

The Wisconsin Responder



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Mike's Minute



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Hello from the ETO/TIME Team,

We hope you are having a safe and enjoyable summer! So far this year, our first responders have worked through some very difficult weather conditions: Winter Storm "Elsa," major flooding and summer heat/humidity. As always, we appreciate your dedication to the service you provide your communities. We continue to progress toward our goal of 70 percent of first responders trained by the end of 2026. Currently, we stand at 67.5 percent. We couldn't accomplish this goal without our partnership with our volunteer instructors and the organizations that sponsor these classes.

Planning has begun for Crash Responder Safety Week (CRSW) which takes place Nov. 2-6. This year's theme is "Move Over or Slow Down, Lives Are on the Line." The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) and the TIME program support this effort to remind motorists nationwide of the dangers first responders face every day while working in or around live traffic.

CRSW is an opportunity for all responder communities to come together and raise awareness about the important, dangerous job of crash response. Public education and effective traffic incident management practices help keep motorists safe, reduce secondary crashes and save lives. Together we remind drivers to move over or slow down when encountering emergency scenes. See page 2 for all the events that WisDOT and the TIME program are planning this year for CRSW.

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

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

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

The TIME program has developed and will present four different presentations at the conference. We will also have our TIM

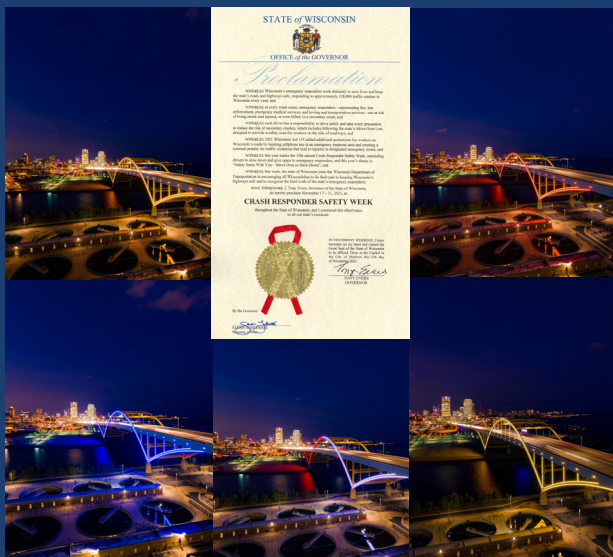
train-the-trainer course during the specialized training day on Aug. 26. Please see page 2 for more details and a link to the application.

CRASH RESPONDER SAFETY WEEK

Crash Responder Safety Week (CRSW) takes place Nov. 2-6, and as in years past, we will mark CRSW with Gov. Evers' proclamation. We are also planning to continue the pursuit of proclamations from all 72 counties and the largest 25 communities by population. In 2024 and 2025, we led the nation in proclamations supporting CRSW — recognition we intend to build upon this year! To accomplish this, we will be asking all our local communities to spread the word across the state in support of our first responders by submitting a proclamation.

Our CRSW team is once again working on lighting the Hoan Bridge in Milwaukee, a social media presence and other events supporting CRSW. We are also looking for agencies to host TIM trainings during CRSW. In addition, most of our regional TIME meetings will be held during this week.

One last item, we will be conducting specialized training at our fall regional TIME meetings. This training will be conducted by American Transmission Company (ATC), focusing on safety issues for first responders when dealing with high-voltage transmission lines. Please join us for this important training.



INSTRUCTORS WANTED! FREE TRAIN-THE-TRAINER COURSE

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 2025 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!

