

## Wisconsin Loses a Firefighter at a Traffic Crash



The TIME program was saddened by the tragic death of Endeavor / Moundville Fire Department firefighter Larry Millard, who was killed Friday, December 11, 2015. Larry was assisting at a crash scene on I-39 in Marquette County when a southbound driver failed to notice a fire truck with its emergency lights in operation and struck Larry who was standing next to the fire truck. He was air lifted to UW hospital, but succumbed to his injuries.

The tragedy could have turned out different had the driver followed the Move Over, Slow Down law. "It's certainly a preventable accident," Columbia County Lieutenant Wayne Smith reported to WMTV. Sergeant Travis Wanless of the Wisconsin State Patrol said to WKOW, "Traffic does move at a very high rate of speed, and people aren't paying attention as they should and tragedies happen."

Larry had been a volunteer firefighter for over 30 years and was beloved by his department. Our prayers go out to Larry's family. Governor Walker ordered all flags flown at half-staff on December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

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## TIME Program Announcements

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TIME Program Community,

Winter is finally here. For most of us, we received a pretty good helping of snow right after Christmas! From all of the reports that I have heard, there were some pretty hectic moments in some parts of the state, but in true Wisconsin fashion, we worked through all of them. And now after being spoiled with the unusually warm weather in November and December, the cold weather is upon us. The extreme cold makes everyone's job just that much more difficult. From everything around you, freezing from the water

when you are fighting a fire, to emergency response equipment not starting, to life safety concerns for stranded motorists. Extreme cold makes all of us work a little more cautiously.

The TIME Program has bolted out of the gate for 2016. We have the TIME meeting schedule set for the year, we've received over 25 requests for responder classes and are looking to execute a couple of large projects before the summer. There is no shortage of work!!

We reduced the number of TIME meetings across the state from 27 to 24. These were primarily based on attendance numbers. We did not completely eliminate TIME meetings from any area of the state, we just reduced the frequency. Please mark your calendar with the dates and times for the TIME meetings in your area. They generally only occur twice a year in your area, so please try and attend one or both.

As many of you are aware, as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, TIM is now a required block of instruction for all new law enforcement recruit officers in the state. Wisconsin is one of only a handful of states that require TIM as part of the training to become a certified law enforcement officer (LEO). Wisconsin certifies approximately 900 new LEOs every year. That's 900 new responders every year that will be making incident scenes safer for all responders. With that being said, a number of law enforcement agencies (LEAs) across the state are taking the opportunity to train all of their officers in TIM as part of their mandatory 24 hours of annual in-service hours. This is a good thing. Continued on Page 2

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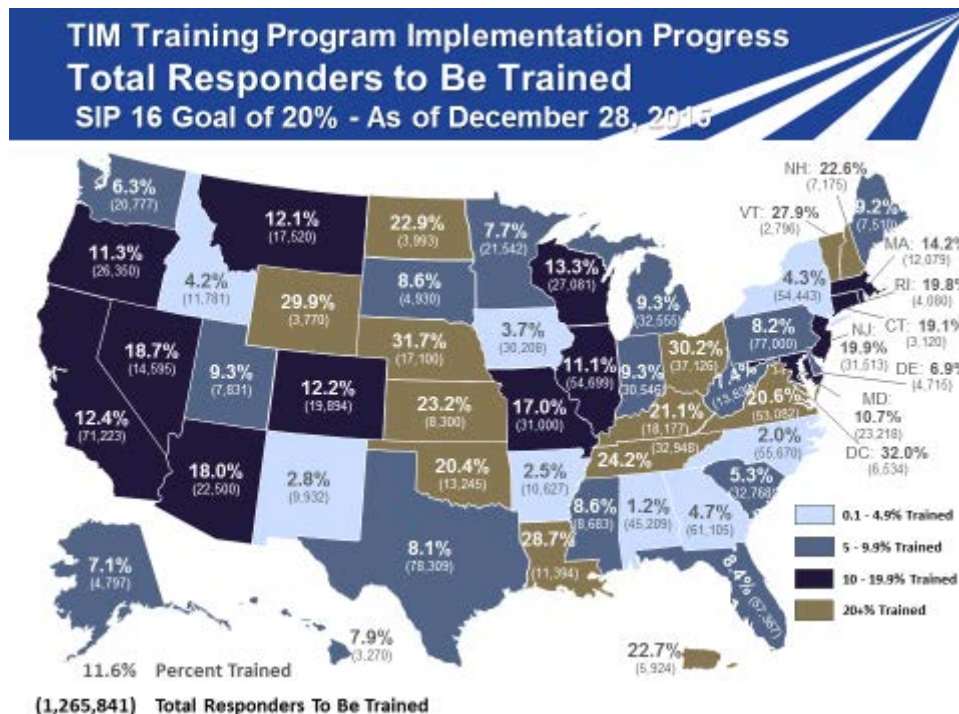
The number of requests for TIM training for the first quarter of 2016 is nothing less than fantastic. Nineteen of the 25+ requests for training have come from fire departments across the state. All of the responder classes are open to all disciplines. If there is a training in your area, please contact the host agency and express your interest in attending. The more diverse the audience, the better the class!

