

Message from the Manager

Welcome to fall in Wisconsin. What happened to the summer? I am sure each of you had the same “different” summer as we did. No church festivals, Brewers games, corn roasts, fireman’s picnics, or brat fry. All the things that make Wisconsin such a great place to live. We all have been adjusting to the changing conditions with COVID. We can’t wait until we all can get back to “normal.” However, we still need to take precautions with how we interact with each other.



David L. Spakowicz
TIME Program Manager

We’re hoping to be able to host some in-person regional TIME meetings this fall, but it is uncertain at this point. Our fingers are crossed. We will be doing virtual meetings in the meantime and hope you can participate in one. We also hope to get back to attending all of the responder conferences that were canceled this spring and summer. We are still getting an occasional request for TIM training. We are letting everyone know that we are not hosting in-person trainings at this time. Everyone has been very understanding. As soon as we get approval to host in-person classes, we’ll let everyone know. We anticipate a big surge in requests for classes. That’s a good thing, and we’ll be ready for it. We have a TIM instructor course scheduled for October 3, 2020. The 20 new instructors will be prepared to hit the road running when needed.

We hope everyone stays healthy and can get out and enjoy our beautiful fall weather. Please always remain vigilant when responding to an incident and working in or around live traffic. The application of TIM principles has a documented history of preventing injuries and saving lives. Please use your training to your advantage and stay safe!!

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We Need Your Help for *National Move Over Day* on October 17, 2020



**Oconto Fire Department, Oconto County Sheriff's Office,
Oconto Emergency Management, Oconto Street Department
& Oconto City Police Department**



Rod's Towing



Green Bay Police Department



**Kaukauna Police Department, Kaukauna
Fire Department & Kaukauna DPW**



Tomah Area Ambulance Service

This year's National Move Over Day is Saturday, October 17, 2020. Many of you or your agencies have participated in the past. The TIME Program has supported National Move Over Day since we first heard about it in 2018. We were on a national TIM webinar about another national initiative to promote TIM when we heard that Oregon had started a state Move Over Day. The purpose was to push out awareness for their state's Move Over law and, more importantly, to personalize the message. They asked their responder community to take a photo of a responder holding a personal message and post it to their agencies/organization's social media sites. Simple statements like, "I'm a father and a husband who wants to go home at night. Please Move Over" or "I'm a mother, sister and friend. Please Move Over."

When we heard about the idea, we stated we could do that in Wisconsin. There is no cost and not a lot of time needed to participate. More importantly, it personalizes the Move Over or Slow Down message. It's just not a tow truck, ambulance, maintenance vehicle, fire truck or squad car on the side of the road. There's somebody in that vehicle that wants to go home after their shift. As a result of the number of states jumping at the idea that Oregon started, this has become a national initiative supported by FHWA.

We pushed out an email explaining the idea and that we would like to see Wisconsin responders participate. We had over 20 agencies participate in 2018 and over 40 in 2019. We want to break 75 participating agencies this year. It doesn't cost you or your agency anything to participate, is easy to do and promotes responder safety to your social media followers. Most importantly, if one person moves over for your squad or truck that usually would not because they don't know they have to or don't "bother to" move over, then that is worth it right there. So please participate!

All we ask is that you please send us a copy of the social media post. We have received some great photos with messages over the past two years and would like to see Wisconsin responders take it to the next level. We will also be asking the 18 member TIME Coalition to send this request to all of their membership. Altogether, that is over 39,000 responders in the state.

View some of the great [posts](#) we received over the past two years.