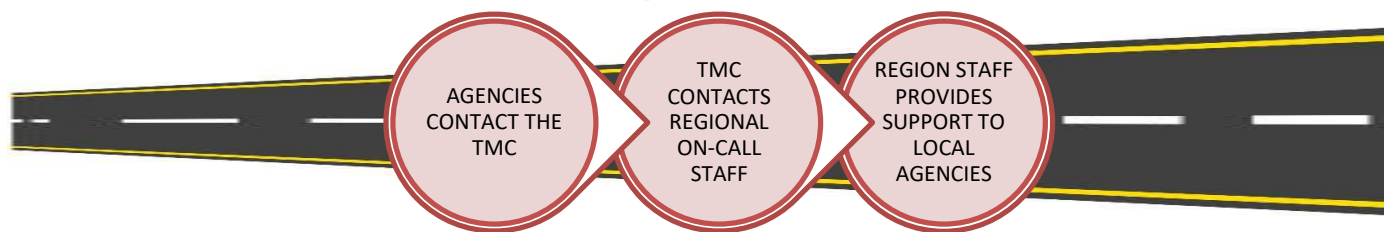


WisDOT Statewide Incident Notification Process: Partners in Communication, Incident Response and Highway Safety

Wisconsin Department of Transportation
Wisconsin Traffic Management Center (TMC)

In 2006, The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) implemented the Statewide Incident Notification Process (SINP), which provides a single point of contact for WisDOT through the use of a 1-800 number. The purpose of the SINP is to provide law enforcement agencies and highway departments a mechanism for **REPORTING** traffic incidents and transportation infrastructure problems that occur on state-owned highways (*Examples: traffic crashes, signal or sign knockdowns, bridge hits, flooding, downed power lines on roadway, hazmat spill, overturned semi tractor trailer, etc.*). WisDOT was able to ensure 24/7 service by directing a 1-800 number to the Wisconsin Traffic Management Center.

WISDOT 24/7 SINP SUPPORT



The TMC communications staff rely on 2-way communication with law enforcement dispatchers, WisDOT field personnel and media to obtain information and provide resources and services.

Agencies are requested to contact the TMC for any incident that is anticipated to have at least one state highway lane/ramp blocked for greater than 30 minutes. This action will trigger a response from the TMC.

CONTACT THE TMC 24/7 AT **1-800-375-7302** (Not for Public Use)

WisDOT provides 24/7 on-call staff – such as Regional Incident Management Coordinators (RIMC), bridge inspectors, and electricians - to support SINP response. This response is accomplished by contacting the TMC, whom in turn contacts regional WisDOT on-call staff for assistance in responding to reported incidents on the State-owned highways.

RIMC'S ARE A GREAT RESOURCE!

A RIMC is WisDOT's first responder for incidents that involve state-owned infrastructure. A RIMC's duties include: 1) Provide on-scene response support to public safety/first responders during any incident that involves state-owned infrastructure; 2) Respond as the WisDOT representative and actively participate in incident response and management; 3) Improve the safety of first responders and the traveling public by monitoring infrastructure integrity and ensuring that proper traffic control measures are in place; and 4) Remain involved until the incident is completely resolved.

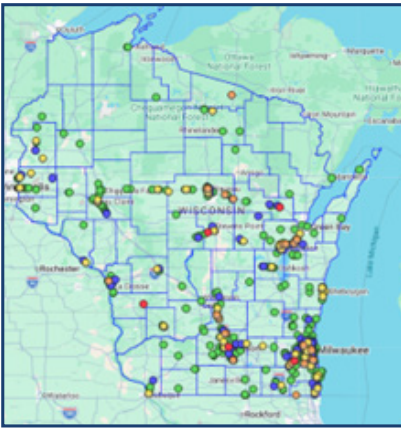
After contact with the TMC, a RIMC may contact your agency for information on an incident and may ask your dispatch for 1) Location of incident; 2) Time incident occurred and expected duration; 3) On-scene contact or whom to report to at the scene; 4) Infrastructure damage, bridge hit, guardrail damage, road/pavement issues, hazmat spill, downed power lines on roadway, overturned semi tractor trailer, etc.; 5) Traffic issues such as backups, heavy delays, or volume of vehicles stuck in the backup; 6) Alternate routes needed; and 7) Other resources or information needed.

NOTE: The RIMC **will not** release any information, regarding the incident, to any outside party or agency without the permission of the investigating agency.

