

JUNE 2025 NEWSLETTER

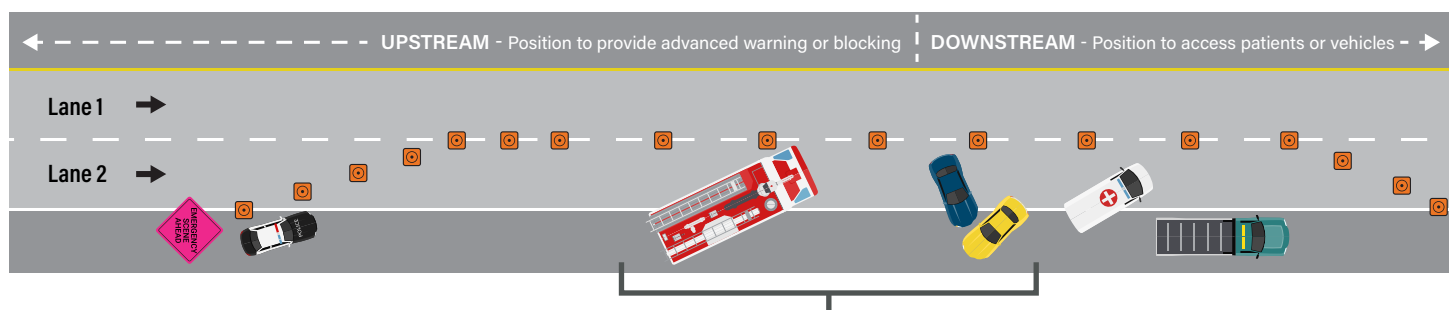


SAFE VEHICLE POSITIONING TRAINING TIP

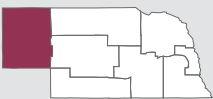
Safe vehicle positioning is a Traffic Incident Management (TIM) best practice to tactically position responder vehicles for on-scene protection during incident response and allow for safe traffic flow.

Reminders:

- Use larger vehicles for blocking upstream of the incident and leave room for other vehicles to safely access patients for transport and vehicles for recovery and clearance.
- Use lane +1 blocking to give responders room to work, when appropriate.
- Use MUTCD-compliant temporary traffic control (signs, cones) to establish a safe workspace.



Angled block; consider temporarily blocking additional lanes (lane +1) to protect the workspace.



DISTRICT 5 COALITION NEWS: KIMBALL TRAINING EXERCISE

Kimball Police Department hosted a large-scale, multi-agency mass casualty exercise on May 31, staged at the Kimball Regional Airport. The scenario simulated a complex traffic incident involving a school bus with children, a semi-truck, a passenger vehicle and an impaired driver, resulting in multiple injuries and one fatality.

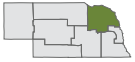


Exercises simulating traffic incidents can be organized and executed by anyone! **Lean on area TIM trainers and regional emergency managers** to work together and make the most of local expertise and resources. A **Training Exercise Worksheet** is available on the Nebraska TIM website [here](#) to guide you through step-by-step exercise planning considerations. All disciplines should participate to improve interagency collaboration and preparedness.

Agenda topic at the
July 29th Statewide
Virtual Meeting!

Establish exercise goals & objectives with TIM top of mind:

- **Unified Command** – Demonstrate multi-agency establishment and management of command for coordinated decision-making and effective scene management.
- **Interagency Coordination** – Demonstrate effective identification of roles, responsibilities and resources from other disciplines that can be used to improve response and clearance.
- **Vehicle Positioning** – Demonstrate knowledge of safe vehicle positioning as resources arrive.
- **Quick Clearance** – Demonstrate knowledge & use of quick clearance strategies like early notification of key resources (e.g., traffic control support, towing/recovery, etc.) and moving crashed vehicles out of travel lanes with push bumpers.



DISTRICT 3 COALITION KICKOFF!

Stakeholders in the Nebraska TIM Program's District 3 collaborated at their first coalition meeting on June 10 in Norfolk, NE. The coalition has been established by Nebraska Department of Transportation District 3 Operations & Maintenance Manager Tim Koenig and Nebraska State Patrol Troop B Lieutenant Ben Brakenhoff. They are both TIM Trainers and are passionate about strengthening safety culture in Norfolk and the surrounding areas as area transportation needs change – like US-275 becoming a four-lane expressway facility.

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When should you consider establishing a coalition, or hosting a coalition meeting? Crash after-action reviews, construction projects/corridor expansion and safety concerns (institutional, training gaps or high-crash locations) are all good reasons for multidisciplinary groups to meet and collaborate. If you have ideas on how TIM, operations or safety can be improved, plan a coalition meeting to strategize the best next steps for your area.

Who should be involved in coalition meetings? All disciplines should be involved, including law enforcement, fire, EMS, emergency management, emergency communications, towing professionals, roadway owners, state, county and city staff, and others, to improve response to traffic incidents. Who are you working with regularly on traffic incidents? Who is passionate about traffic safety? Invite those people to participate!

JULY STATEWIDE VIRTUAL MEETING

Join us on Tuesday, July 29 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 July we will cover:



KIMBALL TRAINING EXERCISE

Hear from Kimball Police Department Community Service Officer Joseph Leitza and Region 21 Emergency Manager Ron Leal on exercise planning and execution. Training exercises support responders in identifying gaps in their response, coordination, and communication, so improvements can be made before facing real-life incidents.



TIM BEST PRACTICES IN ACTION: SAFE, QUICK CLEARANCE

Nebraska State Patrol TIM representative Sgt. Justin Brase will share NSP's approach to pushing crashed vehicles, from equipment to policy and training. Avoca Fire Department representatives will discuss pulling vehicles, safe flagging operations and the importance of high visibility safety apparel.



PROGRAM UPDATE AND OPEN DISCUSSION

Learn more about ongoing activities and resources to stay involved in the TIM program. We will discuss coalition establishment lessons learned from District 3, ongoing training efforts, self-assessments and more.

Please register to attend [here](#). We look forward to “seeing” you on July 29!

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