

Greater Hartford Coalition Newsletter

From The Editor

The Honorable Governor of the State of Connecticut, Ned Lamont, has signed a proclamation declaring November 8th – 14th Crash Responder Safety Week (CRSW), formerly known as Traffic Incident Response Awareness Week. The goal of Crash Responder Safety Week (CRSW) is to reach out to every emergency responder, every driver and every passenger to educate them on how to play their part in ensuring safe responses at roadway incidents. For more information and resources visit [Greater Hartford TIM Coalition](http://GreaterHartfordTIMCoalition.com) web page



Stay Strong - Stay Hopeful - Stay Safe and as always THANK YOU for all you do.



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RESPONDER SAFETY - PROMPT, RELIABLE, INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS - SAFE, QUICK CLEARANCE



WEBINARS

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Talking TIM webinar series, <https://transportationops.org/tim> provides a forum where TIM champions with any level of experience can exchange information about current practices, programs, and technologies. Each month, the FHWA TIM Program Team will feature content that highlights successful programs, identifies best practices, and showcases technology that advances the profession.

June – Presenters discuss Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) for Traffic Incident Management.

<https://transportationops.org/ondemand-learning/talking-tim-webinar-series-june-2021>

July – Presenters discuss head protection for responder safety, heard how the response to incidents involving electric vehicles differs from the typical response, and learnt about two-way geo-targeted communications with travelers.

<https://transportationops.org/ondemand-learning/talking-tim-webinar-series-july-2021>

August – Presenters from Texas, Colorado and Georgia discuss establishing effective TIM programs, and making TIM training a requirement for law enforcement, fire and rescue, and emergency medical services.

<https://transportationops.org/ondemand-learning/talking-tim-webinar-series-august-2021>

September - Presenters discuss role of TIM within broader rural roadway safety, cover response strategies for incidents involving livestock, challenges for managing incidents involving rural transport such as horse drawn carriages and agricultural equipment, ongoing research into the unique challenges, good practices, and opportunities to assist rural responders and motorists to improve safety and incident mitigation of rural roadways.

<https://transportationops.org/ondemand-learning/talking-tim-webinar-series-september-2021>

October - Presenters discuss autonomous truck mounted attenuator testing and implementation in Colorado, Arizona autonomous and driverless pilots for large truck, and Florida rural-focused towing incentive programs in Florida's Panhandle.

<https://transportationops.org/ondemand-learning/talking-tim-webinar-series-october-2021>

IN THE NEWS



CT Municipal Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Task Force (CTMUTs)

<https://ctmuts.weebly.com/>

The task force was formed to advance Connecticut municipal unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) capabilities through collaboration, communication, and education. CT MUTs is open to anyone involved with local, state, or federal UAV programs. To be added as a member and included on their mailing list.

Go to <https://ctmuts.weebly.com/contact-and-membership.html> to complete the membership request.

TIM TALK


Roadway Safety Shorts from [Responder Safety Learning Network](#)

- [How to Decide to Move It or Work It](#)
- [How to Demobilize a TIMA](#)
- [How to Deploy a Portable Advance Warning Sign](#)
- [How to Safely Back Up an Emergency Vehicle](#)
- [How to Select and Maintain High Visibility Apparel](#)
- [How to Set a Block](#)
- [How to Set a Cone Taper](#)
- [Operating Near the Zero Buffer](#)
- [Safe Positioning an Ambulance at Roadway Incidents](#)



TRAINING NEWS

The Connecticut Department of Transportation and University of Connecticut T2 Center Safety Academy host Traffic Incident Management course in September



Traffic Incident Management
A Connecticut Safety Academy Workshop

Three injury crashes occur every minute in the United States, putting nearly 38,000 incident responders potentially in harm's way every day. Congestion from these incidents often generates secondary crashes, further increasing responder risk and fatalities. The longer incident responders remain at the scene, the greater the risk they, and the traveling public, face. Well-trained responders improve the safety of drivers, reduce crashes that can occur because of incident-related congestion, decrease traffic delays and can reduce incident response time.

This course will provide attendees with a shared understanding of the requirements for safe, quick clearance of traffic incident scenes, general, reliable and open communication, and mutual and responder safeguards.

This training covers many TIM recommended procedures and techniques, including:

- Notification and Scene Size-Up
- Safe Vehicle Positioning & Scene Safety
- Command Responsibilities
- Traffic Management
- Clearance and Termination

The training will also include a tour of the CTDOT's new Highway Operations Center, where the Newington Operations Center and the Transport Operations Center work together to coordinate response to traffic incidents on the state highway system.

Dates & Times
September 29, 2021
 Newington, CT
 OR
September 30, 2021
 Newington, CT

Session is 8:30am - 5:00pm (Registration begins at 8:00am) Lunch will NOT be provided, please bring a bag lunch.

Registration is a priority for CERT teams. All state and municipal CERT ID procedures will be followed.

Participants will receive a credit hour toward their Connecticut Safety Champion designation.

Classes were scheduled through the CT Safety Academy and held at the new TIM room that is part of the CTDOT Highway Operations Center in Newington. The course Instructor was Aidan Neely, a Highway Operations Planner, Traffic Management Center Supervisor and Traffic Incident Management Coordinator with the CT Department of Transportation. Aidan has over 20 years of volunteer fire service including: serving as a fire officer, instructor, and safety officer for two CT fire departments. Aidan serves on several committees and working groups on the national level and is a member of the Greater Hartford TIM Coalition.

The National Traffic Incident Management Responder Training Program included tabletop exercises and discussion on accident recovery operations and crash investigations using unmanned aircraft systems (UAS). Participants included members of CERT teams, law enforcement, fire police, public works, FHWA, and emergency management. A tour of the new operations center was provided to all attendees.



- Contact Aidan Neely, Aidan.Neely@ct.gov if interested in TIM training
- Contact Melissa Evans, Melissa.Evans@uconn.edu for information on the Safety Academy and other opportunities in the Safety Circuit Rider Program https://www.cti.uconn.edu/cti/Safety_Circuit_Rider1.asp

CONNECTICUT TRAFFIC INCIDENT SCENE MANAGEMENT FIELD GUIDE



The Greater Hartford TIM Coalition has developed a TIM field guide for scene management. It is currently being distributed to emergency responder organizations across the State. So far we have distributed almost 4,200 guides to various stakeholders. In addition, a presentation of the guide has been added to ResponderSafety.com site <https://www.respondersafety.com/resources/sop-s-sog-s/>

We encourage recipients to also participate in TIM training. For training requests please contact Aidan Neely, CTDOT TIM Coordinator, Email: aidan.neely@ct.gov

If you are interested in receiving the guide submit a request to timguide@rcog.org which has been set up to receive all emails related to the guidebook.