National Traffic Incident Response Awareness Week — November 9-15, 2020

This year's National Traffic Incident Response Awareness Week is November 9-15, 2020. As in years past, WisDOT and the TIME program are supporting this effort to remind motorists nationwide of the danger responders face every day while working in or around live traffic. All 50 states and several territories are invited to plan an activity to remind motorists to Move Over or Slow Down, don't drive distracted, put down the phone, be cautious in work zones, or anything else to raise awareness of the responders that are on the road. WisDOT has done many different things over the past five years:



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of Transportation
**Federal Highway
Administration**

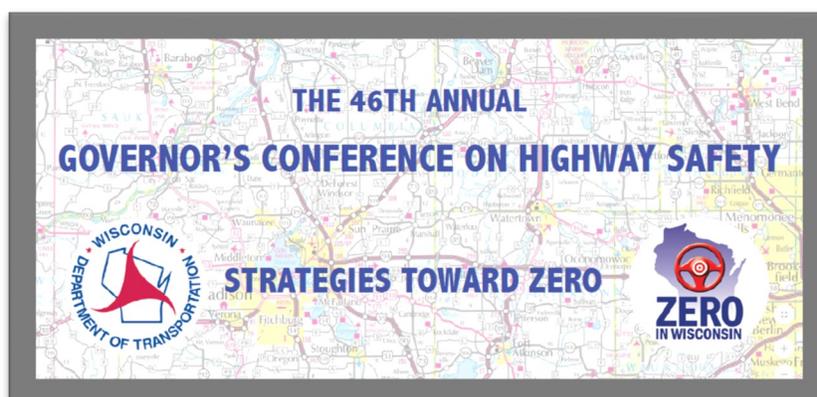
- live tweets from a Freeway Service Team (FST) truck as they assisted motorists on the interstate
- individualized DMS messaging for all disciplines
- large-scale media events where we brought together responders from all disciplines in a show of unity to the public and the need to Move Over or Slow Down for ALL responders

Stay tuned; plans are still being worked out. But once again, WisDOT will support this effort to remind motorists to remain vigilant to the fact that responders are present on our roadways at all times of the day and night, and they need motorists' help to keep our responders safe.

46th Annual Governor's Conference on Highway Safety

With the Annual Governor's Conference on Highway Safety canceled due to COVID-19, the TIME program had to let all of the presenters that graciously volunteered to teach Wisconsin's responders know that their services were not needed this year. We were very excited about the diversity and depth of TIM-related topics that were to be presented this year. We hope to be able to offer these and maybe even more topics at next year's conference.

HazMat Incidents and How to Handle Them
Work Zone Safety and Technology
Move It Before You Work It
Median Barriers in Wisconsin
Vaping and THC Trends
Wisconsin's New 511 App and Traffic Operations Technology
First Amendment Auditors
Wrong-Way Drivers – How to Respond When Reported
WisDOT Statewide LED Retrofit Implementation Plan
A Department's Worst Nightmare – When One of Your Responders Are Struck
Addressing Suicide Among First Responders
Incident Management: Off-Road Vehicle crashes on the Ice, Woodlands and Fields



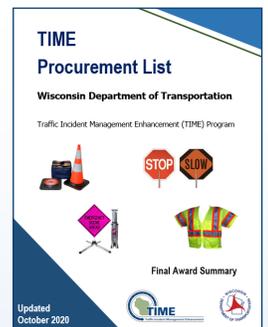
Hazardous Materials Awareness for the First Responder



The TIME program has developed a [19-minute video](#) on hazardous materials awareness for ALL responder disciplines. It was developed to remind all disciplines how to identify hazardous materials, what precautions are needed to ensure everyone's safety, and whom to notify once the responder is involved in a hazardous materials incident. The video was created for the responder who seldom comes in contact with hazardous materials. It is a basic, but informational video designed to remind the non-fire service responder what they need to do to assist the fire department when they are dispatched to a hazardous materials incident.

