

## TIME Program a Presence at Responder Conferences Statewide

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During the first quarter of 2015, the TIME Program has been very busy with conferences and presentations. To date, the TIME Program has participated in the Wisconsin EMS Association conference in Milwaukee, the Wisconsin Sheriff's and Deputy Sheriff's Association conference

in Green Bay, the Wisconsin State Firefighter's Association conference in Stevens Point and the EMS conference hosted by Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College in Rice Lake. In addition to the conferences, TIME has also provided presentations to the Wisconsin Traffic Safety Officer's Association, the Racine County Law Enforcement Executives Association and Zimmerman's Driving School.

At all of the events, TIME representatives spoke with many responders and distributed an abundance of educational material available through TIME. There has been a specific demand for the new Field Operations Guide (FOG), an excellent reference tool for all responders.

In addition to providing materials and talking about TIME at all of the conferences, the program also conducted three 4-hour responder classes at the state firefighter conference. The classes were highly attended, with turnout exceeding capacity at the first class. A total of 131 firefighters were trained during the three classes! Thanks to the Wisconsin State Firefighter's Association for the opportunity.

As a result of TIME's conference and training activity, we have received a number of requests for responder classes. This is an optimal scenario. By meeting with responders, talking about the importance of TIM and presenting responder classes, TIME hopes to expand TIM awareness and education throughout the state.



There are some great stories that responders share in regard to the proper application of TIM principles. Some of the responders are feeling better about their TIMA set-ups and the improved communication between all responders at incident scenes. Of course, more responders in other disciplines still need to be trained. The program will continue to work diligently toward that goal.

If you or an organization you belong to would be interested in a responder training class, having TIME be a part of your association's conference as a vendor or presenter or would just like a presentation, send us an email and we will do our best to accommodate you. The program also provides presentations on Traffic Incident Management awareness.

The TIME Program is committed to continual outreach to all persons with a nexus to Traffic Incident Management in order to improve responder safety and open our roadways as quickly and safely as possible.

## Please contact us if you would like a TIM Responder class for your agency or organization

The TIME Program now has 69 TIM trainers located across the state and representing just about every responder discipline. There is absolutely no cost for the training. The TIME Program will provide the trainers, materials and certificates of completion. All we ask is that you provide the location. We will always try to have two instructors from two different disciplines conduct the training, because we all bring a slightly different view to an incident scene based on our individual roles and responsibilities. Wisconsin is 11<sup>th</sup> in the nation in the number of responders trained. That is impressive since we rank 20<sup>th</sup> in population and 13<sup>th</sup> in miles of highway. With your requests for training, we can start moving up from 11<sup>th</sup> place!! Remember, it is all about responder safety. Simply email: [David.Spakowicz@dot.wi.gov](mailto:David.Spakowicz@dot.wi.gov) to host a training class. If you just simply want to attend a class, please use the contact info above to see if there is a class in your area.

## THE TIME COALITION ELECTS LEADERSHIP

The year’s first meeting of the TIME Coalition took place in Madison on February 11. The meeting was well attended by representatives from Coalition member organizations. Discussions on a number of issues related to traffic incident management and the Coalition were held.

A draft version of the new “TIME Coalition Managing Guidelines” was presented and discussed. Part of the Coalition’s new guidelines calls for the election of chair and vice chairpersons. The chairperson will be authorized to represent the Coalition at meetings, hearings or other events as requested. The chairperson can also sign documents and author letters of support on behalf of the Coalition.

The Coalition also created three sub committees to address specific topics that will come before the Coalition. The subcommittees are: Legislative, Managing Guidelines and Training/Membership. Each subcommittee will be tasked with addressing issues that the Coalition deems important.

Nominations were accepted and seconds were made for chairperson and vice chairperson. In addition, volunteers were accepted to positions on the various sub committees.

