

MN Traffic Incident Management Website

For information on the state TIM program, including trainings, visit <https://www.minnesotazd.org/tim>



QUARTERLY TIM STRATEGY:

Quick Clearance:

Quick Clearance is an important strategy for responder safety. When possible, move vehicles off the highway or main road. Utilize crash investigation sites when possible. Strategies include:

- Push Bumpers to clear lanes
- Allow vehicle to drive off mainline

QUARTERLY TIM TACTIC:

Early Warning:

Setting up scenes appropriately is critical to the safety of responders. When quick clearance is not an option, early warning should be utilized. Tactics include:

- Cones and Flares
- Direct Messaging Boards
- Extra responders for pre-warning

Responder Struck-by Events

The 2023-2024 winter produced warmer than average temperatures, with less snow than the previous year. Despite warmer than average temperatures, several incidents of responders struck roadside still occurred during the winter months

As we move out of the winter months, vigilance should still be focused on roadside safety.

- Situational awareness
- High visibility wear
- Safe responder vehicle positioning



Crash Data: Jan – April 2024

Below shows the crash data from the MN Crash website through the first four months of 2024:

Crash Summary	
Total Crashes:	17,602
Injury Crashes:	4,335
Total Injured:	5,905
Fatal Crashes:	85
Total Fatalities:	95
Commercial Vehicle Crashes:	1,364
Property Damage Crashes:	13,182
Work Zone Crashes:	190

I-35 Construction Zone Faribault, MN (Rice County)

The MN TIM team held its second meeting regarding the I-35 construction zone in Faribault.

Thirty nine individuals participated in the meeting to discuss various roadway safety strategies as it relates to an ongoing construction project on the interstate (I-35) through the city of Faribault.

Several different disciplines were in attendance:

- MnDOT-Construction, maintenance, TZD & Safe Roads, TIM, RTMC, Engineering
- Law enforcement- State, County, City
- Fire
- Towing
- EMS / Air Care
- Medical Examiner’s Office
- Dispatch - State and county
- Communications - State and county
- Rice County Attorney



More information on upcoming meetings can be found on the MN TIM website:
» <https://www.minnesotatzd.org/tim>

Across the Nation

Oklahoma trooper hit, thrown in traffic stop as vehicle crashes into parked car.

A trooper with the Oklahoma Highway Patrol was involved in a major accident when a vehicle struck a car during a traffic stop near Interstate-40. The Oklahoma Highway Patrol, in a post on Facebook, said that Trooper Jesse Gregory was speaking to a driver during a traffic stop last Thursday when another vehicle hit them.

Dashcam footage from the incident shows the trooper conducting a traffic stop when another vehicle comes from behind and smashes into the stationary car throwing the officer onto the grass way on the side. Both vehicles were also heavily damaged. Fortunately, all three people in the accident, including Trooper Gregory, survived and are expected to be okay. They were all "treated and released," said the highway department. It is not yet clear if the vehicle that crashed was over speeding.

The Oklahoma Highway Patrol said that they posted the graphic video to remind the public of "distracted or impaired driving and the importance of the slowdown, move over law". "We are in the middle of a distracted driving emphasis right now in honor of Trooper Nicholas Dees, who lost his life in the line of duty after being struck by a distracted driver," said the highway patrol.

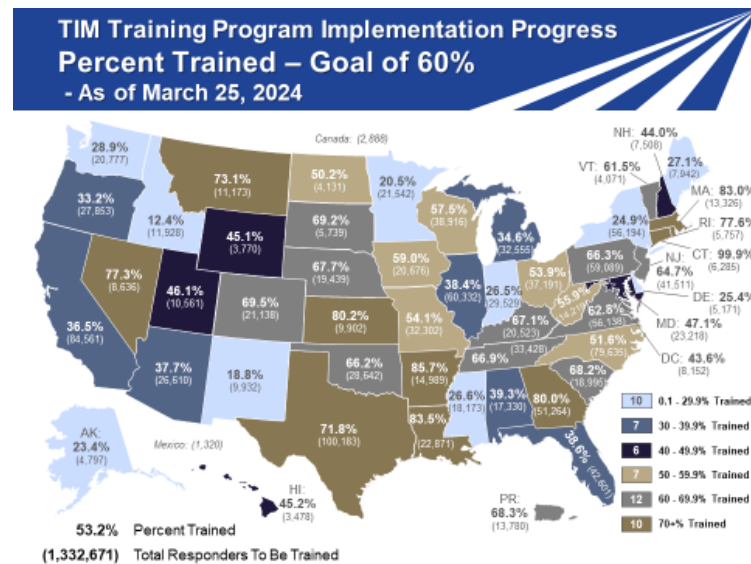


See the video at: [Oklahoma trooper hit during traffic stop: Watch dashcam video \(usatoday.com\)](#)

Nationwide Training - FHWA

Below are current national training maps from FHWA showing the percentage of MN responders that have received national accredited TIM training.

MN currently sits around 20.5% of its responders TIM trained (1% increase from last quarter).



