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Upcoming Events:

TIM Team Meeting :

Thursday
October 11, 2018
 10:00 am
 Polk County Sheriff 's Office
 1891 Jim Keene Boulevard
 Winter Haven, FL 33880



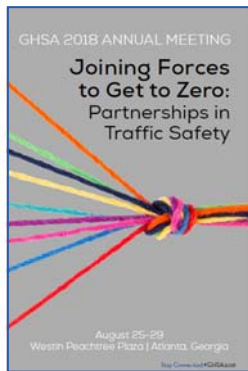
2018 Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Campaign



The campaign will take place from August 16th through Labor Day weekend. Law enforcement nationwide will be joining the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in the high-visibility Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over crackdown campaign.

<https://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/>

Joining Forces to Get to Zero: Partnerships in Traffic Safety



The 2018 Governors Highway Safety Association conference will take place August 25-29, 2018. This year's theme is *Joining Forces to Get to Zero: Partnerships in Traffic Safety*. Achieving zero deaths on our roadways will require collaboration among a number of professional disciplines across the public and private sectors. General sessions will address how

states can work with the federal government, industry partners and others to advance traffic safety. Attendees will also learn about advancements in autonomous vehicle technology and the impacts on safety.

The meeting provides a wide range of sponsorship and partnership opportunities for organizations to gain visibility and access a key group of highway safety leaders.

Who Should Attend?

- State Highway Safety Office directors and their staff
- Federal highway safety professionals
- Technology providers
- Public health officials
- Law enforcement professionals
- Private sector highway safety partners
- State Highway Safety Office sub-recipients

To learn more about the event, please visit the following website: <https://www.ghsa.org/events/Annual-Meetings/2018>

2018 International Forum on Traffic Records and Highway Safety Information System



The conference will take place August 13-15, 2018. The Forum topics will include drugged driving, inter-locks, roadway data collection, roadway data integration, automated courts, court system integration, highly automated vehicles, EMS and injury surveillance, dashboards, data quality, and hot topic subjects on technology.

To learn more about the event, please visit the following website: <http://www.trafficrecordsforum.org/>

The Annual 2018 Traffic Incident Management Team Self-Assessment Survey

The Annual 2018 Traffic Incident Management Team Self-Assessment (TIMSA) Survey are being completed at the next round of Traffic Incident Management team meetings and recently was completed at the Polk TIM team meeting.



The purpose of the TIMSA is to provide a formal process for State and local transportation, public safety and private sector partners to collaboratively assess their traffic incident management programs and identify opportunities for improvement.

The TIMSA is conducted in each urban area annually. These annual assessments have enabled state and local program managers and practitioners to evaluate their TIM programs and identify strengths and weaknesses in their programs in order to prioritize program activities and initiatives.

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) publishes an annual National Summary report on the TIMSA aggregating data from all urban areas. Please click on the following link to view the 2016 Traffic Incident Management National Analysis Report:

https://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/eto_tim_pse/preparedness/tim/self.htm

Have a Plan, Hurricane Season



Take Action Now. Last year, millions of Floridians spent many hours in their cars, stuck in traffic as they evacuated in advance of Hurricane Irma. Preparing an evacuation plan now may help you save time and money later this summer if an evacuation is ordered. Don't wait until a storm is forecasted to start getting ready.

Hurricanes are massive storm systems that form over warm ocean waters and move toward land. Potential threats from hurricanes include powerful winds, heavy rainfall, storm surges, coastal and inland flooding, rip currents, tornadoes, and landslides. The *Atlantic hurricane season runs from June 1st to November 30th*. The Pacific hurricane season runs May 15th to November 30th.¹

Additionally, the newly implemented Emergency Shoulder Use (ESU) emergency evacuation plan, used during Hurricane Irma last year, has been adapted and will be implemented during this year's hurricane season. The ESU plan is Florida's innovative strategy to increase traffic capacity during major hurricane evacuations using existing paved shoulders. Covering key corridors within the state, ESU will replace the former contra-flow or one-way plans. To learn more and to view the Florida Department of Transportation ESU video, please visit the following website at: <http://fdot.gov/emergencymanagement/esu/>



Want To Know What The Traffic Is Like? Call 511, the Florida Department of Transportation's hotline. Callers can ask for the latest traffic information for major highways and individual counties. Information is available online at <https://fl511.com/>. Additionally, the Florida Highway Patrol also has a website that updates road conditions every five minutes: https://www.flhsmv.gov/fhp/traffic/live_traffic_feed.html²



Know Your Zone! Find out if your home is in an evacuation zone. If you live in such a zone, learn about evacuation routes before a storm is forecast. Practicing evacuating in your car with all family members, including pets, will make everyone more comfortable if you need to leave in an emergency.

The Florida Division of Emergency Management's [Know Your Zone](#) webpage has a [map of hurricane evacuation zones](#). Your local emergency management office may have additional information on evacuation routes.

Traffic congestion and delays are likely. Make sure you have a full tank of gas and that you know your destination and how to get there before setting out.

Bring an emergency kit that includes a NOAA weather radio and batteries, flashlight and batteries, bottled water, non-perishable food, can opener, and clothes. Bring medications and copies of prescriptions, a spare pair of eye glasses and any special products for babies, elderly and medically fragile family members and pets. [Ready.gov](#)

Hurricane guides published by many newspapers and county emergency management offices are a good one-stop resource for Floridians. [Ready.gov](#) has more tips to help you prepare for hurricane season.³

Attend your Local TIM Team and get to know other responders that will be working with you **during emergency evacuations!**

- (1) It's Hurricane Season, do You Have an Evacuation Plan. US Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). June 20, 2018 Web. <https://www.fema.gov/news-release/2018/06/20/its-hurricane-season-do-you-have-evacuation-plan>
- (2) Hurricanes. US Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). July 2017 Web. <https://www.ready.gov/hurricanes>
- (3) Emergency Information. Florida Disaster ORG. Division of Emergency Management. August 2018 Web. <https://www.floridadisaster.org/info/>

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T I M TEAM WEBSITE!

www.swfltim.org

The Polk County TIM Team is committed to implementing the Quick Clearance principles of Florida's Open Roads Policy through the "3 Cs" of TIM: Communication, Cooperation and Coordination, and providing the public with the best real-time Motorist Information available. Team membership draws from state, regional, and local transportation agencies, public safety providers, and other organizations and companies that service the traveling public. The Teams, sponsored by the FDOT, meet bi-monthly.

Mission

The TIM Team Program brings together all agencies involved in clearing the roadway crashes with the objective of improving detection, verification, response, and clearance times to expeditiously remove a motor vehicle crash or incident from the roadway while providing the best real-time information to motorists, resulting in a safer highway environment for both incident responders and motorists