***The appointments to the TIME Coalition are effective until February 11, 2016.***

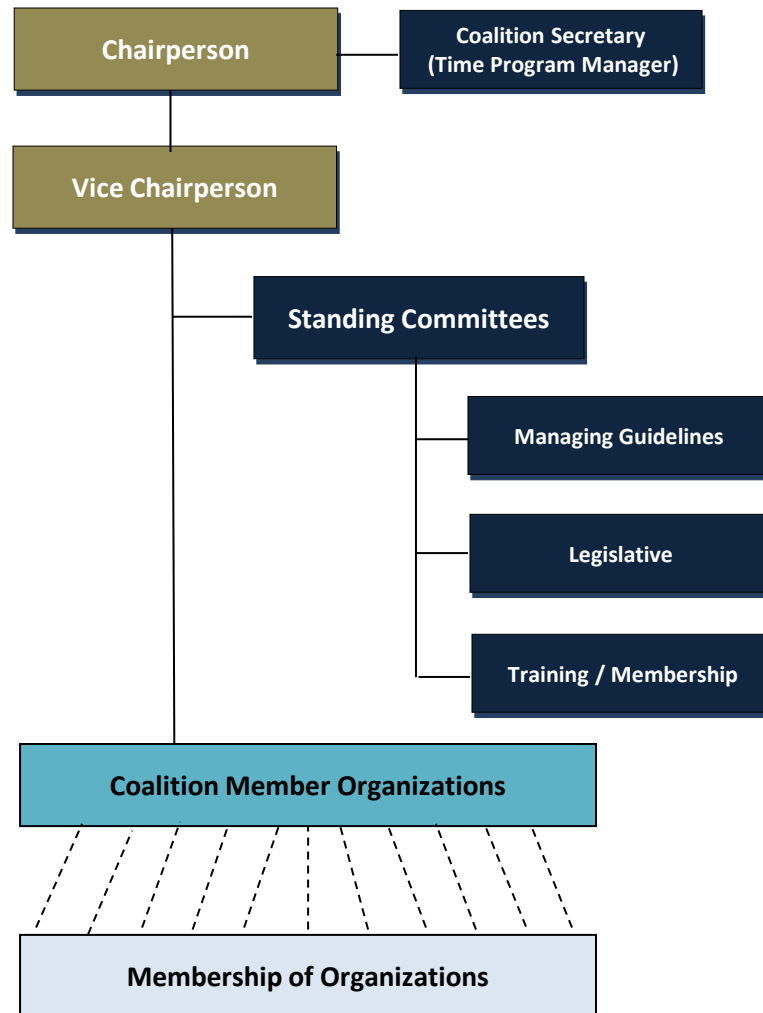


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<b>CHAIRPERSON</b>	Ernest Winters	Wisconsin County Highway Association
<b>VICE CHAIRPERSON</b>	Jamon Ingelse	Wisconsin Towing Association
<b>SUB COMMITTEES</b>		
Legislative	David Bloom Tim Zarzecki	Wisconsin State Fire Chiefs’ Association Wisconsin Chiefs of Police Association
Managing Guidelines	Chris Forncrook Barry Irmén  Tim Huibregtse	Wisconsin Air Medical Council Wisconsin Coroners and Medical Examiner’s Association Wisconsin State Patrol
Training/Membership	Barry Kuenkel Stephanie Pederson	Wisconsin State Firefighters Association Wisconsin Department of Justice / Training and Standards Bureau



## PURPOSE

To bring together transportation, public safety, towing and recovery, technology, academic and research and motorist communities to direct a statewide effort to improve traffic incident management policies, practices and programs.

## VISION

Safe and efficient management of all incidents that occur on or substantially affecting the state's roadways.

## MISSION

Provide a multi disciplinary partnership forum spanning the public safety and transportation communities to implement the National Unified Goal for traffic incident management which is responder safety; safe, quick, clearance; and prompt, reliable, interoperable communications.

## SAVE THE DATE



### The 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Governor's Conference on Highway Safety

August 26-27, 2015

(Pre-Conference Training August 25)

### Kalahari Resorts & Conventions – Wisconsin Dells

The TIME Program is proud to help support the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Governor's Conference on Highway Safety this summer in Wisconsin Dells. The conference offers an array of trainings and workshops by safety experts from a wide variety of backgrounds and disciplines.

Arrive on August 25 to attend any of the FREE pre-conference trainings, and then stay to attend the conference on August 26 and 27. The conference sessions may qualify for acceptable in-service training hours for law enforcement, depending on your agency.

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### It's time to start thinking about your TIME Program Award Nominees!

Do you know someone who is dedicated to promoting Traffic Incident Management (TIM) in your agency or area? If so, please consider nominating them for one of the annual TIME Program awards. The TIME Program will start accepting nominations in the next couple of months for the TIME Program's Outstanding Achievement Award and the Innovation Award.

Each August at the Governor's Conference on Highway Safety, the TIME Program honors individuals and agencies that have shown integration of TIM protocols within their organization throughout the year. This year's conference is **August 26-27, 2015 at the Kalahari Resort** in Wisconsin Dells.

The **Outstanding Achievement Award** is intended to recognize an individual who shows regular participation in TIME Program initiatives such as After Action Reviews (AARs) and incident debriefings, and is active in Emergency Traffic Control and Scene Management Guidelines training and outreach. This individual works to integrate these initiatives and principles into the culture of their agency through training and the utilization of TIM Guidelines in their agency.

The **Innovation Award** is intended to recognize innovative approaches, technologies and/or solutions that support the TIME Program mission of improving responder safety; enhancing the safe, quick clearance of traffic incidents; and supporting prompt, reliable and interoperable communications.

Watch for future announcements regarding the nomination process.

## Incident Response MAPSS Performance Measure Modification

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation's (WisDOT) MAPSS Performance Improvement program focuses on the five core goals and associated performance measures that guide us in achieving our mission "to provide leadership in the development and operation of a safe and efficient transportation system". These goals are Mobility, Accountability, Preservation, Safety and Service.

Currently, Extended Duration Incidents (EDIs) are a part of the Incident Response performance measures. This measurement is based upon the number, and associated average clearance time, of EDIs. EDIs are any incidents on an interstate and US 41 that closes the roadway in both directions for 30 minutes or more; or closes the roadway in one direction for two hours or more. Since August 2014, a workgroup has been tasked with reviewing the effectiveness of the EDI as the basis of the Incident Response measure.

