



Traffic Incident Management

Scene Safety Survey

The Institute of Transportation Engineers Committee on Traffic Incident Management is aware of the public safety community's growing concern with scene safety and responder safety on highway incidents. A task force has been formed to develop an outreach program with emergency response agencies to identify your issues and concerns with response to highway incidents and look for opportunities for the TIM Committee to support public safety responders on highway incidents. This survey is the first step in an ongoing effort to identify current safety concerns and opportunities to enhance the safety of all incident responders. Your experience and observation provide a solid base to initiate this discussion. Thank you in advance for your participation and information.

1. What services does your agency provide on highway incidents? (Check all that apply)
 - Emergency medical care
 - Emergency medical transport
 - Law enforcement/investigation
 - Extrication
 - Fire suppression
 - Hazardous material containment
 - Traffic control
 - Towing and recovery
 - Other _____

2. What are your agency's current safety concerns with highway incident response? (Check all that apply)
 - Exposure of responders en route
 - Exposure of responders on scene
 - Communication and interoperability limitations
 - High speed vehicles passing the scene
 - Emergency access to/from the scene
 - Traffic control
 - Visibility of responders and response vehicles
 - Other _____

3. What other concerns does your agency have with highway incident response? (Check all that apply)
 - Availability of resources
 - Cost of responses
 - Coordination and interoperability with other response agencies
 - Other _____

4. Which of the following on scene practices does your agency have standard protocols or procedures for? (Check all that apply)
 - On scene use of emergency lights
 - Traffic control
 - Lane or road closure
 - Protocol to notify highway operator/manager of closure (e.g. State DOT)
 - Other _____

5. What information would be most helpful to your agency en route and on scene of a highway incident? (Check all that apply)
 - Direction of travel of involved vehicles
 - Closest interchange or designated emergency access
 - Resource needs
 - Resources available
 - Other _____

6. Are you familiar with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD)?

- Yes
- No

If yes, does your agency follow the traffic control principles provided by the (MUTCD)?

- Yes
- No

7. In which of the following areas do highway departments seem to need more information or awareness? (Check all that apply)

- ICS or the Incident Management System
- Radio communications protocols and techniques
- Emergency traffic control tactics
- Hazmat procedures
- Other _____

8. What areas of training would your agency be most interested in? (Check all that apply)

- Traffic safety
- Traffic control
- Apparatus positioning
- Lane or road closure procedures
- On scene use of emergency lights
- Other _____

9. What are your most significant safety concerns with communication? (Check all that apply)

- Inability to communicate with other agencies on scene
- Limited center to center communications
- Failure to implement unified command on multi-agency scene
- Limited on-going coordination between response agencies
- Other _____

10. Please expand on any of your responses above as you feel appropriate:

11. On the back of this sheet or on a separate sheet, please give an example of your most significant concern(s) by sharing an experience your agency has had during a highway incident response.

12. Please provide the following information?

Name of Your Organization: _____
 Your Name: _____ Title: _____
 Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Thank you for your time and participation!

Please return this survey to:
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