RECENT TRAININGS

MSP Academy: On March 4th the Traditional / LETO group received basic TIM training containing strategies and tactics for roadside scene management

MSP CVI Academy: In March the CVI new hire group received TIM training for roadside responders

MSP Academy: On March 28th the ETSO cadet group received basic TIM training containing strategies and tactics for roadside scene management

Nobles County: In February Sgt. Willers gave a TIM presentation to the Nobles County Sheriff's Office.

RECENT TIM COALITION MEETINGS

Washington County: April 17th, 2024 – Lake Elmo Park reserve

Ramsey County: April 18th, 2024 – Waters Edge building in Roseville

Winona County: March 20th, 2024 – TIM Presentation at the quarterly Emergency Management Meeting



Reduce Responder Exposure



Reduce Secondary Crashes



Reduce Incident Clearance Time



Reduce Travel Delay

Mini Electronic After Action Reviews:

Attached to the last page is a Mini E-AAR from March 3rd, 2024. A vehicle crashed into the guardrail on northbound I-35W in Minneapolis. Responders were able to clear the entire event in 34 minutes (responder exposure for only 31 minutes). Tow operators responded quickly, effectively removing the vehicle from a tangled guardrail exceptionally fast. Troopers and FIRST units on scene set up early warning, managing traffic back up. All responders worked to meet goals related to responder safety. See full report on the last page.

Responder Safety is a primary goal for the Traffic Incident Management program. Strategies and tactics for preventing emergency responder exposure is critically important when trying to keep responders safe while working roadside incidents. See the attachment below for details of the event.



DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC SAFETY






DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION

Traffic incident management, or TIM, is a coordinated effort by all responders to accommodate their safety, victims' safety, incoming traffic's safety, and overall mobility.

Responders include those working in communications, emergency medical services, fire and rescue, law enforcement, towing and recovery, and transportation and public works.

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EVENT SUMMARY

EID:	13812229	Classification:	CRASH
Patrol Event #:	P240109447	Location:	NB 35W I AT 11TH AVE
TMC Event #:	T240017471	Open:	March 3, 2024, 12:34 p.m.
Maintenance Event #:	M240008377	Lanes Cleared:	
Camera:	625	All Clear:	1:07 p.m.

On March 3, 2024 a crash occurred on NB 35W I AT 11TH AVE. A brief summary of the event follows:

The crash was reported at 12:34 p.m..

The CRASH was verified on camera number 625 as occurring at 12:33 p.m. (1 minute prior to the event being created).

The Trooper was dispatched at 12:35 p.m. (0 minute(s) after the event was created).

The Trooper arrived at 12:45 p.m. (9 minute(s) after being dispatched).

The FIRST unit was dispatched at 12:36 p.m. (1 minute(s) after the event was created).

The FIRST unit arrived at 12:36 p.m. (0 minute(s) after being dispatched).

The tow truck was requested at 12:37 p.m.. (2 minute(s) after the event was created).

The tow truck arrived at 12:50 p.m. (12 minute(s) after being notified).

The fire truck was requested at 12:36 p.m.. (1 minute(s) after the event was created).

The fire truck arrived at 12:44 p.m. (8 minute(s) after being notified).

EMS was requested at 12:36 p.m.. (1 minute(s) after the event was created).

EMS arrived at 12:49 p.m. (12 minute(s) after being notified).

Maintenance arrives with barrels for the damaged guardrail at 1:10 p.m. (Clears at 1:21 p.m.)

Lanes were cleared in the following timeline:

The roadway was cleared at 1:07 p.m. , 32 minute(s) after the incident started (total time of incident).

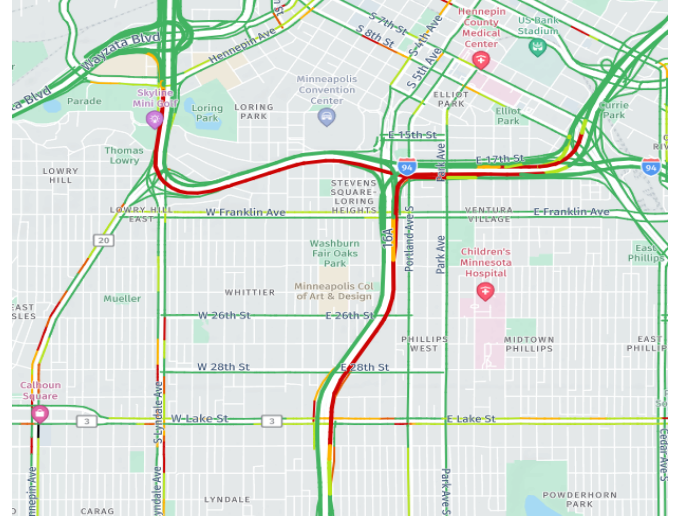
Motorist roadway exposure time: 34 minutes

Responder roadway exposure time: 31 minutes

Initial incident scene (median between I-94 EB and I-35W NB):



Congestion map at 1:05 p.m.



Congestion graph I-35W NB-Lake St to scene (Day of incident and previous 90 day averages) and data points:

