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Upcoming Events:
Tim Team Meeting:
Wednesday
October 10, 2018
9:30 am
SWIFT SunGuide Center
10041 Daniels Parkway
Fort Myers, Fl 33913

2018 National Traffic Incident Response Week
The National Traffic Incident Response Week is November 11th - 17th. Created by the Federal Highway Administration and the U.S. Department of Transportation, the Traffic Incident Management (TIM) program has several objectives. Bringing attention to motorists to Slow Down and/or Move Over when approaching emergency responders operating on the highway to give them the room and safety to operate, working together with better communication for responders to efficiently clear the highway as soon as possible to keep traffic moving, and a national public relations effort targeted to the traveling public that incidents of emergency responders and highway workers being struck are increasing on our nations highways and roadways.

Every minute of every day emergency responders across the country work tirelessly to help save lives at the scene of traffic incidents. Every year hundreds of emergency responders representing fire, law enforcement, emergency medical services, towing and transportation agencies are struck and either injured or killed while responding. This type of secondary crash intensifies the impact to communities, individuals and the economy. We read about the tragedies caused by distracted driving almost every day and the emergency response community has the most to lose.

Help raise awareness about the dangers emergency responders face at traffic incidents this November 11th-17th.

To learn more about the event, please visit the following website: http://timnetwork.org/traffic-incident-response-awareness-week/

2018 ITSSC Summit
The summit will take place October 7-10, 2018 in Jacksonville, Florida. It will be the largest transportation conference in the southeast for the year and you’re going to want to be there. For four days in Jacksonville, over 600 transportation professionals will be attending the ITSSC Summit to discuss issues, attend classes and technical sessions, and network with industry vendors and their peers. This Summit, with the theme of “Coming Together to Address the Challenges of Connecting Cars, Communities, and Citizens” is being sponsored by ITS Florida, ITS Georgia, GRITS, ITS Carolinas, and ITS Tennessee, five state chapters covering eight states. This will provide an amazing opportunity to learn how other states address the issues you are encountering. To learn more and to register for the event, please visit the following website:
http://www.its5csummit.com/about-the-its5c-summit/

2018 International Association of Chiefs of Police Annual Conference and Expo
The conference will take place October 6-9, 2018 in Orlando, Florida. Since 1893, the IACP has been shaping the law enforcement profession. The IACP Annual Conference and Exposition has been the foundation, providing leaders with new strategies, techniques, and resources they need to successfully navigate the evolving policing environment.

To learn more about the event, please visit the following website: https://www.theiACPconference.org/

2018 American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials Annual Meeting
The annual meeting will take place September 20-24, 2018 in Atlanta, Georgia. The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Annual Meeting is one of the industry’s most important gatherings of transportation, government and commercial organizations. To learn more about the event, please visit the following website: http://aashtoannualmeeting.org/
The National Unified Goal

The National Traffic Incident Management Coalition (NTIMC) was formed in 2004 to support Traffic Incident Management around the United States and to provide a forum for all TIM stakeholders. NTIMC members include emergency medical services, fire, law enforcement, public safety communications (911 dispatch), towing and recovery, and transportation practitioners. Each of these disciplines has provided guidance to the NTIMC on the elements of a successful TIM program through their respective organizations. The NTIMC has consolidated these principles and is putting them to action through various programs throughout the country.¹

The NTIMC was highly successful in linking the transportation and public safety communities in numerous ways. The creation of the National Unified Goal (NUG) for TIM in the fall of 2007 may have been one of its most successful accomplishments. The NUG achieves these three major objectives through 18 strategies. Key strategies include recommended practices for multidisciplinary TIM operations and communications; multidisciplinary TIM training; goals for performance and progress; promotion of beneficial technologies; and partnerships to promote driver awareness.²

NTIMC has defined a three part National Unified Goal (NUG) for TIM: 1. Responder safety, 2. Safe, quick clearance, 3. Prompt, reliable, interoperable communications.

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To learn more, please read the Detailed Explanation of National Unified Goal document which provides information on how the NTIMC is working with national, State, regional, and local TIM partners to implement the NUG’s 18 strategies.


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