

TIME Program Winter Updates



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TIME Program Manager

The TIME Program had an outstanding 2016. We supported 27 regional TIME meetings and 69 four-hour TIM responder classes, attended 8 responder conferences, hosted another FHWA 12-hour Train-the-Trainer course, released a revised edition of the *Emergency Traffic Control and Scene Management Guidelines* and gave numerous presentations across the state on the TIME Program. All told, it was a very busy year and for that **we thank you**. It is your interest in safe and effective traffic incident management that fuels the program. Without your attendance at TIME meetings, requests for TIM classes and invitations to responder conferences, the program would not have been as busy as it was.

2017 is starting off even better. We already have over 30 TIM classes scheduled through May and more coming in every week. We have already attended three responder conferences, are planning another FHWA Train-the-Trainer class scheduled for 2017, and have a number of other significant projects in the works. Once again, we would like to thank you. As you and I both know, responder safety is paramount to the program. You and your fellow responders are out on the roads every day and the slippery conditions during the winter months make it even more dangerous. Learning how to make an incident scene the safest possible and then trying to get the traffic flowing again as quickly and as safely as possible is not always easy, but the word is getting out. I get calls from some of the program's instructors who stated they were driving past an incident scene and they observed very good traffic control or a great TIMA set-up. That tells me the program is working.

We are only about five weeks away from spring, so there is an end in sight to the cold and snow. Included in this newsletter is the 2017 Regional TIME Meetings schedule, and we hope to see you at one of the meetings in your area. If you have never attended a TIME meeting, or haven't been to one in a while, please try to attend. We try to have a presentation on a TIM-related topic that is of interest to everyone. If there are any topics that you would like to see discussed at a TIME meeting, please don't hesitate to email me as we are always looking for topics of interest. Some past topics include *DNR Spills Protocols*, *WSP-Technical Reconstruction Unit*, *Investigating Crashes involving US Postal Carriers*, *Managing an Incident Scene involving Utility Emergencies* and *Railroad Safety*, just to name a few. As always, if you ever have any questions about the TIME program, please feel free to contact me at David.Spakowicz@dot.wi.gov or 414.225.3729. Have a safe winter!

New Emergency Transportation Operations Program Manager

We're very fortunate and excited to have Mike Jungbluth join the ETO program as program manager this month. Mike comes to us with 30 years of law enforcement experience and 25 years' experience as an instructor of undergraduate courses and training curriculums.

Mike started his law enforcement career with the City of West Allis in 1983, rising through the ranks from patrol officer to chief of police. He retired as chief in 2012 after positioning the West Allis Police Department to be recognized at the local, state, and national level for program and performance achievements. Mike continues to offer his significant law enforcement insight and knowledge as an adjunct professor at Upper Iowa University, MATC and Ottawa University, where he teaches various courses within the criminal justice curriculum. In addition to his ongoing commitments to the law enforcement and educational communities, Mike is a former EMT and has been a registered nurse for the past 35 years.

Please join us in welcoming Mike to the ETO Program!



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Brown County Highway Department Reduces Response Time to Incidents

While attending the WI County Highways Association in January at the Wisconsin Dells, I had the opportunity to speak with Brown County Public Works Director Paul A. Fontecchio. We were discussing some recent incidents in Brown County when he made me aware of a new incident response protocol that they just implemented as of January 1, 2017. The goal was to reduce the response time by county highway personnel by having staff on call at all times in different sections of the county. In addition, the on-call staff are assigned to take a county truck home with them containing response equipment. This has already proven to be extremely beneficial when traffic control assistance is requested by LE or the fire service.



Below is an excerpt of the proposal that was authored by Paul and approved by the County Board. This is a great example of a highway department working with LE and fire service in order to improve the overall response to incidents. We are all on the same team pushing for one goal!

Brown County Public Works is proposing a new Emergency Response Crew (ERC) for non-winter emergency call-ins. In the past Public Works has followed a procedure for calling employees for emergency call-ins based primarily on seniority. This procedure has led to instances where it has taken over an hour of phone calls before employees start heading in to the office. This is unacceptable when police and/or fire personnel are requesting assistance with traffic control and other emergency situations on state, county, and town roadways. The new ERC will be significantly more responsive.

ERC Details:

- Each week we will have three staff members on stand-by.
- A minimum of one sign shop crew will be on the ERC each week so that we have the needed technical expertise for closing more complicated roadways such as I-41.
- Each ERC member will be taking a pickup truck home the week they are on stand-by. The pickup truck will be equipped with truck mounted arrow boards, chemical cleanup material for spills (oil dry), traffic cones, stop and yield signs and posts, chainsaw, tools, etc. for basic emergency call-in requests.

