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**Upcoming Events:**

**TIM Team Meeting :**

Thursday  
 July 12, 2018  
 10:00 am  
 Polk County Sheriff 's Office  
 1891 Jim Keene Boulevard  
 Winter Haven, FL 33880



**Successful TIM Training Event: Stabilization of Commercial Vehicles During Traffic Incidents**

As part of the Florida Department of Transportation and the TIM team's *commitment to improve the safety of our responders*, a free 2-day training event for Stabilization of Commercial Vehicles during Traffic Incidents was held on May 1st and May 2nd. The training included both classroom instruction and 'hands-on' skill stations. The training was led by John Weaver, a well-known industry leader.

We would also like to thank South Trail Fire and Rescue for allowing us to host the training at their location.

There has been an overwhelming amount of feedback from the participants:

*"Very beneficial, great learning experience!"*

*"Exceeded my expectations, highly recommend this class for other departments..."*

*"I appreciate the detailed and technical information. It gave me a different perspective and greater appreciation for the job."*

*"Great course! Every firefighter/organization needs to have this course."*



If you and/or your agency have any questions about the training, please contact Brandy Boccuti at [bboccuti@metriceng.com](mailto:bboccuti@metriceng.com)

**National EMS Week**

May 20-26, 2018



This year's theme is "EMS STRONG is Stronger Together." In 1974, President Gerald Ford authorized EMS Week to celebrate EMS practitioners and the important work they do in our nation's communities. Back then, EMS was a new profession, and EMS practitioners had only just started to be recognized as a critical component of emergency medicine and the public health safety net. A lot has changed since then. EMS is now firmly established as an essential public function and a vital component of the medical care continuum. On any given day, EMS practitioners help save lives by responding to medical emergencies, including heart attack, difficulty breathing, a fall or accident, drowning, cardiac arrest, stroke, drug overdose or acute illness. To learn more, please visit the following website: <https://www.acep.org/emsweek/>

**National Police Week**

May 13-19, 2018

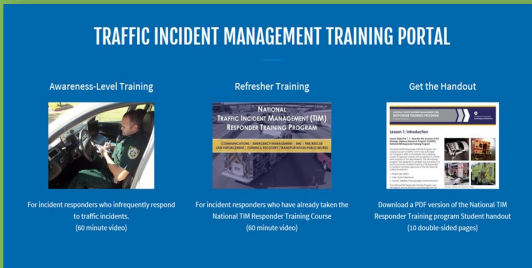


In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as Police Week. Currently, tens of thousands of law enforcement officers from around the world converge on Washington, DC to participate in a number of planned events which honor those that have paid the ultimate sacrifice. The Memorial Service began in 1982 as a gathering in Senate Park of approximately 120 survivors and supporters of law enforcement. Decades later, the event, more commonly known as National Police Week, has grown to a series of events which attracts thousands of survivors and law enforcement officers to our Nation's Capital each year. The attendees come from departments throughout the United States as well as from agencies throughout the world.

To learn more, please visit the following website: <http://www.nleomf.org/programs/policeweek/>

### Refresher Course for the National TIM Responder Training (SHRP-2) Program

It was recently announced that an online refresher course for the National TIM Responder Training (SHRP-2) Program is now available. The course is for the responders that have already completed the (4) hour class and have received their certificate of completion.



The refresher course is a short 60 minute video that matches the objectives and content of the National TIM Responder Training program. The link <https://timtraining.org/> provides this “refresh” on the National TIM Training. At the conclusion of the video is an opportunity to download a certificate for your own training records.<sup>1</sup>

What is the National Traffic Incident Management (SHRP-2) Training and why is it important to first responders? The National Traffic Incident Management Training (SHRP-2) program is building teams of highly-skilled responders who work together efficiently and effectively from their initial arrival on the incident scene to its investigation and eventual clearance. Developed through the second Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP-2), the training program is a collaborative effort of FHWA, American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), and the Transportation Research Board (TRB). It has been endorsed by the International Association of Police Chiefs, International Association of Fire Chiefs, National Volunteer Fire Council, Towing and Recovery Association of America, and AASHTO.<sup>2</sup>

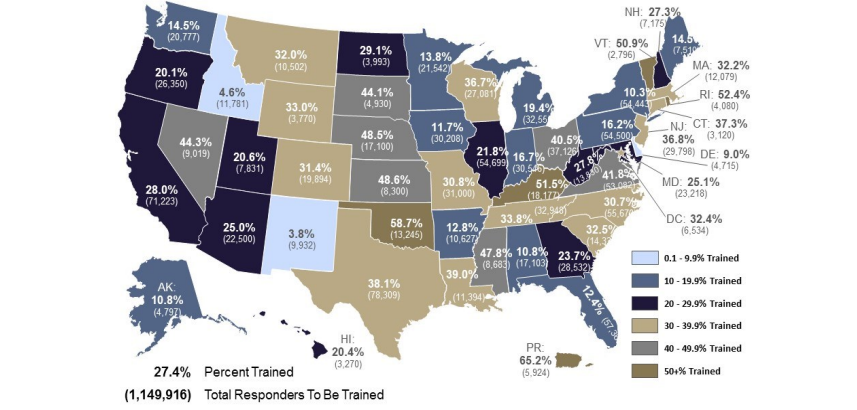
The Florida Highway Administration (FHWA) has set a goal that 20% of first responders are to be trained in the National TIM Responder Training (SHRP-2). Currently, as of February 5, 2018 Florida is at 12.4%

Many agencies and states are starting to support the training by incorporating it into their curriculum, while others are starting to make the training mandatory. On June 14, 2016, the Towing and Recovery Association of America, Inc. (TRAA) released a press release announcing an initiative to encourage all TRAA members, state towing associations, and their members to host the 4-hour version of the National TIM Responder Training.<sup>3</sup>

Please note, nothing beats the value of the classroom product, so please continue to train or seek training – this is NOT intended to replace the National TIM Training program (4-hour course) – it is just a refresher.

If you or someone in your agency are interested in the (4) hour hands-on TIM Responder Training (SHRP-2) Program, please contact Brandy Boccuti, TIM Team Coordinator at [bboccuti@metriceng.com](mailto:bboccuti@metriceng.com) and/or (407) 949.4283.

TIM Training Program Implementation Progress  
Percent Trained – SIP 18 Goal of 30%  
- As of February 5, 2018



- (1) Traffic Incident Management Training Portal.. US Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration. April 2018 Web. <https://timtraining.org/>
- (2) Training For Safer, Faster, Stronger, More Integrated Incident Response. US Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration August 2017 Web. [https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/goshrp2/Solutions/Reliability/L12\\_L32A\\_L32B/National\\_Traffic\\_Incident\\_Management\\_ResponderTraining\\_Program](https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/goshrp2/Solutions/Reliability/L12_L32A_L32B/National_Traffic_Incident_Management_ResponderTraining_Program)
- (3) TRAA Continues Push for Nationwide TIM Responder Training. Towing and Recovery Association of America. Press Release June 14, 2017. Web: <https://www.newswire.com/news/traa-continues-push-for-nationwide-tim-responder-training-11933090>

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**T I M TEAM WEBSITE!**  
[www.swftim.org](http://www.swftim.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*