And lastly, the TIME Program is developing a couple of work groups that will be updating the Emergency Traffic Control and Scene Management Guidelines (Guidelines) and the four-hour Responder Training PowerPoint. The Guidelines have not been updated since their initial release in April 2012. There are not a lot of changes, but enough minor ones that justify the update. The PowerPoint was updated in February of 2015; however, the workgroup is going to look to update all statistics, photos, videos and any text in the presentation. The core of the curriculum will not change, just some of the visuals. The TIME Program is having another FHWA sponsored 12-hour Train-the-Trainer course in July and we want to have all of the new materials available for the new instructors.

The TIME Program looks forward to seeing you sometime in 2016. Either at a TIM training, a TIME meeting, a training conference or at the Governor's Conference on Highway Safety (August 24-25, 2016 at KI Center in the Green Bay). If there is ever anything you need from the TIME Program, please don't hesitate to contact us at [timeprogram@dot.wi.gov](mailto:timeprogram@dot.wi.gov) or contact me directly at [David.Spakowicz@dot.wi.gov](mailto:David.Spakowicz@dot.wi.gov) or 414.225.3729. Stay warm, and safe!

## Wisconsin is Moving Towards its Goal of 20% of Responders Trained

Wisconsin is well on its way to achieve FHWA's goal of having 20% of responders trained in a state by June 30, 2016. FHWA has identified 27,081 responders in the state of WI. The goal of 20% is 5,416. As of 12/28/15, we have 3,613 responders trained. That means we need 1,803 to achieve our goal. With all of the TIM training classes we have scheduled, and with a little luck, we are confident that we can achieve that number.



If you or your agency are interested in hosting a 4-hour responder class, please email the TIME Program at: [timeprogram@dot.wi.gov](mailto:timeprogram@dot.wi.gov) or contact TIME Program Manager David L. Spakowicz at 414.225.3729 [David.Spakowicz@dot.wi.gov](mailto:David.Spakowicz@dot.wi.gov). There is **no cost** for the training and the TIME Program will supply all of the manuals, CDs and certificates of completion for all participants.

## WisDOT Produces a New Video on Ramp Gate Use

WisDOT, with support of the TIME Program produced and released a four-minute video for incident responders on how to deploy a ramp gate. The video was released on an unnamed YouTube site December 7, 2015. In addition, the video was placed on WILENET for law enforcement viewing. As of 01/06/16, there were 998 hits on the WILENET site.