Improved Response Time:

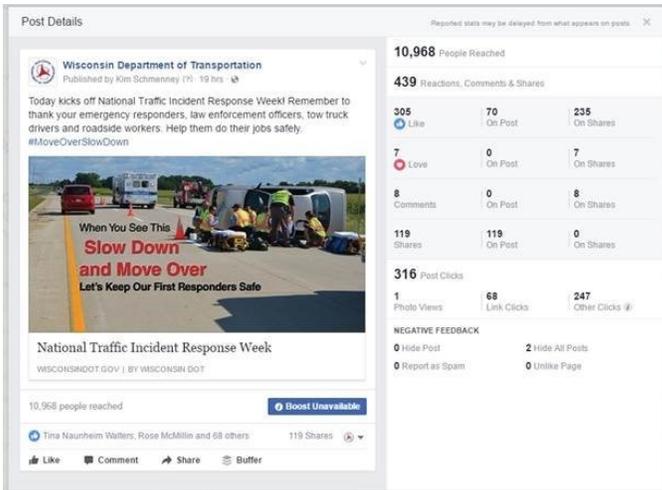
- An on-call superintendent will only need to make calls to the three employees on standby instead of calling 30 or 40 employees (or more) based on seniority. This will reduce the response time by 30 minutes (typically) and up to an hour in worst case scenarios.
- ERC members will not need to go to the shop first for materials or equipment since they have a county truck at home. This will reduce the response time by another 20 - 30 minutes.

ERC Summary:

The goal of the ERC is to improve our overall response time in emergency situations. We anticipate that Public Works will be able to respond to most situations 45 minutes to an hour faster than the current procedure. This will improve our overall service to the traveling public and to police/fire personnel that are requesting assistance with traffic control and other emergency situations on state, county, and town roadways.

For more information about the Brown County response program, please contact Public Works Director Paul A. Fontecchio at: bc_highway@co.brown.wi.us.

WISDOT Participates in National Traffic Incident Response Awareness Week



The Wisconsin Department of Transportation participated in the first annual National Traffic Incident Response Awareness Week from November 14 through 18. The department celebrated the week through a statewide press release, Freeway Service Team Ride-Alongs for media personnel, Dynamic Message Sign messaging and social media posts. Overall, the week was a success with over 12 media agencies covering Traffic Incident Management related topics. The department looks forward to making this year's event even larger! Stay tuned for opportunities on how you can help plan and take part in this year's Traffic Incident Response Awareness Week.

Unmanned Aircraft Near Your Emergency Scene?

By: Lieutenant Chris Jushka, WI State Patrol, Bureau of Specialized Services, Air Support Unit

Unmanned Aircraft have become a very valuable tool for public safety agencies when searching for missing persons, firefighting and accident response, crime scene reconstruction or locating fleeing fugitives. This same technology however causes great concern for public safety professionals when citizens operate drones near an emergency scene unannounced and without permission.



While observing a drone operating near your emergency scene may provide reason for concern, it is important to understand that the flight itself may not be illegal. Is the operation of the drone an annoyance or would the continued drone flight meet the elements established in WI State Statute 941.37 - Obstructing Emergency or Rescue Personnel? <https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/statutes/statutes/941/IV/37>

If you believe that the operation of the unmanned aircraft is interfering with your response efforts and your ability to accomplish the mission safely, the easiest method to often handle the situation is to speak with the drone pilot and politely request him or her to cease operations. Most people want to support

their local public safety agency. They may be unaware of the problems they may be causing and, once provided with sound reasoning for your concern, the drone pilot will often land and your problem is solved.

As an example, unauthorized civilian drone operations around emergency scenes could certainly delay lifesaving efforts to victims who are in need. Medivac helicopters are often summoned to injury crash scenes. If an unauthorized drone were to enter airspace near these scenes, the medivac helicopter would be prevented from landing or unable to depart until the drone was grounded. Thus delaying the patient the emergency medical services that they need. Air Ambulance pilots are regularly on the lookout for drones in the area and any observations of such activity by ground personnel should be relayed immediately to the helicopter crew.

