

Greater Hartford Coalition Newsletter

From The Editor

Responders are placed in situations every day that are challenging in terms of safety and in understanding the environment they are being placed in. “Placing your head on a swivel” is a common expression used by responders, and it accurately depicts the action each must take at incidents. This newsletter’s “TIM Talk” section discusses situational awareness further.

I am proud to be a part of the Greater Hartford TIM Coalition and appreciate the members efforts to educate, support, and advocate for all the responders that place their life on the line each day. We must continue to promote road safety for all. Road users need to understand the responsibility and the risks when getting behind the wheel and what they can do to minimize the risk and be responsible and safe drivers. In the end it EVERYBODY’S responsibility to save lives.



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



IN THE NEWS

Crash Responder Safety Week (#CRSW) 2022: November 14-18

The Crash Responder Safety Week (CRSW) initiative, recognizing all traffic incident management (TIM) response communities, will take place this year from November 14-18, 2022.

Information on this year's event will be posted soon. To learn more about CRSW, please visit the [FHWA CRSW site](#).

National Move Over Law Day

There are currently two resolutions in the 117th Congress for "Supporting the goals and ideals of a National Move Over Law Day." Hopefully, we receive bipartisan approval to further elevate Slow Down Move Over initiatives.

[H.Res.1052](#) — 117th Congress (2021-2022)

Supporting the goals and ideals of a National Move Over Law Day.

Sponsor: [McGovern, James P. \[Rep.-D-MA-2\]](#) (Introduced 04/11/2022)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 04/12/2022 Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.

[S.Res.734](#) — 117th Congress (2021-2022)

A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of a National Move Over Law Day.

Sponsor: [Blumenthal, Richard \[Sen.-D-CT\]](#) **Cosponsor:** [Sen. Braun, Mike \[R-IN\]*](#) (Introduced 08/02/2022)

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: Senate - 08/02/2022 Referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

MOVE OVER CONNECTICUT

Move Over Connecticut event was held on September 10, 2022, to show support d all the men and women who put their lives on the line every day and raise awareness of the Slow Down Move Over law. A thank you to the Towing & Recovery Professionals of Connecticut (TRPC) for hosting this event.



September 10, 2022

Xfinity Theater
61 Savitt Way, Hartford, CT 06120

Move Over Connecticut!

Raising awareness for the "Move Over" law, and promoting the safety of first responders!

Truck Parade - 8am to 9am - \$20 Donation Per Truck

Show and Shine - 9am - 2pm - \$35 Donation Per Truck

For More Information, Contact Angela Roper:
director@trpconline.com or (512) 484-7928

Food Trucks

Rotator Drop in the Bucket

Blindfolded Golf Cart Driving

Children's Area

Swag and More!

Gold Sponsor:

New England Truck Master

Bronze Sponsor:

Equipment Depot

Event Sponsors: AAA

Copper Sponsor:

Marcus Communications

East Coast Insurance



WEBINARS AND PODCASTS

The Federal Highway Administration's (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 highlights technology that advances the profession.

May 2022 - Go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FUicJYLo-fU> Topic and presenters for this webinar include:

- Data Use and Visualization – Katie Felton, Virginia DOT
- Promoting Roadway Safety Through Move Over Law and Responder Struck-By Awareness – Linda Unruh, La Linda Consulting
- The New Jersey TIM Program – Robert Burd, TIM Program Manager.

June 2022 - Go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cL4BtmN589c> Topics and presenters for this webinar include:

- Ohio DOT Quick Clear Demonstration – Ron Meyers, Pinetree Towing and Carl Merkle, Ohio DOT
- Electric Vehicle Battery Fires and the TIM Timeline – Joe Tebo, FHWA
- Montana's TIM Program – Jerry Prete, Regional Fire Training Manager at MSU Fire Services Training



July 2022 - Go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-TCbCXIOraA> Topics and presenters for this webinar include:

- Planning and Responding to Special Events in Minnesota – John McClellan, RTMC Freeway Operations Supervisor.
- Iowa DOT TIM Program Overview and Strategies for Quicker Incident Detection, Ashley Hochberger, TMC and Highway Helper Program Manager,

and Sinclair Stolle, Traffic Management Systems Engineer at the Iowa Department of Transportation.

- The National Unified Goal: What is It and How Do We Make It Relevant? An Interactive Discussion – Paul Jodoin and Jim Austrich, FHWA TIM Program Managers.



Episode 5: Towing and Recovery with Angela Barnett and Brian Riker

<https://learning.respondersafety.com/Training/Podcast.aspx>

TIM TALK

Situational Awareness on the Roadway

([Dr. Richard B. Gasaway](#))

“There are an untold number of incidents in which responders have been struck by vehicles while working on roadway incidents. The roadway is one of the more dangerous work environments for emergency responders to operate in because conditions can go from being totally benign to total chaos in just a matter of seconds.”