The genesis for the video production were the numerous comments that we received, primarily from the law enforcement community, about the lack of knowledge on how to operate a ramp gate, and even more important, who has the authority to deploy a ramp gate. Just as a reminder, anyone authorized to respond to a traffic incident, e.g. law enforcement, fire service, EMS personnel, county highway dept., etc. have the authority to deploy a ramp gate. Other disciplines are also permitted to do so under the direction of law enforcement or fire service personnel. Once deployed, the gate permits the responder to then assist at the incident scene, instead of having to remain at the on-ramp to ensure no additional traffic enters the roadway where responders are working. WisDOT has over 500 ramp gates in operation throughout the state.

As a result of the numerous viewings, the TIME Program has received many requests from both law enforcement and the fire service for copies of the ramp gate utilization visor card. The visor card is a handy quick



reference for anyone to use as a reminder on how to deploy a ramp gate when desired or requested.

One reminder, if or when you deploy a ramp gate, please have your dispatch center contact the STOC and advise that the ramp is being closed. The STOC will then send out a traffic incident alert and enter the closure into the 511 system. WisDOT is also recording the use of ramp gates throughout the system.

In order to view the ramp gate video, simply click on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wuN8wUcxfqg&feature=youtu.be>.

For a copies of the Ramp Gate Utilization Guide, please contact us at: [timeprogram@dot.wi.gov](mailto:timeprogram@dot.wi.gov).

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## A Quick Message For Safety

First, just a quick note about the unfortunate death of Firefighter Larry Millard from the Endeavor / Moundville Fire Department on December 11, 2015. It is an all too stark reminder of the inherent dangers of working at a crash scene. We also lost three county highway workers in 2015 while on-duty, and now Firefighter Millard. That's too many of our responders being killed on our roadways. That is not to mention the number of injuries due to occupied response vehicles being struck or the number of near misses that are reported on an almost weekly basis. We can do everything right. You can wear your reflective clothing, you can have a proper TIMA set up, you can have the proper placement of early warning devices, but it is the human factor that we can't control. The motorist going past your scene that is either not paying attention, is impaired, or is distracted by something else is what we have to worry about. Situational awareness is so important. You must be vigilant when working at a crash scene, always be aware of your surroundings and have an escape route if you need it. We all want to go home at night to our loved ones. Please be safe!!

## The 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) and **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% 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 **July 26-27, 2016, at the WI State Patrol Academy near Tomah.** More information and an application will be sent out in the spring. If you are interested in getting placed on the on-call list, please just send us an email at [timeprogram@dot.wi.gov](mailto:timeprogram@dot.wi.gov) expressing your interest and we will make sure you are sent an application once they become available.

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## Extended Duration Incidents Hits a Three-Year Low

Extended Duration Incidents (EDIs) in Wisconsin hit a three-year low at the end of 2015. Up until January of 2016, an EDI was defined as any incident that resulted in the closure of the interstate in any one direction for a period of two hours or more, or the closure of any interstate in both directions for 30 minutes or more. Whenever there was an EDI anywhere in the state, it required WisDOT to conduct an After Action Review (AAR). The TIME Program would work with the WisDOT region where the EDI occurred and assisted in identifying and inviting all of the agencies that responded to the incident to the AAR.

The purpose of the AAR was to identify any “best practices” that were used by responders. In addition, the AAR also provided an opportunity for responders to identify a practice or situation that could be improved upon in the future.