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If however, you feel that enforcement action is necessary, it is important to understand that you should not take action to damage or destroy the drone or interfere directly with the operator. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has defined drones through Federal Statute as “aircraft” subject to the same protections as manned aircraft. 18 U.S.C. 32 prohibits anyone from damaging or destroying an aircraft in the United States or interfering with the pilot. <https://www.justice.gov/usam/criminal-resource-manual-2-aircraft-sabotage-18-usc-32>



In April 2016, after a request by Forbes magazine contributing editor and retired NTSB investigator John Goglia, the FAA confirmed that shooting down or otherwise intentionally damaging an unmanned aircraft or interfering with the drone pilots is a federal crime and those in violation could be subject to severe penalties. <http://www.forbes.com/sites/johngoglia/2016/04/13/faa-confirms-shooting-drone-federal-crime-so-when-will-us-prosecute/#654130db53ef>

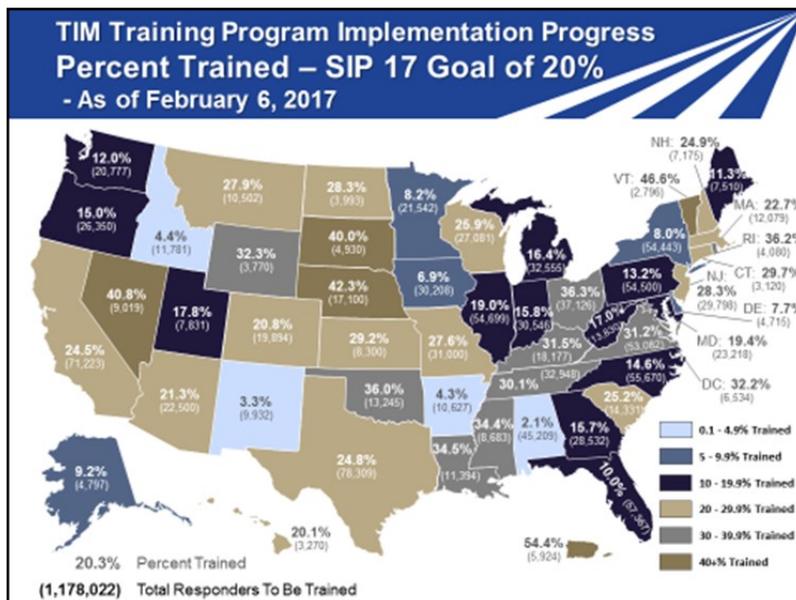
It is also important to recognize that several area news agencies are licensed by the FAA to operate unmanned aircraft in support of their news gathering efforts and you may see these news agencies up flying near a scene doing their job of reporting.

<http://www.jsonline.com/story/entertainment/television-radio/2016/12/22/wdjt-claims-s-1st-milwaukee-tv-station-use-news-drone/95766618/>

If the need for enforcement action is necessary, contact your local police or sheriff’s department to investigate and take the necessary legal action based on local or state laws. The FAA has also published a guide for law enforcement to utilize when dealing with drone operations that may be in violation of federal aviation rules. In these instances local law enforcement is often required to work directly with the FAA to determine if a violation does indeed exist and work together to hold the pilot accountable.

https://www.faa.gov/uas/resources/law_enforcement/media/FAA_UAS-PO_LEA_Guidance.pdf

Wisconsin Keeps Pushing Forward!



FHWA’s 2017 goal is to have 35 states train 20 percent of their identified responders in TIM by May 31, 2017. Wisconsin achieved that goal in May of 2016. We then decided to push our program above and beyond FHWA’s goal and established an internal goal to train 30 percent of our state’s responders by May 31, 2017. We are well on our way. As of February 6, we have trained 7,019 responders. We have a way to go, but we are extremely optimistic. With your continued support through requests for responder classes, we are confident we can obtain our goal!!

If you are interested in hosting a TIM responder class, please just email the program at: timeprogram@dot.wi.gov or call 414.225.3729. Remember, there is **no cost** to host a training. The TIME program provides all of the training materials, instructors and certificates. All you have to provide is the location.

Wisconsin State Patrol 62nd Recruit Class learns about the Towing and Recovery Industry

In January of this year, the WSP 62nd Recruit Class consisting of 43 recruits learned first-hand about the Towing and Recovery Industry. P.E.R. Towing out of Sparta volunteered their time and brought out a 50-ton rotator, a flatbed and a response trailer for the recruits to see first-hand how T & R professionals work to recover any type of vehicle that is on the road. P.E.R. owner Paul Bingenheimer has also volunteered to assist the TIME program on previous occasions when the TIME program hosted a Train-the-Trainer class at the WSP Academy.

