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Next TIM Team Meeting:
County Sheriff's Office Comp Procop Room
1891 Jim Keene Boulevard
Winter Haven, FL 33880
10:00 AM



The Annual 2017 Traffic Incident Management Team Self-Assessment (TIMSA) Survey



The Annual 2017 Traffic Incident Management Team Self-Assessment (TIMSA) Survey are being completed at the upcoming Traffic Incident Management team meetings.

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.

In 2003, the Federal Highway Administration facilitated the initial assessments of Traffic Incident Management programs in the largest 75 urban areas of the United States. Representatives of key transportation and public safety agencies and private sector partners in each area conducted the assessments.

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

2017 Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Campaign

The campaign will take place from August 18th 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/>

The 23rd Annual International Association of Chiefs of Police Training Conference on Drugs, Alcohol, and Impaired Driving



The conference will take place August 12-14, 2017. The training conference provides certified drug recognition experts, physicians, toxicologists, prosecutors, and other traffic safety professionals with

a forum in which to share information, best practices and lessons learned in law enforcement drug recognition settings. Though the technology and practices have changed and are constantly evolving, the conference provides consistent training, professional development, and a national forum for drug recognition experts and others with a professional interest on a broad array of new and emerging issues.

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

2017 International Forum on Traffic Records and Highway Safety Information System

The conference will take place August 6-9, 2017. The Forum topics will include drugged driving, interlocks, 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 Traffic Incident Management (SHRP-2) Responder Training Program

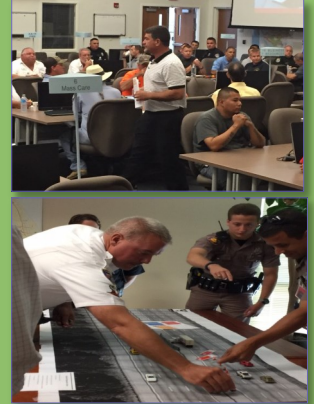
"Improved Incident Management Training Leads to Faster Incident Response and Clearance"

Recently the District One Traffic Incident Management (TIM) team successfully trained over 75 first responders, within a two day period, through the National Traffic Incident Management (SHRP-2) Responder Training Program. Participants also received a certificate from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) after completing the training.

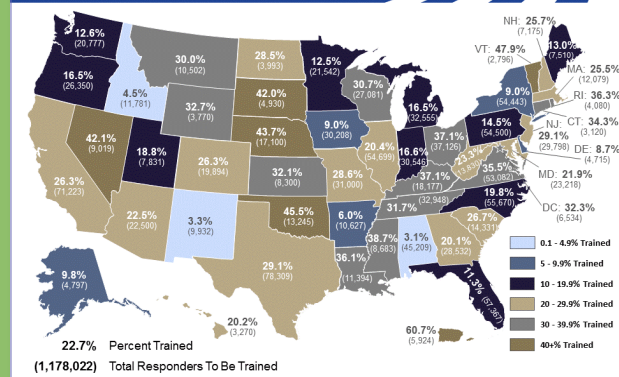
The training included lectures as well as table top activities. The benefits of the national training includes:

- A unified, multidisciplinary approach that promotes a more effective incident response.
- Lessons in new multiagency standards and best practices.
- An opportunity for responders from multiple disciplines to breakdown communication barriers and begin to work more effectively together.

The program is sponsored by the FHWA, which designed the course as part of the second Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP2) to improve highway safety and reduce congestion caused by crashes.



TIM Training Program Implementation Progress
Percent Trained – SIP 17 Goal of 20%
 - As of June 12, 2017



The national training is building teams of well-trained responders who can work together in a coordinated manner, from the moment the first emergency call is made. They learn the correct deployment of response vehicles and equipment, how to create a safe work area using traffic control devices, and techniques to speed up accident clearance.¹

According to the FHWA, 267,069 responders have received the National Traffic Incident Management (SHRP-2) Responder Training as of June 12, 2017. Furthermore, the 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 June 2016 Florida is at 11.3%.²

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.³

We are looking for "TIM champions" that will help support the National Traffic Incident Management Training (SHRP-2) goals of the FHWA in reaching the 20% goal of first responders to be trained in the National TIM Responder Training (SHRP-2).

If you or someone in your agency are interested in the training, please contact Chris Williams, ITS Operations/TIM Team Coordinator/ Road Ranger Program Project Manager at Chris.Williams@dot.state.fl.us and/or 239.225.1915.

- (1) Training For Safer, Faster, Stronger, More Integrated Incident Response. US Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration July 2017 Web. https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/goshrp2/Solutions/Reliability/L12_L32A_L32B/National_Traffic_Incident_Management_ResponderTraining_Program
- (2) (National Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Responder Training Program TIM Newsletter. U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration. July 2016: https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/goshrp2/Content/Documents/TIM_Training_Newsletter.pdf
- (3) TRAA Continues Push for Nationwide TIM Responder Training. Towing and Recovery Association of America. Press Release April 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.swfitim.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.