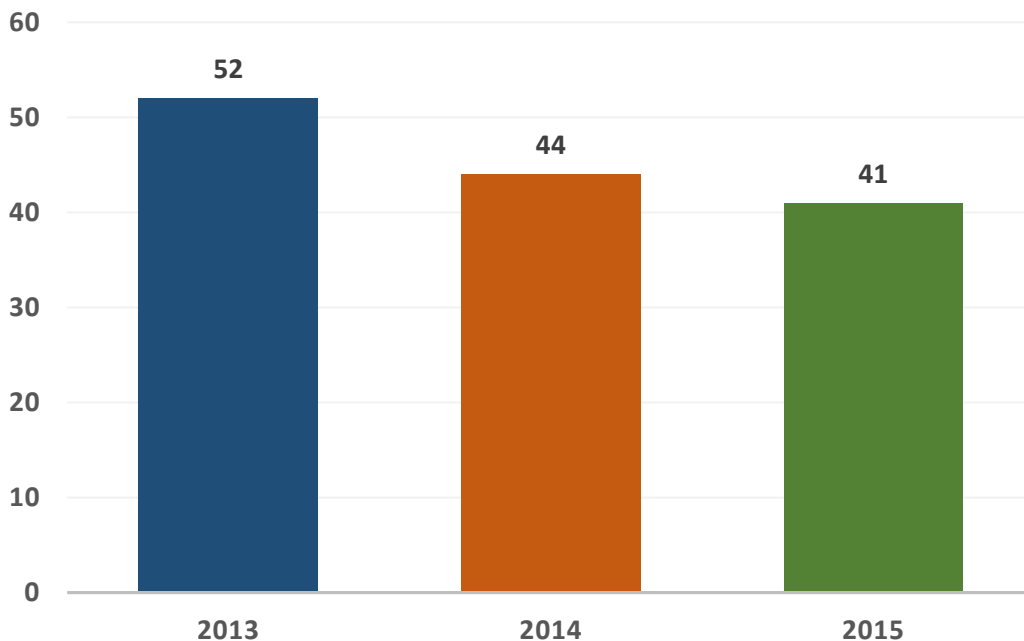
The most common “needs improvement” identified during the AARs was the need to improve communication at the scene of the incident. We stress the need to use NIMS ICS principles at incident scenes, but even more important is the need to use unified command at an incident. We emphasize the need to use unified command in deciding how to best mitigate not only an EDI, but all incidents. Continued on Page 5

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Communication between all disciplines has improved significantly from years past, but we still have a ways to go. If all responders know what the others are doing and why they are doing it, it will ensure the incident is cleared as safely and efficiently as possible. With the ultimate goal being to open the roadway as soon as possible in order to remove all responders from the roadway, permit the motoring public to get to where they are going and to have commerce be able to get to its destination

The TIME Program believes that the reduction in the number of EDIs statewide can be attributed partially to responders utilizing sound Traffic Incident Management (TIM) principles taught during responder training classes, the use of “best practices” that were identified at a previous incident or during an AAR, and the overall improvement in the communication between responder disciplines at incident scenes. You are getting better at what you do!

As of January 1<sup>st</sup>, the decision to conduct an AAR is now up to the discretion of the WisDOT region in which the EDI occurred. There are no more “required” AARs based solely on the duration of an incident. In addition, WisDOT eliminated the use of the term EDI. Any incident that requires the closure of ANY roadway for more than two hours is now simply classified as a “major” incident.



## TIM Training Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Location
1/5/16	TIM Responder Training	Little Chicago
1/13/16	TIM Responder Training	Wausau
1/18/16-1/20/16	WI County Highway Association Winter Conference	WI Dells
1/18/16	TIM Responder Training	Hewitt
1/19/16	TIM Responder Training	Wausau
1/20/16	TIM Responder Training	Madison
1/25/16	TIM Responder Training	Wausau
1/29/16-1/30/16	WI EMS Association Annual Conference	Milwaukee
2/1/16	TIM Responder Training	Mosinee
2/2/16	TIM Responder Training	Onalaska
2/4/16	TIM Responder Training	Algoma
2/4/16	TIM Responder Training	Mequon
2/8/16-2/9/16	WI Sheriffs & Deputy Sheriffs Association Winter Conference	Green Bay
2/11/16	TIM Responder Training	Mequon
2/15/16	TIM Responder Training	Laona
2/18/16	TIM Responder Training	Corning
2/18/16	TIM Responder Training	Mequon
2/25/16	TIM Responder Training	Mequon
3/9/16	TIM Responder Training	Goodman
3/11/16-3/12/16	WI Indianhead Technical College Emergency Services Conference	Rice Lake
3/11/16	TIM Responder Training	Rice Lake
3/11/16-3/12/16	WI State Firefighter's Association Conference	Stevens Point
3/11/16	TIM Responder Training	Stevens Point
3/12/16	TIM Responder Training	Stevens Point
4/18/16	TIM Responder Training	Juda
TBD	TIM Responder Training	Brooklyn
TBD	TIM Responder Training	Elkhorn
TBD	TIM Responder Training	Wausau
TBD	TIM Responder Training	Bear Creek
TBD	TIM Responder Training	Janesville