Paul conducted a demonstration on the use of a rotator and explained everything that needs to be done to recover tractor-trailers. It is just not as easy as hook it up and pull it out. Paul and his staff did an excellent job describing how T&R and LE must work together in order to remain safe out on the road and clear the road as soon and as efficiently as possible.

Paul and his staff's presentation was best summed up by WSP Academy Commander Captain Paul Matl:

"Just wanted to let you know that the training and demonstration conducted by PER last week for the 62nd Recruit Class was very well received. PER did an excellent job! Thanks again for making this possible, it was a great way to end the traffic incident management training and bring everything together".

Interested in a Great Career in Law Enforcement?



The Wisconsin State Patrol is currently recruiting for State Patrol Troopers & Inspectors for the next class which will begin on September 24, 2017, and graduate on March 30, 2018. Previous recruit classes have ranged in size from 25-53 cadets. For more information and to access the on-line application please go to: WWW.WISTATEPATROLOBS.WI.GOV

It's great to speak the same language!!

TP Manager Dave Spakowicz received this letter from Clear Lake Police Chief TIM Strohbusch about a recent incident he was involved in.



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24 HR DISPATCH (NON-EMERGENCY): 715-485-8300

Re: Vehicle in Ditch Incident

To: David Spakowicz,

On 12/28/2016 at about 1:00pm, Clear Lake Police Department was requested to assist Day and Nite Towing with the removal of a semi-trailer that had entered the ditch and was stuck. Upon my arrival, I spoke with Joe from Day and Nite Towing and we were able to set up a safe work area for the tow operator and equipment. The trailer was removed from the ditch and roadway was cleared in less than 15 minutes. The impact to traffic was minimal.

With both the operator and myself being trained in Traffic Incident Management, we were able to communicate clearly, implement a plan of operation and clear the roadway quickly. It was a pleasure to work with a guy who speaks the same language.

This is a prime example of utilizing Traffic Incident Management to clear the roadway quickly and keeping all of our partners safe.

Chief Tim Strohbusch
Clear Lake Police Department

Send us your photos

Are you out at a scene and realize that you have set up a very effective TIMA? Are you driving past a scene and realize that the responders are doing a great job with traffic control? We would like to hear about that and show that off. Just send us a photo of the incident and tell us the date, time and location and we will contact the agency and get a few details. We will then put the photo and a brief description in the next newsletter. You are all doing a dangerous job, when things are done right a little pat on the back from a fellow responder is always appreciated.

**Working Together
TIM Works!!**



Portage Co Sheriff's Department working a slide off with AJ's Towing from Amherst Junction

WE WANT YOU! **TIM Instructors Needed**



The Wisconsin Department of Transportation's Traffic Incident Management Enhancement (TIME) Program is Looking for a Few Good Instructors

Do you believe the proper application of TIM principles at an incident scene make all responders safer? Do you believe that TIM principles result in the quicker clearance of an incident? Do you want to teach your fellow responders these valuable tools? Then the TIME Program needs you. The TIME Program is looking to expand its cadre of instructors across the state.

The requirements for becoming and remaining a TIME Program Instructor are:

- 1.) You must attend the 12-hour FHWA "Train-the-Trainer" instructor program
- 2.) You must teach at least one four-hour responder class per year (in order to remain fresh with the material)
- 3.) You must participate in an annual two-hour instructor update (this will generally be an on-line review of any changes in the material or program).

All of the instructors are 100 percent volunteer. We do not have any funds available to compensate instructors for their time or travel. That is why we value their dedication, because they are volunteering their time for one reason—teaching other responders. We always try and have two instructors from different disciplines at each four-hour class. With the primary instructor being from the discipline of the requesting organization. That's why we need a large pool of instructors from all corners of our state.

There is no cost to attend the training. The TIME Program will pay for food and lodging at the WI State Patrol Academy and provide you with all of the teaching materials. All you have to do is participate.

The class will be held **April 11-12, 2017, at the WI State Patrol Academy near Tomah**, and is limited to 40 students.

