

# The Wisconsin Responder



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**GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE**  
**ON HIGHWAY SAFETY**

**August 24-25, 2026**

Business meetings and specialized training: August 26, 2026  
Kalahari Convention Center  
Wisconsin Dells, WI

We hope to see you at the Governor's Conference on Highway Safety!

Please visit the conference [website](#) for details and registration.

Mike's Minute



MICHAEL JUNGBLUTH  
ETO/TIME Program Manager

Hello TIM supporters!

This has been an extremely busy year for the ETO/TIME team. We are completing the roll-out of the new FHWA TIM training modules with the training of approximately 80 of our volunteer instructors. These modules contain Wisconsin-specific content that supports the TIM National Unified Goals, which is a commitment to: 1) The safety of responders and all road users, 2) Safe, quick clearance, and 3) Communication, coordination and cooperation.

A special thank you to the members of our TIM module workgroup who took an active role in the development of our new TIM content: Dan Kontos (TIM Master Instructor), Brad Ocain (Captain-WI State Patrol), Eric Novotny (TIM Instructor), Mark Renderman (Fire Chief-Altoona FD), Rick Tumaniec, PE (WisDOT) and Stephanie Pedersen (WIDJ-Training and Standards).

As part of the release of our new TIM modules, we have updated the TIM Student Resource repository. You can access this information by the using the following Box link: <https://wisdot.box.com/s/mnjhx2iark39i7nje35lj1tdlazblvj>.

or the QR Code



Thank you for continuing to serve...stay safe, *Mike*

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## Passenger Train Emergency Responder Training

Presented by Amtrak Emergency Management Division

### Attention First Responders

Amtrak presents Passenger Train Emergency Responder (PTER) training, a no-cost emergency preparedness course to communities near the Amtrak service area. This course is encouraged for firefighters, emergency medical services, law enforcement, emergency managers, emergency communication center dispatchers, medical examiners/coroners or others who may respond to or be involved in Amtrak emergencies.

This training complies with Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) regulation 49 CFR 239. A classroom and hands-on emergency preparedness course for professionals who may respond to an Amtrak emergency is available. The course instruction includes an equipment-specific handbook and field guide that can be shared. Please reach out to an Amtrak Emergency Manager to coordinate training, joint preparedness planning, exercises or drills.

### Topics Covered

- Railroad right of way safety
- Passenger and host railroad relationship
- Emergency contact information
- Railroad nomenclature including how to identify railroad switches, mileposts, signals, crossings, special circumstances in response to passenger train incidents
- Train speeds
- Passenger train crew identification
- Challenges of extraction
- Incident Command System for railroad incidents
- Trespassing on railroad property
- Pneumatic and electrical hazards
- Train equipment design
- Incident response replanning

### PTER Course Schedule

June 1 – 6:30 p.m. in Reeseville  
 June 2 – 1:00 p.m. in Racine  
 June 3 – 1:00 p.m. in Racine  
 Milwaukee classes TBD



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**EMERGENCY  
 MANAGEMENT**

## MOSD Law—Disabled Vehicle

**Move Over Slow Down — disabled vehicle addition to existing law (346.072)**

**Signed into law by Governor Evers Dec. 9, 2025**

This bill draft would **add** under the Move Over Slow Down law the requirement for a driver to move over or slow down for a disabled vehicle.

A disabled vehicle is defined as a motor vehicle that is stopped and is displaying hazard lights, emergency flares are placed near the vehicle or a person(s) is attending to the vehicle and are visible to passing drivers.

WisDOT's Office of Public Affairs is currently working to develop new public information outreach materials for use by first responder organizations.

## Fatality Review Teams

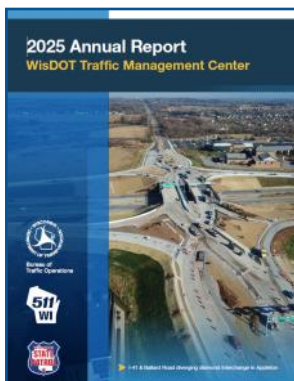
**Fatality review teams — establishment of team that includes review of fatal motor vehicle crashes**

**Signed into law by Governor Evers on April 2, 2026**

This bill draft creates fatality review teams under the authority of the Department of Health Services (DHS). Under the bill draft, motor vehicle incidents would be considered a reviewable death. The bill draft would authorize the fatality review teams access to a variety of records including law enforcement records. Further, the bill draft includes provisions regarding the confidentiality and privacy of certain information a fatality review team may have.

## TMC Annual Report

The WisDOT Traffic Management Center (TMC) issued its [2025 Annual Report](#). It is a visual and comprehensive report packed into 10 pages. It is loaded with great information! The TMC is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week and communicates regularly with first responders, as well as media outlets and construction project managers.



## Note from WisDOT



By: Vicki Haskell, PE  
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Happy spring – I say somewhat cautiously knowing parts of the state are still dealing with winter weather. I honestly cannot remember another winter where we have had to deal with such a rollercoaster in weather patterns every week. I know it can be difficult to prepare for such drastic changes in weather, so I want to thank you for everything you do to help keep the traveling public safe no matter what the weather throws at you, with a special thanks to those of you who assisted with efforts during the historic Blizzard Elsa in mid-March.