## 2016 TIME Meeting Schedule



<p><b>March 3, 2016</b> .....</p> <p><b>Southwest Region</b> <i>La Crosse</i></p>	<p><b>9:00 AM – 12:00 PM</b> WisDOT SW Region Office <i>Conference Rooms B19 &amp; B20</i> 3550 Mormon Coulee Rd., La Crosse, WI 54601</p>
<p><b>March 8, 2016</b>.....</p> <p><b>Northeast Region</b> <i>Northern US 41/US 141/STH 172</i></p>	<p><b>9:00 AM – 12:00 PM</b> Brown County Project Office <i>Duck Creek Room</i> 1940 W. Mason St., Green Bay, WI 54303</p>
<p><b>March 10, 2016</b>.....</p> <p><b>Southeast Region</b> <i>Milwaukee</i></p>	<p><b>9:00 AM – 12:00 PM</b> WisDOT Statewide Traffic Operations Center (STOC) 433 W. St. Paul Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53203</p>
<p><b>April 6, 2016</b>.....</p> <p><b>Southwest Region</b> <i>Lake Delton</i></p>	<p><b>9:00 AM – 12:00 PM</b> Lake Delton Fire and EMS Facility 45 Miller Drive, Lake Delton, WI</p>
<p><b>April 7, 2016</b>.....</p> <p><b>Northwest Region</b> <i>Eau Claire</i></p>	<p><b>9:00 AM – 12:00 PM</b> Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office 710 Second Avenue, Eau Claire, WI 54307</p>
<p><b>April 7, 2016</b>.....</p> <p><b>Northwest Region</b> <i>Spooner</i></p>	<p><b>5:30 PM – 8:30 PM</b> DNR Service Center 810 W. Maple Street, Spooner WI 54801</p>
<p><b>April 20, 2016</b>.....</p> <p><b>Northeast Region</b> <i>Southern US 41/STH 441</i></p>	<p><b>9:00 AM – 12:00 PM</b> WIS 441 Tri-County Construction Project Office W6214 Aerotech Drive, Appleton, WI 54914</p>
<p><b>April 28, 2016</b>.....</p> <p><b>Southwest Region</b> <i>Edgerton</i></p>	<p><b>6:00 PM – 8:30 PM</b> WisDOT SW Region I-39/I-90 Project Office 111 Interstate Blvd., Edgerton, WI 53534</p>
<p><b>May 11, 2016</b>.....</p> <p><b>North Central Region</b> <i>Wautoma</i></p>	<p><b>6:00 PM – 8:30 PM</b> Waushara County Courthouse 209 S. Saint Marie Street, Wautoma, WI 54982</p>