The application is accessible through the below link:

[2017 FHWA TIM Training Application](#)



2017 Regional TIME Meeting Schedule

March 7, 2017 Southwest Region <i>La Crosse</i>	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM WisDOT SW Region Office Conference Rooms B19 & B20 3550 Mormon Coulee Road, La Crosse, WI 54601
March 15, 2017 Northeast Region <i>Southern I-41/STH 441</i>	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Village of Fox Crossing Municipal Building 2000 Municipal Drive, Neenah, WI 54956
March 16, 2017 Northeast Region <i>Northern US 41/US 141/STH 172</i>	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Brown County Public Works Highway Office 2 nd Floor Meeting Room 2198 Glendale Avenue, Green Bay, WI 54303
March 23, 2017 Southeast Region <i>Milwaukee</i>	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Statewide Traffic Operations Center (STOC) 433 W. St. Paul Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53203
March 28, 2017 Southwest Region <i>Lake Delton</i>	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Lake Delton Fire and EMS Facility 45 Miller Drive, Lake Delton, WI 53913
April 5, 2017 Northwest Region <i>Superior</i>	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Superior WisDOT Office 1701 N. 4 th Street, Superior, WI 54880
April 5, 2017 Northwest Region <i>Spooner</i>	5:30 PM – 8:30 PM DNR Service Center 810 W. Maple Street, Spooner WI 54801
April 6, 2017 Northwest Region <i>Eau Claire</i>	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Town of Washington 5750 Old Town Hall Road, Eau Claire, WI 54701
April 18, 2017 Southwest Region <i>Beloit</i>	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM City of Beloit Utilities and Engineering Facilities Building 2400 Springbrook Court, Beloit, WI 5351
April 19, 2017 North Central Region <i>Stevens Point</i>	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Portage County Courthouse Annex 1462 Strongs Avenue, Stevens Point, WI 54481
April 19, 2017 North Central Region <i>Tomahawk</i>	5:30 PM – 8:30 PM WI DNR – LeMay Forestry Center 518 W. Somo Avenue, Tomahawk, WI 54487
April 26, 2017 Southwest Region <i>DeForest</i>	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM WI State Patrol – De Forest Post 911 W. North Street, DeForest, WI 53532
May 25, 2017 Southeast Region <i>Milwaukee</i>	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Statewide Traffic Operations Center (STOC) 433 W. St. Paul Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53203
September 7, 2017 Southeast Region <i>Milwaukee</i>	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Statewide Traffic Operations Center (STOC) 433 W. St. Paul Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53203
September 20, 2017 Northwest Region <i>Superior</i>	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Superior WisDOT Office 1701 N. 4 th Street, Superior, WI 54880
September 20, 2017 Northwest Region <i>Spooner</i>	5:30 PM – 8:30 PM DNR Service Center 810 W. Maple Street, Spooner, WI 54801

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September 21, 2017 Northwest Region <i>Eau Claire</i>	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office Jail Conference Room 710 Second Avenue, Eau Claire, WI 54307
September 28, 2017 Northeast Region <i>Northern US 41/US 141/STH 172</i>	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Green Bay WisDOT Office 944 Vanderperren Way, Green Bay, WI 54304
October 5, 2017 North Central Region <i>Wausau</i>	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Northcentral Technical College Center for Business & Industry 1000 W. Campus Drive, Wausau, WI 54401
October 5, 2017 North Central Region <i>Eagle River</i>	5:30 PM – 8:30 PM Town of Lincoln Community Center 1205 Sundstein Road, Eagle River, WI 54521
October 11, 2017 Southwest Region <i>La Crosse</i>	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM WisDOT SW Region Office Conference Rooms B19 & B20 3550 Mormon Coulee Road, La Crosse, WI 54601
October 17, 2017 Southwest Region <i>Madison</i>	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM WisDOT SW Region Madison Office Rock/Dane Rooms 2101 Wright Street, Madison, WI 53704
October 18, 2017 Northeast Region <i>Southern I-41/STH 441</i>	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM WIS 441 Tri-County Construction Project Office W6214 Aerotech Drive, Appleton, WI 54914
October 26, 2017 Southwest Region <i>Beloit</i>	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM City of Beloit Utilities and Engineering Facilities Building 2400 Springbrook Court, Beloit, WI 53511
November 7, 2017 Southwest Region <i>Lake Delton</i>	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Lake Delton Fire and EMS Facility 45 Miller Drive, Lake Delton, WI 53913
November 8, 2017 Northeast Region <i>I-43 & Lakeshore Counties</i>	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Manitowoc County Sheriff's Department 1025 South 9th Street, Manitowoc, WI 54220
November 30, 2017 Southeast Region <i>Milwaukee</i>	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Statewide Traffic Operations Center (STOC) 433 W. St. Paul Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53203

2017 Governor's Conference on Highway Safety

****Important Notice****

The location of the 43rd Annual Governor's Conference on Highway Safety has been changed from Brookfield to:

The Radisson Paper Valley Hotel in Appleton

The dates are August 23-24, 2017

Registration and lodging information will be announced soon.

Mark your calendars now!!