Updated TIME Procurement List Available October 1, 2020

Are you looking to replace some of your old or worn safety equipment? Or, are you looking to purchase some new equipment to make your incident space safer for everyone? The TIME Program has just what you need – the newly updated TIME Procurement List. The program worked with WisDOT's Division of Business Management, Bureau of Financial Management, Purchasing Section, to revise the old procurement list. The old list hadn't been updated since 2017. We looked at every item on the list and removed a number of them. Then we added several new items that you may be interested in. Also, as an example, instead of listing 20 types of reflective vests or all the different types of batteries available, we had the vendors insert hyperlinks for the items to their respective catalogs. That way, you can select the type and style of vest that you want, and not be limited to just the one listed in the procurement list.



We have three vendors that have all submitted their pricing for the listed items. Fastenal, Grainger and MSC Industrial all have contacts with the State of Wisconsin. Each of them will give **any responder** in our state the state-contracted price for any item on the list. The contract number for each vendor is on page 3 of the procurement list. Remember to mention the state contract number when ordering to receive the correct pricing. We have been working with the point of contact for each vendor while revising the list.

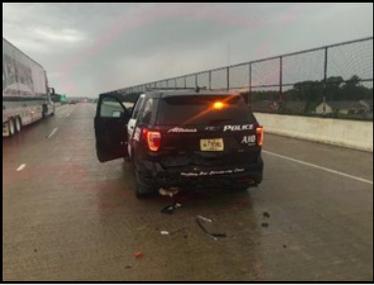
We also added many new items such as several options for 36" florescent pink emergency scene ahead signs, a sequential LED flare kit, a LED flare landing zone kit, air horns and other items. Overall, this was a much-needed update. We are confident that the vast majority of safety equipment that you need is available on the list. If there is something that you would like added to the list, please contact [Marquis Young](#) or [Dave Spakowicz](#) and they will work with the vendors to see if the item is something they would be interested in bidding on. We hope you find value in the list, and you realize a savings in the price of the item because of the negotiated contract with the state. We know all of your budgets are tight, and any cost savings you can get when buying much-needed equipment is a plus.

New Emergency Vehicle Weight Limits Posted on Certain Bridges in Wisconsin



This October, Wisconsin DOT will be placing new Emergency Vehicle Weight Limit signs at several bridges on or near the Interstate. This is part of the 2015 FAST Act, federal legislation that allows emergency vehicles to exceed standard highway weight limits. It also requires states to evaluate bridges specifically for firetruck loads and to notify operators of weight limits, if necessary. Please review the [September 8, 2020 bulletin](#) for additional details and the location of the affected bridges.

New Sequential Flares Improve Awareness for Motorists



The Township Fire Department near Eau Claire recently purchased a *Pi-Lit*® Sequential LED Flare system. Many departments have purchased LED flares, but what is unique with the Pi-Lit system is that you set one flare, and the remaining flares automatically fire sequentially after the first, thereby giving the motorist approaching the taper a visual direction to proceed past the incident space. Township FD had an opportunity to use the sequential flares on June 2.

Altoona PD Facebook entry: *On June 2, 2020, Altoona Police Department squads were providing traffic control in the southbound lane of US Hwy 53 Bypass for a pavement buckle.*

At approximately 7:15 PM, one of the occupied Altoona Police Department squads was struck from behind by another vehicle. Prior to the crash, the striking vehicle drove over multiple traffic control cones and nearly struck multiple squads.

Township Fire Chief Jack Running sent the TIME program the below videos to demonstrate what the sequential flares look like.

[Pi-Lit Flares\(R\) \(Daytime\)](#)

[Pi-Lit Flares\(R\) \(Nighttime\)](#)