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<p><b>May 12, 2016</b>.....</p> <p><b>North Central Region</b></p> <p><i>Tomahawk</i></p>	<p><b>6:00 PM – 8:30 PM</b></p> <p>WI DNR</p> <p>LeMay Forestry Center</p> <p>518 W. Somo Ave., Tomahawk, WI 54487</p>
<p><b>May 24, 2016</b>.....</p> <p><b>Southwest Region</b></p> <p><i>Madison</i></p>	<p><b>9:00 AM – 12:00 PM</b></p> <p>WisDOT SW Region Madison Office</p> <p><i>Rock / Dane Rooms</i></p> <p>2101 Wright Street, Madison, WI 53704</p>
<p><b>May 26, 2016</b>.....</p> <p><b>Southeast Region</b></p> <p><i>Milwaukee</i></p>	<p><b>9:00 AM – 12:00 PM</b></p> <p>WisDOT Statewide Traffic Operations Center (STOC)</p> <p>433 W. St. Paul Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53203</p>
<p><b>September 8, 2016</b>.....</p> <p><b>Southeast Region</b></p> <p><i>Milwaukee</i></p>	<p><b>9:00 AM – 12:00 PM</b></p> <p>WisDOT Statewide Traffic Operations Center (STOC)</p> <p>433 W. St. Paul Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53203</p>
<p><b>October 5, 2016</b>.....</p> <p><b>Northwest Region</b></p> <p><i>Superior</i></p>	<p><b>9:00 AM – 12:00 PM</b></p> <p>Superior WisDOT Office</p> <p>1701 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Superior, WI</p>
<p><b>October 6, 2016</b>.....</p> <p><b>Northwest Region</b></p> <p><i>Eau Claire</i></p>	<p><b>9:00 AM – 12:00 PM</b></p> <p>Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office</p> <p>710 Second Avenue, Eau Claire, WI 54307</p>
<p><b>October 11, 2016</b>.....</p> <p><b>Northeast Region</b></p> <p><i>Northern US 41/US 141/STH 172</i></p>	<p><b>9:00 AM – 12:00 PM</b></p> <p>Brown County Project Office</p> <p><i>Duck Creek Room</i></p> <p>1940 W. Mason St., Green Bay, WI 54303</p>
<p><b>October 13, 2016</b>.....</p> <p><b>North Central Region</b></p> <p><i>Wausau</i></p>	<p><b>9:00 AM – 12:00 PM</b></p> <p>Northcentral Technical College</p> <p>1000 W. Campus Drive, Wausau, WI 54401</p>
<p><b>October 13, 2016</b>.....</p> <p><b>North Central Region</b></p> <p><i>Rhineland</i></p>	<p><b>6:00 PM – 8:30 PM</b></p> <p>Oneida County Sheriff's Office</p> <p>2000 E. Winnebago Street, Rhineland, WI</p>



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<p><b>October 19, 2016</b>.....</p> <p><b>Northeast Region</b></p> <p><i>Southern US 41/STH 441</i></p>	<p><b>9:00 AM – 12:00 PM</b></p> <p>WIS 441 Tri-County Construction Project Office W6214 Aerotech Drive, Appleton, WI 54914</p>
<p><b>October 26, 2016</b>.....</p> <p><b>Southwest Region</b></p> <p><i>Edgerton</i></p>	<p><b>9:00 AM – 12:00 PM</b></p> <p>WisDOT SW Region I-39/I-90 Project Office 111 Interstate Blvd., Edgerton, WI 53534</p>
<p><b>November 2, 2016</b>.....</p> <p><b>Southwest Region</b></p> <p><i>De Forest</i></p>	<p><b>9:00 AM – 12:00 PM</b></p> <p>WI State Patrol – De Forest Post 911 W. North Street, De Forest, WI 53532</p>
<p><b>November 10, 2016</b>.....</p> <p><b>Southwest Region</b></p> <p><i>La Crosse</i></p>	<p><b>9:00 AM – 12:00 PM</b></p> <p>WisDOT SW Region Office <i>Conference Rooms B19 &amp; B20</i> 3550 Mormon Coulee Rd., La Crosse, WI 54601</p>
<p><b>November 16, 2016</b>.....</p> <p><b>Northeast Region</b></p> <p><i>I-43 &amp; Lakeshore Counties</i></p>	<p><b>9:00 AM – 12:00 PM</b></p> <p>Manitowoc County Sheriff's Department 1025 South 9th Street, Manitowoc, WI 54220</p>
<p><b>December 1, 2016</b> .....</p> <p><b>Southeast Region</b></p> <p><i>Milwaukee</i></p>	<p><b>9:00 AM – 12:00 PM</b></p> <p>WisDOT Statewide Traffic Operations Center (STOC) 433 W. St. Paul Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53203</p>