

Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Fast Facts

Polk County Region

National TIM Statistics

- In November 2011, AAA reported that the societal cost of traffic crashes was \$299.5 billion, more than three times the \$97.7 billion cost of congestion in that year.
- The TIM Self Assessment national score has increased from 48.0 in 2005 to 73.9 in 2013, indicating significant advancement of TIM programs nationwide.
- According to the 2013 TIM Performance Measures database, the average roadway clearance time was 73 minutes.
- Over 22,000 responders in 27 states have participated in the National TIM Responder Training.

Polk County Region TIM Strengths

<i>Polk County scored well in:</i>		Discussion
Traveler Information	High	
Data Collection/ Integration/ Sharing	High	
<i>Most improved areas:</i>		
Data Collection/ Integration/ Sharing	High	
Responder and Motorist Safety	Good	

The highest scoring sections indicate Polk County's strengths are providing motorists with incident information and sharing/integrating data with other agencies. Compared to 2012, Polk County has made its greatest improvement in scores for sharing/integrating data with other agencies and ensuring responder and motorist safety during incident clearance.

Polk County Region Opportunities for TIM Improvement

<i>Polk County scored lowest in:</i>		Discussion
TIM Performance Measures	Fair	
Multi-Agency TIM Teams	Fair	
Responder and Motorist Safety	Good	

The lowest scoring sections indicate Polk County has the most room for improvement in calculating TIM performance measures. Additionally, Polk County has the potential to increase scores in the area of encouraging multi-agency cooperation. The region can also work to raise scores by focusing on ensuring responder and motorist safety during incident clearance.

TIM Resources for the Polk County Region

To learn more about TIM Performance Measures, visit FHWA's Performance Measures Knowledgebase at http://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/eto_tim_pse/preparedness/tim/knowledgebase/

FHWA's overview of multi-agency administrative teams is useful for those looking to start or improve existing TIM teams. http://www.ops.fhwa.dot.gov/eto_tim_pse/preparedness/tim/admin.htm

The National TIM Responder Training sponsored by FHWA is a critical tool for promoting multi-agency cooperation and encouraging safe, quick clearance policies. Contact Paul Jodoin at FHWA for more info at paul.jodoin@dot.gov.