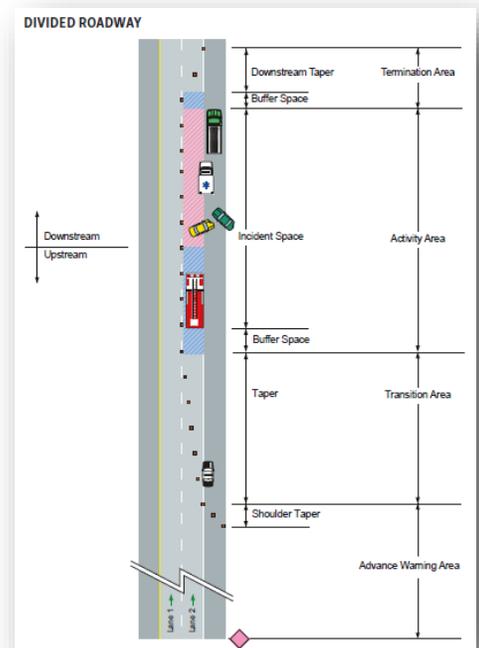
Chief Running said he felt comfortable stating, “I feel when we deploy these sequential flares, they really catch the approaching motorists’ eye and help direct them away from the scene where we are working and thereby, making my firefighters safer.”

Just before authoring this article for the newsletter, we received another email from Chief Running stating, “We were on another incident providing mutual aid to the city of Eau Claire for a daylight crash involving a truck hauling ammonium nitrate and diesel fuel. I was in the first squad with signs deployed indicating movement from lane 1 to lane 2. We set up our taper with the LED flares sitting at the base of the cones in the taper just to the traffic side of the cone. The very first cone (sitting on the fog line) had the LED hit (missed the cone). The driver was able to miss the other cones/LEDs and move into lane 2. I think the sequential flash woke her up, so she avoided hitting the other cones and squad.” It sounds like the firing of the sequential flares saved the motorist from striking the squad that was at the scene and possibly injuring responders — another close call.

**Just for information – the Pi-Lit sequential flare system is now included in the TIME Program’s Procurement List.

Utilizing the Blocking Concept

The TIME program received [an article](#) from TIM instructor James “Harry” Barger about the utilization of older fire apparatus strictly as a blocking vehicle. The idea of using large fire apparatus as a blocking vehicle is not a new one. This article just places a different twist on what piece of apparatus to use. We have had many saves in Wisconsin because of the proper placement of fire apparatus. However, it is unbelievable the number of strikes detailed in the article. Just think of the injuries or deaths that have been prevented by this tactic. The article is a good read and something to maybe consider for your department. This was in a major metropolitan area in Texas, and you may say this doesn’t apply to us. We occasionally hear the same thing about the TIM training. TIM is for interstate traffic. Nothing could be farther from the truth. The principles of TIM are the same whether you are on a 70 mph interstate or a 45 mph county road. We don’t want you to get struck on either. The same philosophy applies here. Stay safe!!



Building a Superhighway to Safety-Protecting our Responders on Roadways

By: Assistant Chief of Training & Safety Eric Johnson, DePere Fire and Rescue

Taking place each year during the third week of June, Safety Stand Down highlights critical safety, health, and survival issues for the fire and emergency services. Departments and personnel are asked to suspend all non-emergency activities during the week to focus their attention on safety and health education and training. A week is provided to ensure all duty shifts can participate.



The 2020 Safety Stand Down took place June 14-20. This year's theme called for the attention to the hazards that responders face while performing their duties on roadways. Operating in roadways continues to be some of the most treacherous incident scenes we respond to. This important initiative encouraged everyone to refresh their techniques and learn new skills based on research and nationally recognized best practices.

For this year's Stand Down for De Pere Fire & Rescue, we reviewed our response procedures for operating on I-41 in which we respond auto-aid with Lawrence Fire Department for medical and extrication support. The training also included reviewing setting up a TIMA, making sure every vehicle had the latest version of the *Emergency Traffic Control and Scene Management Guidelines*, and the proper amount of traffic cones.

