

# Greater Hartford Coalition Newsletter

## From The Editor

Continued efforts to collect data on crashes from many sources is key to understanding the dynamics of a crash and being able to use this information to increase safety for all road users. There are several ongoing efforts to capture better data to understand the why and how crashes are occurring. The Traffic Records Coordinating Committee (DOT|TRCC) is a multi-modal group with members from FHWA, FMCSA, NHTSA, and Office of the Secretary of Transportation (OST) that works to improve the collection, management, and analysis of traffic safety data at the State and Federal level.

The DOT|TRCC's mission is to maximize the overall quality of safety data and analysis based on State traffic records data across all six core systems: crash, vehicle, driver, roadway, citation & adjudication, and injury surveillance. The US DOT|TRCC advances this mission with a dual focus. For more information on the efforts of the TRCC please go to <https://www.transportation.gov/trcc>




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## IN THE NEWS

### MOVE OVER CONNECTICUT

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#### State Police Urge Drivers To Follow Move Over Law

Last year (2022), more than 650 drivers were cited for failing to move over, and state police say that number needs to go down.

HARTFORD, Conn. — First responders put their lives on the line to protect and serve the community, regardless of the conditions. Per state law, cars need to slow down and move over to keep those first responders safe. “First responders, there’s often times when we have to stop in a lane to move debris or there’s a motor vehicle accident in a lane that can be hazardous,” said Connecticut State Police Sgt. Christine Jeltema.

<https://www.fox61.com/article/traffic/connecticut-state-police-urge-drivers-to-follow-car-move-over-law/520-edd3746d-c8d4-497e-8be6-7b1990767dc7>

## 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.

**July 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

**September 2022** - Go to <https://youtu.be/1X1JvAVLK58> Topic and presenters for this webinar include:

- **Move Over and Responder Safety Technologies**—Alejandro Sanchez-Badillo, ITS Research Engineer, and Robert Krile, Advanced Analytics Research Lead, Battelle with Rodrigo Moscoso, Capital Wireless Information Net Program Exec. Director, University of Maryland.
- **Houston Traffic Incident Management and Training**—Captain J.O. “Bear” Wilson, Houston Fire Department.

**October 2022** – Go to <https://youtu.be/faG65z4YzsM> Topic and presenters for this webinar include:

- **Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LADOTD) TIM Program and Training** — Robert Mills, TIM and Training Coordinator, Statewide Traffic Management Center, LADOTD and Serco North America.
- **Predicting Incident Duration and Queuing for Better Real-Time Response** — Jason Dicembre, Director-Office of Transportation Mobility & Operations at Maryland State Highway Administration.
- **Commemorating Crash Responder Safety Week (CRSW):**
  - **North Carolina (NC) CRSW Plans** — Wayne Taylor, NC State Traffic Incident Management Coordinator/Kimley-Horn.
  - **Nevada CRSW Plans** — LaShonn J. Ford, Senior ITS Project Manager, Traffic Operations, Nevada Department of Transportation.
  - **Social Media Toolkit for CRSW**—Jim Austrich, FHWA.

**November 2022** - Go to [https://youtu.be/dmNUS\\_Xxu7E](https://youtu.be/dmNUS_Xxu7E)

- **Crash Responder Safety Week - National Kickoff Webinar**

**January 2023** – Go to <https://youtu.be/ciMizCGuBqM>

- **Mitigating Work Zone Traffic Incidents Using Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS)**—Captain Robert Hainje, Tippecanoe, IN Sheriff's Office will describe how unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) have been used to identify work zone safety improvements to mitigate incidents. He will also share how collectively, local law enforcement agencies in Indiana are benefitting from centralized UAS image processing by Purdue University.
- **Every Day Counts Round 7 (EDC-7) Innovation, Next Generation TIM: Technology for Lifesaving Response** — FHWA TIM Program Team will introduce this program and the value to be found in attending the free EDC-7 Virtual Summit.

**February 2023** – Go to [https://youtu.be/YTN5abl\\_ZSY](https://youtu.be/YTN5abl_ZSY) Topic and presenters for this webinar include:

- **Findings from Move Over Compliance and Responder Safety Technology Research** — Martha Eddy, Bob Krile, and Alejandro Sanchez-Badillo, Battelle
- **After Action Review of a Multi-Vehicle Fire**—Chris King, Office of Transportation Operations Management, Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission, and Chief Mike Anderson, West Trenton, NJ Volunteer Fire Company.
- **EDC-7 Summit Debrief: TIM Technologies for Saving Lives**—Katie Belmore, HNTB.

## TIM TALK

**TRAINING LIKE YOUR LIFE DEPENDS ON IT**

Putting traffic incident management into practice can help us influence high-frequency, high-risk environments we can't control

By Chief Marc Bashoor, Jan 17, 2023



<https://www.ems1.com/traffic-incident-management/articles/training-like-your-life-depends-on-it-PIMthlQI700B6zpt/>



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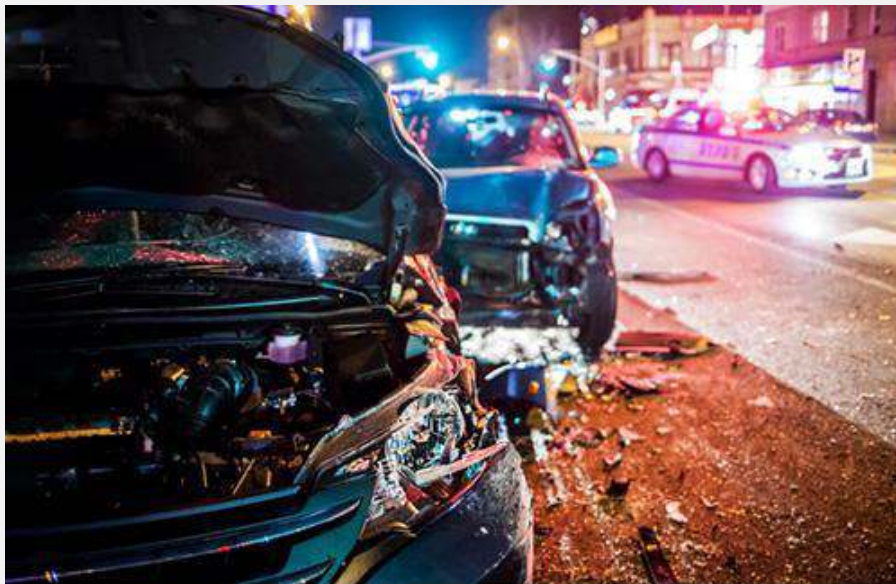
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### **The Role of Traffic Incident Management in the Safe System Approach**

by James Austrich, Paul Jodoin, Joseph Tebo, Grady Carrick, and Vaishali Shah

To view the article go to <https://highways.dot.gov/public-roads/winter-2023/03>



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**After the crash, traffic incident management kicks into gear.**



## 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



U.S. Department of Transportation  
 Federal Highway Administration

## 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** TIM Responder Training course are as follows:

**NEW Dates Available:** Wed. Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>, Sat. Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>, Tue. Mar. 14<sup>th</sup>, Sat. Mar. 18<sup>th</sup>, Tue. Apr. 4<sup>th</sup>,  
 Wed. May 10<sup>th</sup>, Sat. May 13<sup>th</sup>, Sat. June 10<sup>th</sup>, Wed. June 14<sup>th</sup>, Wed. July 19<sup>th</sup>, Sat. July 22<sup>nd</sup>  
**Time:** 8:30am – 3:30pm

**Location:** CT DOT Headquarters, 2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington

**Registration:** Email Aidan Neely at the email address below.

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