Keeping on the topic of things changing, I wanted to make you aware of some staffing changes here in the WisDOT ETO & TIME Program area. For those of you who do not know, Ben Kamps, our Statewide Traffic Incident Management Engineer, left WisDOT to pursue another adventure. While we work to fill the vacant position, please continue to coordinate with Naydene and Mike on TIM Trainings and the TIME Coalition. For all other ETO/TIME-related inquires, please feel free to reach out to me.

Fingers crossed, we will soon have peaceful spring weather – *Vicki*



## Free Train-the-Trainer Course Instructors Wanted!

### Why Become a TIM Instructor?

- ✓ You believe the proper application of TIM principles at an incident scene makes all responders safer
- ✓ You believe that TIM principles result in the quicker clearance of an incident
- ✓ You want to teach your fellow responders these valuable tools

### Requirements

- ✓ You must attend the eight-hour FHWA “Train-the-Trainer” instructor course
- ✓ You are asked to teach at least one four-hour responder class annually (to remain current with the material)

### Upcoming Training Details

- ✓ **Aug. 26, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.** (last day of the Governor’s Conference on Highway Safety)
- ✓ Kalahari, 1305 Kalahari Dr., Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965
- ✓ New FHWA TIM modules included
- ✓ Submit an [application](#) to attend the training by **Aug. 1**

**All TIM instructors are 100-percent volunteers.** The program does not have any funds available to compensate instructors for their time or travel. They’re passionate about incident scene safety and want to share their knowledge and experience with fellow responders. We try to have two instructors from different disciplines at each four-hour class, with one having the discipline from the requesting agency. Please consider becoming a TIM instructor. It can be very rewarding!

# Spring 2026 Virtual Regional TIME Meetings

Stay informed. Stay connected. Join from Anywhere!



## Construction Projects

Learn updates on current projects



## Traffic Crash Reviews






Discuss recent traffic crashes



## Specialized Training

Gain insights from specialized topics

**Can't attend your region? Join any meeting that works for your schedule!**

				
NWR Counties	NCR Counties	NER Counties	SWR Counties	SER Counties
<p>Douglas, Bayfield, Ashland, Burnett, Washburn, Sawyer, Polk, Barron, Rusk, St. Croix, Dunn, Chippewa, Taylor, Pepin, Eau Claire, Clark, Buffalo, Trempealeau, Jackson &amp; Pierce</p>	<p>Iron, Vilas, Florence, Price, Oneida, Forest, Lincoln, Langlade, Marathon, Shawano, Menominee, Wood, Portage, Waupaca, Adams, Waushara, Marquette &amp; Green Lake</p>	<p>Marinette, Oconto, Door, Outagamie, Brown, Kewaunee, Winnebago, Calumet, Manitowoc, Sheboygan &amp; Fond du Lac</p>	<p>La Crosse, Monroe, Juneau, Vernon, Sauk, Columbia, Dodge, Crawford, Richland, Grant, Iowa, Dane, Jefferson, Lafayette, Green &amp; Rock</p>	<p>Washington, Ozaukee, Waukesha, Milwaukee, Racine &amp; Kenosha</p>
<p>Northwest Region: <b>April 22</b> from <b>9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.</b></p>				
<p>North Central Region: <b>April 23</b> from <b>1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.</b></p>				
<p>Northeast Region: <b>April 28</b> from <b>1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.</b></p>				
<p>Southwest Region: <b>April 29</b> from <b>9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.</b></p>				
<p>Southeast Region: <b>April 29</b> from <b>1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.</b></p>				

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## SPECIAL EVENTS and CONFERENCES

### April

National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week (4/12-18)  
Severe Weather Awareness Week (4/13-17)  
Law Enforcement Officer Training Assoc. Conference (4/15-16)  
National Work Zone Awareness Week (4/20-24)

### May

WIPSCOM Conference (5/10-13)  
Emergency Medical Services Week (5/17-23)

### June

WI County Highway Association Conference (6/8-10)  
WI Towing Association Conference (6/19-21)  
WI State Fire Chief's Association Conference (6/25)

### July

Rural Road Safety Awareness Week (7/13-17)

### August

WI Chiefs of Police Conference (8/9-12)  
Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Campaign (8/12-9/7)  
Governor's Conference on Highway Safety (8/24-26)

### September

National Preparedness Month  
Towing Industry Awareness Week (TBD)  
Child Passenger Safety Week (9/20-26)  
Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Conference (9/24-26)



## TIM training



This **free** four-hour class will include training on WisDOT's Emergency Traffic Control and Scene Management Guidelines. These guidelines provide incident responders within the state of Wisconsin a uniform approach to emergency traffic control and scene management. Having a uniform approach will help provide the safest possible work environment for all incident responders, minimize the risk for secondary crashes and aid in clearing an incident in a quick and effective manner.

**To schedule a TIM class, please contact Senior Program Assistant Naydene Olson at [naydene.olson@dot.wi.gov](mailto:naydene.olson@dot.wi.gov).**

**WisDOT goal >>> 70% of first responders trained in TIM by the end of 2026**  
**66.7% trained as of April 1, 2026**