We then reached out to the media to help spread the awareness for the public to slow down and merge over for emergency vehicles operating on the roadways. A public safety announcement was made with the following agencies present:

- De Pere Fire & Rescue
- De Pere Police Department
- Lawrence Fire Department
- Hobart-Lawrence Police Department
- Ashwaubenon Public Safety
- Wisconsin Department of Transportation
- Wisconsin State Patrol
- Brown County Sheriff's Office
- Brown County Highway Department
- Crosby's Heavy Duty Towing Service

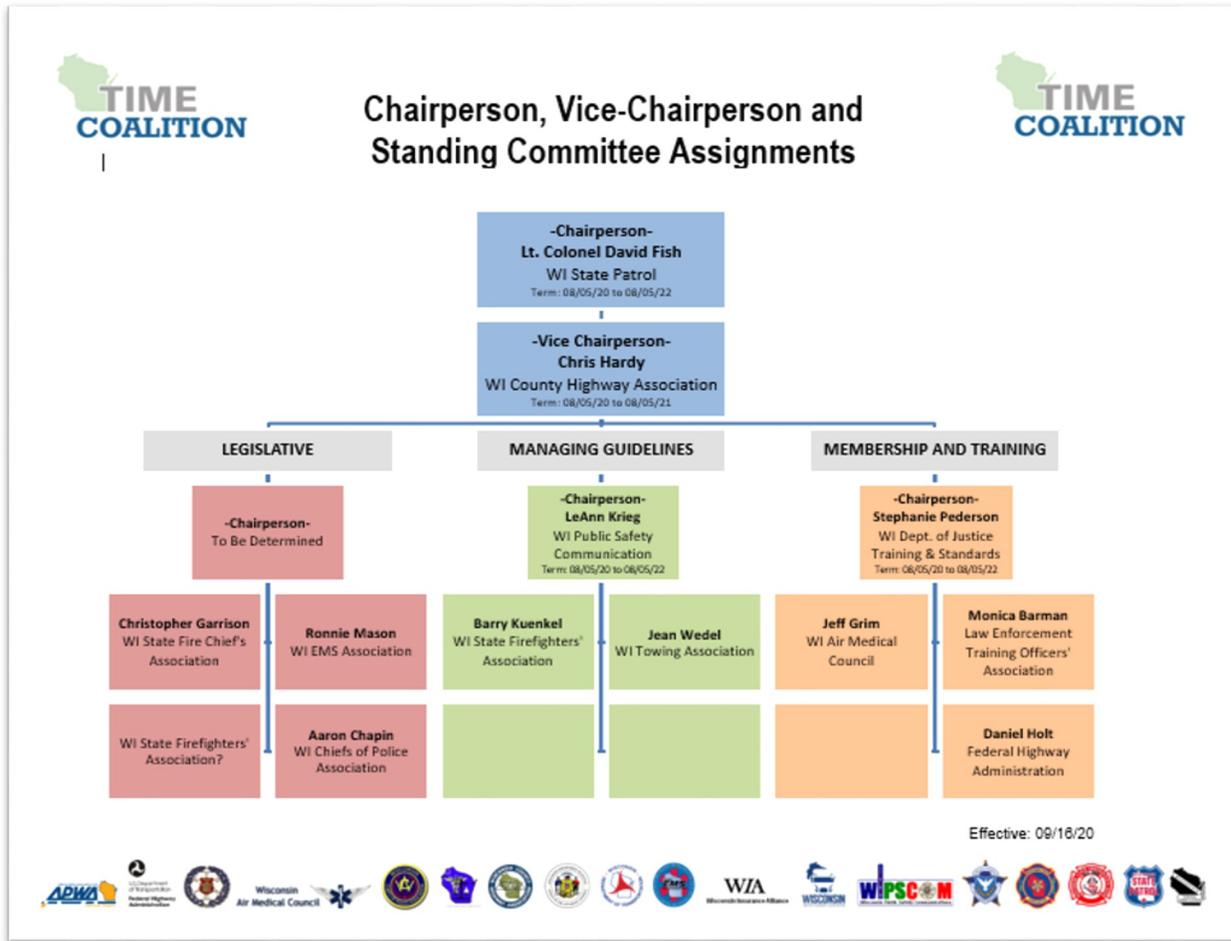
We also gave a list to the media of incidents in Wisconsin in which public safety responders were struck while operating at a scene, illustrating the dangers that responders face on Wisconsin roads :