While this measure is a key area in the MAPSS Performance Improvement program, Wisconsin's continued use of EDIs as the basis for Incident Response are not aligned with Federal standards as outlined in **Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century** (MAP-21) legislation and rulemaking. After surveying several other states, it was determined that Wisconsin is the only state using EDIs as a performance measure.

It is the recommendation of the EDI workgroup that the Incident Response MAPSS performance measure be changed from its current use of EDIs to the new measurement that aligns with the Federal Highway Administration criteria: minor (duration less than 30 minutes), intermediate (duration is 30 minutes to two hours) and major (duration is two hours or more) on all highways. Using this data provides a better picture of system performance and better ties in with the other Mobility performance measures of Delay (hours of vehicle delay) and Reliability (planning time index).

The dataset is readily available using existing ATMS software. There is no additional cost associated with obtaining this data. Limited costs will be incurred to have the Bureau of Information Technology Services (BITS) programmers revamp the MAPSS homepage for Incident Response and its associated scorecard information.

This change is expected to be fully implemented by Wisconsin's 2017 fiscal year. For more information on WisDOT's MAPSS, please visit, <http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/about/performance/>



**The 511 Wisconsin mobile app is available for Apple and Android devices, and features traffic and travel time information, incident alerts, freeway camera snapshots, roadwork reports, and more. Just go to your app store and search for "511 Wisconsin" to download for free.**

## 2015 Remaining TIME Meeting Schedule



**May 6, 2015**                      **6:00 PM – 8:30 PM**  
**North Central Region**  
Waushara County Courthouse  
209 S. Saint Marie Street, Wautoma, WI 54982

**May 14, 2015**                      **9:00 AM – 12:00 PM**  
**Southwest Region**  
Wisconsin Dells Visitor and Convention Bureau  
115 LaCrosse St., Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965

**May 21, 2015**                      **9:00 AM – 12:00 PM**  
**Southeast Region**  
WisDOT Statewide Traffic Operations Center  
433 W. St. Paul Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53203

**May 28, 2015**                      **9:00 AM – 12:00 PM**  
**Southwest Region**  
WisDOT SW Region I-39/I-90 Project Office  
111 Interstate Blvd., Edgerton, WI 53534

**September 24, 2015**              **9:00 AM – 12:00 PM**  
**Southeast Region**  
WisDOT Statewide Traffic Operations Center  
433 W. St. Paul Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53203

**September 30, 2015**              **9:00 AM – 12:00 PM**  
**Southwest Region**  
Wisconsin Dells Visitor and Convention Bureau  
115 LaCrosse St., Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965

**October 7, 2015**                      **9:00 AM – 12:00 PM**  
**Northwest Region**  
Town of Washington – Town Hall  
5750 Old Town Hall Rd., Eau Claire, WI 54701

**October 7, 2015**                      **6:00 PM – 8:30 PM**  
**Northwest Region**  
DNR Service Center  
810 W. Maple Street, Spooner WI 54801

**October 14, 2015**                      **6:00 PM – 8:00 PM**  
**North Central Region**              **\*\*NEW\*\***  
Forest County Courthouse, *County Board Room*  
200 E. Madison St., Crandon, WI 54520

**October 15, 2015**                      **9:00 AM – 12:00 PM**  
**Northeast Region**  
*Northern US 41/US 141/STH 172*  
Brown County Project Office, *Duck Creek Room*  
1940 W. Mason St., Green Bay, WI 54303

**October 20, 2015**                      **9:00 AM – 12:00 PM**  
**Southwest Region**  
WisDOT SW Region Madison Office  
2101 Wright St., Madison, WI 53704

**October 21, 2015**                      **9:00 AM – 12:00 PM**  
**North Central Region**              **\*\*NEW\*\***  
Price County Courthouse  
126 Cherry St. Phillips, WI 54555

**October 22, 2015**                      **9:00 AM – 12:00 PM**  
**North Central Region**  
Northcentral Technical College  
Center for Business and Industry Building  
1000 W. Campus Drive, Wausau, WI 54401

**October 29, 2015**                      **9:00 AM – 12:00 PM**  
**Northeast Region - Southern US 41/STH 441**  
Winnebago County Sheriff's Department  
4311 Jackson St., Oshkosh, WI 54901

**November 4, 2015**                      **9:00 AM – 12:00 PM**  
**Southwest Region**  
WisDOT SW Region I-39/I-90 Project Office  
111 Interstate Blvd., Edgerton, WI 53534

**November 12, 2015**                      **9:00 AM – 12:00 PM**  
**Southwest Region**  
WisDOT SW Region Office, *Conf. Rooms B19 & B20*  
3550 Mormon Coulee Rd., La Crosse, WI 54601

**November 19, 2015**                      **9:00 AM – 12:00 PM**  
**Northeast Region - I-43 & Lakeshore Counties**  
Sheboygan County Law Enforcement Center  
525 6th Street, Sheboygan, WI 53081

**December 3, 2015**                      **9:00 AM – 12:00 PM**  
**Southeast Region**  
WisDOT Statewide Traffic Operations Center  
433 W. St. Paul Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53203