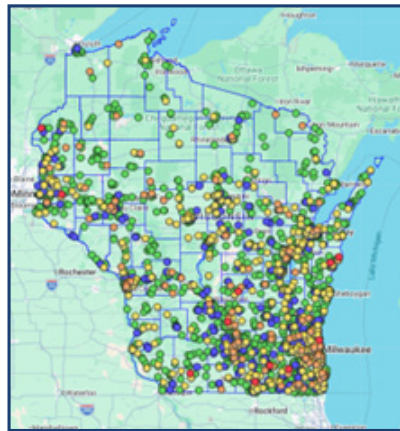
A Community Maps Refresher

Community Maps provides Wisconsin's law enforcement agencies and county traffic safety commissions with a statewide map of all police-reported motor vehicle crashes from 2010 to present. Fatal crashes are included from 2001. Crashes are updated on a nightly basis using geo-coded locations from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation DT4000 police crash report. The Community Maps system was designed to support and enhance traffic safety planning, resource allocation, and decision support at the local level, through the regular review of crashes at each of the county quarterly TSC meetings. It is also used by traffic incident management instructors across the state and during WisDOT regional TIME meetings.

Community Maps is hosted at the [University of Wisconsin-Madison](#) by the [Wisconsin Traffic Operations and Safety \(TOPS\) Laboratory](#) in collaboration with the [Wisconsin Department of Transportation \(WisDOT\) Bureau of Transportation Safety \(BOTS\)](#).



So far in 2026, there have been **1,096** total crashes reported resulting in **5** fatalities and **389** injuries in work zones.



So far in 2026, there have been **4,056** total crashes reported resulting in **11** fatalities and **1488** injuries, where distracted driving was flagged.



So far in 2026, there have been **367** total crashes reported resulting in **3** fatalities and **318** injuries involving bicycles.

New: For crash data analysis requests, please email the BOTS Program and Policy Unit at CrashDataAnalysis@dot.wi.gov.

For Community Maps technical support, please email community-maps@topslab.wisc.edu.

To request access to Community Maps Advanced features, please use the WisTransPortal online [User Account Request Form](#).

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Fall 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!



NER Counties

Marinette, Oconto,
Door, Outagamie,
Brown, Kewaunee,
Winnebago,
Calumet, Manitowoc,
Sheboygan &
Fond du Lac



NWR Counties

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Douglas, Bayfield,
Ashland, Burnett,
Washburn, Sawyer,
Polk, Barron, Rusk,
St. Croix, Dunn,
Chippewa, Taylor,
Pepin, Eau Claire,
Clark, Buffalo,



NCR Counties

Iron, Vilas, Florence,
Price, Oneida, Forest,
Lincoln, Langlade,
Marathon, Shawano,
Menominee, Wood,
Portage, Waupaca,
Adams, Waushara,
Marquette & Green
Lake



SER Counties

Washington, Ozaukee,
Waukesha, Milwaukee,
Walworth, Racine &
Kenosha



SWR Counties

La Crosse, Monroe,
Juneau, Vernon, Sauk,
Columbia, Dodge,
Crawford, Richland,
Grant, Iowa, Dane,
Jefferson, Lafayette,
Green & Rock

Southeast Region: **Nov. 3** from **10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**

Northeast Region: **Nov. 3** from **1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

North Central Region: **Nov. 4** from **1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

Southwest Region: **Nov. 5** from **1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

Northwest Region: **Nov. 9** from **9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.**

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SPECIAL EVENTS and CONFERENCES

July

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

August

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

September

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

October

Wisconsin Towns Association Conference (10/4-10/6)
National Move Over Day (10/17)

November

Crash Responder Safety Week (11/2-11/6)
World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims (11/15)
Winter Weather Awareness Week (11/16-11/20)

December

Impaired Driving Prevention Month
Older Driver Safety Awareness Week (12/7-12/11)
Snowplow Driver Appreciation Day (TBD)



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.

WisDOT goal >>> 70% of first responders trained in TIM by the end of 2026
67.5% trained as of July 1, 2026