



The Wisconsin Responder

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CRASH RESPONDER SAFETY WEEK

Safety Starts With You – Slow Down and Move Over!

Preliminary Retrospective

- CRSW events across the nation
- In Wisconsin alone 25 County and 20 Mayoral Proclamations
- Changeable message signs
- Press releases and much more
- NOCoE social media engagements increased – LinkedIn (125%) and X (52%)

Share your retrospective

<https://aemdatasci.wufoo.com/forms/p1uvrlwg03z6pmb>

27 State Governors Issued a CRSW Proclamation in 2025



**2025 Crash
Responder
Safety Week
success!**

Mike's Minute



MICHAEL JUNGBLUTH
ETO/TIME Program Manager

Happy New Year from the ETO/TIME team!

2025 was an extremely successful year on several fronts! Our accomplishments cannot be celebrated without recognizing the hard work of all our volunteer instructors and the support from our 21 members of the TIME Coalition and WisDOT - Bureau of Traffic Operations. With everyone's continued support, we look forward to a prosperous 2026. Let me take this opportunity to share some of our program's high points and how we are recognized on a national level.

- Received national recognition by FHWA and National Operations Center of Excellence (NOCoE) for CRSW initiatives.
- Attained national goal of 65 percent of first responders trained. As of Dec. 31, we are at 65.4 percent and have set a new goal of 70 percent of first responders trained by the end of 2026.
- Supported 32 TIM courses at local first responder agencies for 813 students, while supporting 22 Wisconsin law enforcement academies that conducted more than 40 recruit classes that included TIM training for approximately 394 students.
- Conducted 10 virtual/hybrid regional TIME meetings attended by 660 first responders statewide.
- Expanded TIME Coalition by adding four new organizations: American Automobile Association, Cities and Villages Mutual Insurance Company, Wisconsin Traffic Safety Officer's Association and Canadian National Railroad Police.
- Recognized by FHWA as one of the top 10 TIM organizations in the country, based on 2025 TIM Self-Assessment.

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

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Emergency Operations Review & Discussion

By: Ben Kamps, Statewide TIM Engineer



Each spring and fall, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) Division of Transportation System Development (DTSD) hosts virtual discussions of emergency transportation operations within each region. The purpose of these discussions is to identify risks and hazards and reveal organizational strengths and weaknesses during emergency events. Participants discuss and evaluate emergency operations response on WisDOT transportation facilities. Plans, policies, procedures and resources for each attending agency are discussed to understand responses during identified emergency events.

The fall 2025 discussions were tailored around a statewide snow event that created transportation emergencies throughout the state. Heavy snowstorms, combined with low salt supplies and bitter cold temperatures, set the stage for discussion. A cyber-security event was injected to identify resources that could be used to facilitate response if communications systems went down or were compromised.

Overall, the 2025 discussions saw the highest attendance since 2020, with 622 participants, averaging about 62 participants per discussion in each region. Attendance and participation of all emergency agencies that respond to events on the state highway system is encouraged. For information about upcoming discussions in your region, please reach out to the ETO Program.

New TIME Coalition Member

The Wisconsin Traffic Safety Officer's Association was established in 1987 with the purpose and mission of the organization to promote traffic safety, enforcement, education and investigation, throughout the State of Wisconsin.



Members in this association are individuals working with, or retired in good standing from a government agency whose duties are functioning in their community as a Traffic/Safety Officer, Traffic Law Enforcement Educator, Traffic Enforcement Officer, Traffic Investigator, and to persons who support the functions of the above. Members also include staff of Law Enforcement Training Academies and Schools, and their instructors.

The TIME Coalition welcomes our newest member and looks forward to our partnership.

Release of New TIM Modules



Well we waited long enough and are moving forward with the latest FHWA modules that are currently available—Version 4.0. We are not sure when version 4.1 modules will be released, so we will move forward with the core and rural FHWA modules that were last updated in August 2024. Our workgroup is currently working on adding Wisconsin-specific content (slides) into these modules. Once completed, we will be providing short virtual training sessions for all instructors and provide them a link to download the new modules.

- Lesson 1: Introduction
- Lesson 2: TIM Laws, Standards and Terminology
- Lesson 3: Communication and Command
- Lesson 4: Vehicle Positioning
- Lesson 5: Scene Safety
- Lesson 6: Traffic Management
- Lesson 7: Scene Hazards and Other Conditions
- Lesson 8: Clearance and Termination
- Focus Lesson: Rural TIM

Look for training invitations in February 2026!

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

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

NCR Counties

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

NER Counties

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

SWR Counties

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

SER Counties

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

Northwest Region: April 22 from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

North Central Region: April 23 from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Northeast Region: April 28 from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Southwest Region: April 29 from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Southeast Region: April 29 from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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SPECIAL EVENTS and CONFERENCES

January

Human Trafficking Awareness Month
 National Passenger Safety Week (1/19-1/23)
 WI EMS Association Conference (1/21-1/24)

February

WI EMS Association Conference (2/3-2/7)
 WI Police Leadership Foundation Conference (2/8-2/11)
 WI Sheriffs & Deputy Sheriffs Association Conference (2/8-2/11)
 Flood Safety Awareness Week (TBD)

March

WI State Firefighters Association Conference (TBD)

April

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

May

WIPSCOM Conference (5/11-5/14)
 Emergency Medical Services Week (5/17-5/23)

June

WI County Highway Association Conference (6/8-6/10)
 WI Towing Association Conference (6/20-6/22)
 WI State Fire Chief's Association Conference (6/25)



TIM training



This **free** 4-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
 65.4% trained as of January 2026