM training curriculum in 2012, staffing changes and turnover have occurred throughout the state. The program requires active, passionate trainers and engaged participants who regularly request and host classes in their communities. **If you are interested in becoming a trainer or hosting a class to work toward the program's 2024 training goals, please contact us.**

TIM WIN



Program coordinators collaborated with Nebraska State Volunteer Fire Association's (NSVFA) eBoard as a result of district training strategy meetings to discuss strategic opportunities to reach mutual aid association meetings and volunteer fire partners with TIM messages. During the meeting, a formal motion was made to support TIM and to share TIM messaging through their email groups and publications.

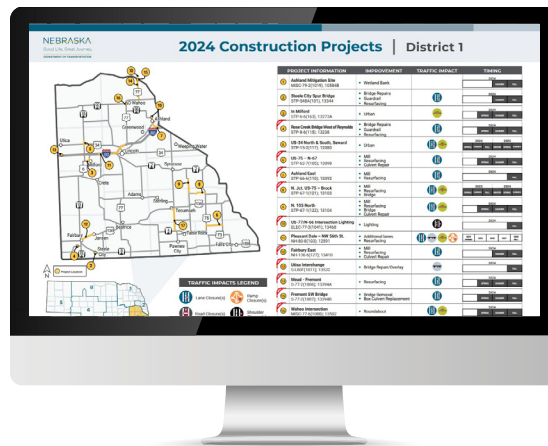
TOW TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL SEMINAR

A tow temporary traffic control (TTC) seminar, developed to improve safety and reduce traffic impacts created by longer-duration recovery and cleanup efforts from traffic incidents, was held on May 7 in Kearney. The seminar covered TTC strategies and work zone and roadway emergency scene best practices. It is important that crash scenes have proper TTC to improve responder safety and reduce secondary crashes. This seminar allowed the tow professionals in the room to share their experiences and provide feedback as a unified voice on tow TTC.

Build relationships with your tow professionals - this will improve your understanding of their capabilities and communication, enhancing safe, quick clearance. Remember to give these responders the information they need to respond to your incidents quickly and with the proper equipment to facilitate quick clearance.

DISTRICT CONSTRUCTION MAPS

The Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) has published construction impact maps for each district summarizing ongoing and current construction projects with significant travel impacts. The maps are available on NDOT's website [here](#). Contact your local construction representative if you have any questions.



The SOC has your back! Notify the SOC at 402-331-5993 of any incident impacting traffic so they can help inform the public, activate dynamic message signs (DMS), request traffic control and other equipment, and contact other agencies.

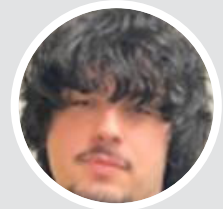
WHO'S WHO OF NEBRASKA TIM

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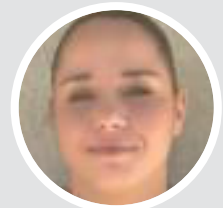
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