- Jesse Hettman of Glenn's Towing was struck and killed on I-41 in Ashwaubenon
- Oconto FD had an engine hit and destroyed while operating on I-41
- Town of Peshtigo FD had a tender hit and damaged while operating on I-41
- Waupaca FD had an engine hit while blocking for an accident on US-10
- Green Bay Police Department had a squad hit on WIS-57
- WI State Patrol troopers were involved in a post-crash incident near Madison
- A tow operator struck and killed on I-94 in Racine County



Lt. Brian Murphy (Ashwaubenon Public Safety) talks of his experience getting struck and seriously injured while operating at a car fire on I-41

TIME Coalition Update



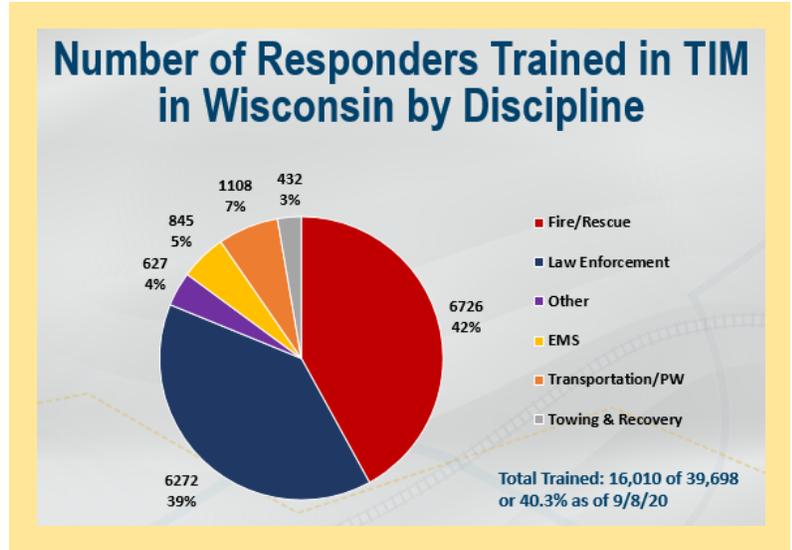
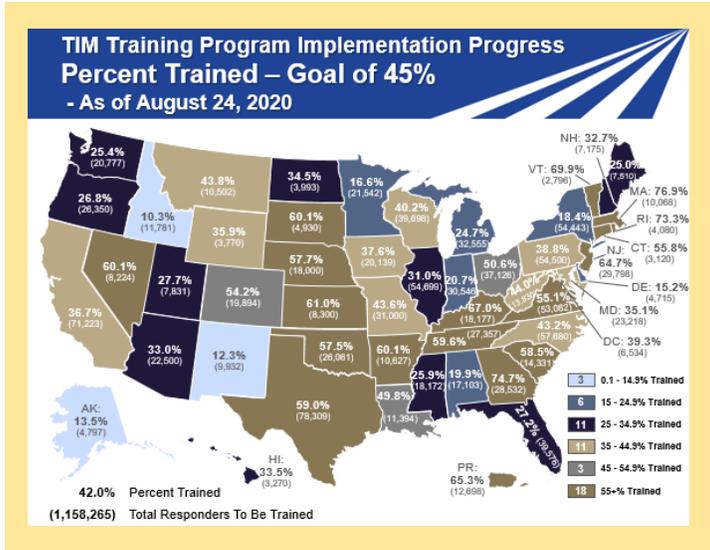
On August 5, the TIME Coalition as a whole met for the first time after being briefed of the results of a strategic planning session conducted by Jeff Russell of Russell Consulting, Inc. Jeff had completed a strategic planning session in January, with 17 of the 18 member associations in attendance. Jeff then briefed the Coalition at a meeting in May regarding his findings and suggestions. Many of the issues, both positive and of concern, were discussed. After the briefing and discussion, there was a renewed interest amongst the members with the potential the Coalition could have on responder safety across the state. Also, through education and outreach, the Coalition could have a significant impact on educating the motoring public on any number of issues. It was agreed upon at the May meeting to elect a Chairperson and Vice-chairperson at the August meeting. In addition, the three standing committees would also be open for volunteers.