“Situational awareness (SA) is a person’s ability to perceive and understand what is happening in their environment, in the context of how time is passing, and then being able to make accurate predictions about future events... hopefully in time to prevent bad outcomes.”

The full article is available at <https://www.samatters.com/situational-awareness-on-the-roadway/>

Safety Service Patrol Perspective: Situational Awareness for Highway/Roadway Incident Response

([John M. Sullivan](#))

“More than ever before Safety Service Patrol (SSP) responders are being faced with an ever-changing environment and are being tasked with even more dangerous, unique and challenging incidents on our nation’s Interstates, highways, and roadways.” The article discusses service patrol challenges and the importance of Situational Awareness for all responders. He also shares information from Dr. Gasaway who is well known for his expertise and knowledge in this subject area.

The full article is available at <https://www.respondersafety.com/news/news/2022/08/safety-service-patrol-perspective-situational-awareness-for-highway-roadway-incident-response/>



Talking about Safety Service Patrols

Connecticut’s Safety Service Patrol now sponsored by GEICO

The Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) Safety Patrol, sponsored by GEICO, is an integral part of the state’s incident management program. Each year, the Safety Patrol responds to



approximately 15,000 service calls in Connecticut. The CTDOT Safety Patrol provides limited roadside assistance at no charge to drivers in need, including changing flat tires, jump-starting vehicles, and moving disabled vehicles to the shoulder.

Info on the program can be found at: <https://portal.ct.gov/DOT/Programs/CTDOT-Safety-Patrol-sponsored-by-GEICO>

TRAINING NEWS

**Stay SAFE and keep learning and TRAINING because your life depends on it...
BE PREPARED for all the incidents that you will face on the road!**

**NATIONAL TRAFFIC INCIDENT MANAGEMENT (TIM)
RESPONDER TRAINING PROGRAM
CT DOT HEADQUARTERS, FREE ONE DAY CLASS OPPORTUNITY**



Responder Training Course Announcement

The National TIM Responder Training Program was developed by responders for responders, and was designed to promote consistent training of all responders to achieve the three objectives of the TIM National Unified Goal (NUG):

- Responder Safety
- Safe, Quick Clearance
- Prompt, Reliable, Interoperable Communications

The target audience for this course is all TIM disciplines, including Communications, Emergency Management, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), Fire/Rescue, Law Enforcement, Towing and Recovery, and Transportation/Public Works.

TIM Responder Training Course Lesson Summary

1. **Introduction:** TIM training program purpose, the dangers encountered by emergency responders working in or near traffic, and the definition of TIM
2. **TIM Fundamentals and Terminology:** safe, quick clearance definition, supporting legislation, and common response terminology
3. **Notification and Scene Size-Up:** roles and responsibilities of public safety communications centers and transportation management centers, and scene size-up reporting
4. **Safe Vehicle Positioning:** safe-positioning of vehicles and blocking
5. **Scene Safety:** emergency vehicle markings, emergency-vehicle lighting, use of high-visibility safety apparel, and safe practices for avoiding the Zero Buffer
6. **Command Responsibilities:** Incident Command System as it relates to TIM
7. **Traffic Management:** components of a Traffic Incident Management Area and the proper use of temporary traffic control devices
8. **Special Circumstances:** incidents involving vehicle fires, hazardous materials, vehicle fluid spills, and crash investigations
9. **Clearance and Termination:** quick clearance strategies, towing and recovery communications, and incident termination



Details for the upcoming **free** one-day TIM Responder Training courses are as follow:

NEW Dates Available: Wed. Sept. 28th, Wed. Oct. 19th, Sat. Oct. 22nd, Tues. Nov. 15th, Sat. Nov. 19th, Wed. Dec 14th, Wed. Jan. 11th, and Sat. Jan. 14th

**Time: 8:30-3:30 Location: CT DOT Headquarters Newington
Address: 2800 Berlin Turnpike Registration: Email Aidan Neely address below, questions
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This training has been endorsed by the following national associations: American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), American Public Works Association (APWA), Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemen’s Association (CVVFA), Division of State Associations of Chiefs of Police (SACOP), Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE), Intelligent Transportation Society (ITS) of America, International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), International Association of Directors of Law Enforcement Standards and Training (IADLEST), International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC), International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF), International Municipal Signal Association (IMSA), National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO), National EMS Management Association (NEMSMA), National Sheriffs’ Association (NSA), National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC), Towing and Recovery Association of America (TRAA), and Transportation Research Board (TRB).

**For in-person training opportunities in Connecticut
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