

T.I.M. TEAMS

Traffic Incident Management
Team



Why T.I.M. TEAMS?

- Over 50% of the congestion is caused by non-recurring incidents.
- For every *additional* minute taken to clear a traffic incident, it will extend the duration an additional 4 to 7 minutes.
- Teamwork among emergency service agencies is *imperative*, if we are to enhance traffic incident management.

AGENCIES TO BE INCLUDED IN T.I.M. TEAMS

- Fire & Rescue (City & County)
- Law Enforcement (City, County & State Patrol)
- Hazardous Materials Units (City, County & Commercial)
- Towing & Recovery
- Medical Examiner
- Road Ranger
- DOT
- Medical Services
- Others

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REMEMBER!

The success of an **T**raffic **I**ncident **M**anagement Team starts with the selection of *responsible* and *responsive* members.

Members should represent their agencies and have the authority to make decisions and commit their agencies to a course of action.

It is also important to select a responsible Team Leader or facilitator.

BENEFITS OF AN EFFECTIVE T.I.M. TEAM

The Benefits are both
Quantitative and **Qualitative**

QUANTITATIVE

- Increased survival rate of crash victims
- Reduced traffic delay
- Improved response time
- Improved air quality
- Reduced occurrence of secondary incidents
- Improved safety of responders, crash victims and traveling motorists
- Reduced clearance & recovery time

QUALITATIVE

- Enhanced traveler information
- Increased driver warning capabilities
- Improved coordination among response agencies
- Improved public perception of agency operations
- Reduced driver frustrations

EFFECTIVE TRAFFIC INCIDENT MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

will:

- Increases operating efficiency
- Reduces the time to detect & verify an incident occurrence
- Enhances the safe clearing of an incident, while managing the affected traffic flow until full capacity is restored.
- Expedite “*Back In Service*” time for emergency service units

T.I.M. TEAMS

Can be an excellent tool for enhancing
Coordination, Communications and
Cooperation between various agencies within a
local jurisdiction.

PURPOSE OF T.I.M. TEAMS

- Create a dialogue for better inter-agency cooperation.
- Create an opportunity for multi-agency training which promotes teamwork.
- Create a tool for developing common operational strategies.
- Create better understanding of other agencies and their responsibilities.
- Create practices that may, not only help their local jurisdiction but also the regional area.

GOALS & OBJECTIVES

- Adopt a “Open Roads” policy
 - 90 Minute Clearance Goal
- Conduct Training Exercises
 - Scene planning and training should be conducted.
- Conduct Post-Incident Debriefings
 - Post-Incident debriefings should be held to assess what did and did not work during recent major traffic incident response.
- Conduct Special Events Planning
 - T.I.M. Teams should also plan for special event incident response, such as, planning for major sporting events, concerts, conventions, weather-related events, homeland security and others.

SUMMARY

T.I.M. Teams cannot be successful unless there is a *cooperative attitude* among the agencies involved.

The working relationship among the various local agencies is *critical* to its success.

T.I.M. Teams can bring together representatives from the various agencies involved with, or affected by, transportation incidents.

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Any Questions