At the August meeting, WI State Patrol representative Lt. Colonel David Fish was elected to the position of Chairperson for a two-year term. WI County Highways Association representative Columbia County Highway Commissioner Chris Hardy was elected to the position of Vice-chairperson for a one-year term. Numerous representatives volunteered to either lead or participate in a standing committee.

At the May meeting, the Coalition agreed to have virtual meetings every two months while the Coalition plans to implement many of Jeff’s recommendations. Any recommendations will be sent to the appropriate standing committee for review and discussion. At the October meeting, the standing committees will present their proposal to the Coalition as a whole for discussion and a vote.

What an exciting time for the Coalition. There are many new representatives from associations, and with that comes new ideas. We think everyone agrees that once the Coalition becomes a more cohesive group, they can have an impactful voice on responder safety and traffic incident management related issues. The 18 member associations of the Coalition represent over 39,000 responders or traffic incident-related staff in our state. That will be a loud voice!

TIM Training in Wisconsin



As many of you already know, TIM responder training has been postponed since March 16, 2020. The program started strong, with 35 classes either taught or scheduled by March. Then COVID-19 hit our nation. Every state in the country suspended all in-person TIM training. There were still some in-person classes taught in law enforcement recruit academies where TIM is required part of the curriculum, but for everyone else, all in-person classes ceased. We had to postpone 22 scheduled classes. Each agency advised that as soon as we can host in-person classes, they would like to reschedule.

In Wisconsin, we believe, as many others do as well, that any training is better than no training. Therefore, we recommend to agencies that still want to have TIM training to take [FHWA's 4-hour on-line TIM course](#). A small number of responders have taken the 4-hour course over the past six months, which is great. The program continues to receive an occasional request for a class. We advise them that we are still not hosting in-person classes at this time but hope to soon. Every agency has been very understanding of the need to be safe during any in-person training. As soon as we receive permission to host in-person classes, we will send out an email to all persons on the TIME program's distribution lists. I think the program is going to be a little busy with classes once we open the doors. That's a great problem to have!

2020 Fall TIME Meeting Schedule

Due to the uncertainty of the impact of COVID-19 on our state, we are remaining flexible regarding regional TIME meetings scheduled this fall. All of the spring meetings were held virtually utilizing either Zoom or Webex. Some regions combined some of their meetings, and all meetings were shortened in length. We polled all of the participants after the meetings to gauge their interest in the virtual format and received a lot of positive comments. Some people reported that the travel time they saved was great. Others reported that they normally would not be able to attend an in-person meeting because of workload. However, many participants reported that one of the main reasons they attend meetings and prefer an in-person format is because of the networking and interaction with other responders. It is during the in-person meetings that relationships are built and leveraged when responders that know each other are working together at an incident.



For all fall meetings, we will again conduct them utilizing a virtual format. If the current situation should change, we will notify everyone right away. In addition, due to the favorable response to the virtual spring meetings, the program is going to work with all of the WisDOT regions next year and suggest they maintain their current number of in-person meetings and add at least one virtual meeting. Just like in-person TIM training versus on-line training, **any** training is better than no training. If someone can never make an in-person meeting due to distance, staffing or workload, attending a virtual meeting is a lot better than never attending. *(continued on page 9)*

2020 Fall TIME Meeting Schedule

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Please watch for your regional invitation. Fall meetings start September 30, 2020. We hope to have you participate. If you have never attended or participated in a TIME meeting, we suggest you give it a try. We try to provide information that will make it safer for you to do your job when called to assist at a traffic incident.

September	
Wednesday, September 30, 2020 Northeast Region Green Bay	9:00 AM – 11:00 AM Howard Fire Department 2456 Glendale Avenue, Green Bay, WI 54313

October	
Wednesday, October 7, 2020 Southwest Region Middleton	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM Middleton Fire Department 7600 University Avenue, Middleton, WI 53562
Monday, October 12, 2020 Northwest Region Superior	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM WisDOT DTSD Office 1701 N. 4th Street, Superior, WI 54880
Monday, October 12, 2020 Northwest Region Cumberland	7:00 PM – 9:00 PM Cumberland Fire Department 1060 Water Street, Cumberland, WI 54829
Tuesday, October 13, 2020 Northwest Region Eau Claire	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Eau Claire Fire Department – Station 10 820 Malden Avenue, Eau Claire, WI 54703
Wednesday, October 14, 2020 North Central Region Merrill	6:30 PM – 8:30 PM Merrill Fire Department 110 Pier Street, Merrill, WI 54452
Thursday, October 15, 2020 North Central Region Wisconsin Rapids	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM Wood County Sheriff's Department 400 Market Street, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494
Tuesday, October 20, 2020 Northeast Region Appleton	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM Outagamie Sheriff's Department (east entrance door) 3030 E. Goodland Drive, Appleton, WI 54911
Monday, October 26, 2020 Northeast Region Sheboygan Falls	5:30 PM – 7:30 PM Town of Sheboygan Falls Fire Department N5480 County TT, Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085
Tuesday, October 27, 2020 Southwest Region Sparta	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Monroe County Sheriff's Office 112 S. Court Street Room 500, Sparta, WI 54656
Thursday, October 29, 2020 Southeast Region Franklin	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office Training Academy 9225 S. 68th Street, Franklin, WI 53132

November	
Monday, November 2, 2020 Southwest Region Baraboo	7:00 PM – 9:00 PM Baraboo Fire Department 135 4 th Street, Baraboo, WI 53913

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation's Traffic Incident Management Enhancement (TIME) Program is Accepting Applications for TIM Instructors

Important Note

*The program has received permission to teach this course in-person while abiding by all CDC safety precautions. The course is limited to 20 students and there are a very limited number of spots remaining. This is a great opportunity to become a TIM instructor. If interested, please submit your application as soon as possible. **Deadline is COB on Friday, September 25, 2020.***



Do you believe the proper application of TIM principles at an incident scene makes 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 would like you to join their ranks of instructors. The program currently has 154 TIME trained instructors from every region of the state, but we can always use more – the more diverse the instructor pool, the better the training for the responders.

The requirements for becoming and remaining a TIME program Instructor are 1.) You must attend the eight-hour FHWA "Train-the-Trainer" instructor program, and 2.) You are asked to teach at least one four-hour responder class per year (to remain current with the material).

All of the TIM instructors are 100 percent volunteer. The program does not have any funds available to compensate instructors for their time or travel. That is why we value their dedication to the program. They are volunteering their time for one reason, to teach fellow responders how to make an incident scene the safest possible. We always try and have two instructors from different disciplines at each four-hour class, with one of the instructors being from the discipline of the requesting agency. That's why we need a large pool of instructors from all corners of the state.

There is no cost to attend the training. This is the first time we are offering the eight-hour FHWA Train-the-Trainer course on a Saturday. We are doing this to make it more convenient to attend instead of a 10- hour course over two days during the week. The TIME program will provide lunch and all teaching materials. Please consider becoming a TIM instructor. It can be very rewarding!

The class will be held on **Saturday, October 3, 2020**, at the **Portage County Sheriff's Office in Stevens Point from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

Please submit an [application](#) to attend the training.

