

# Traffic Incident Management (TIMs) Training Announcement

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**Challenge:** Effective traffic incident clearance is an important means of improving safety and reducing congestion delays. A national, multidisciplinary training curriculum is needed to help ensure a well-coordinated response to traffic incidents that achieves faster clearance and improved safety for both responders and motorists.

**Solution:** On training dates listed below, the Vermont Agency of Transportation and the Vermont State Police will be hosting an Incident Management Responder Training for road crews, law enforcement, firefighters, towing & wrecker operators, medical personnel and other emergency responders together to engage in various interactive, hands-on incident resolution exercises.



### Traffic Incidents...

...jeopardize the safety of motorists and responders

Every minute a lane is blocked, creates 4 extra minutes of delay. Every minute you're stuck in traffic increases your risk of being rear-ended.



...are a leading cause of unexpected highway congestion

...are costly

- Americans burn more than **2.8 billion** gallons every year stuck in incident-related traffic.<sup>1</sup>
- Commuters lose nearly a **full workweek (36 hours)** sitting in traffic congestion each year.<sup>2</sup>
- Costs associated with traffic incidents due to medical bills and lost wages have jumped **85% in only four years.**<sup>3</sup>

Traffic incidents are the **#1 cause** of death of EMS responders.<sup>4</sup>



Traffic incidents create unsafe situations, put lives at risk, and cause delays.

### Know your role:

- 1** Move your car to a safe place – out of the travel lanes – if you are involved in an incident, and there are no injuries.
- 2** When you see flashing lights ahead of you, you need to **slow down and/or move over.** You can be ticketed for failing to do this!
- 3** Help keep your loved ones safe and avoid a ticket. Tell your friends and family about these laws.

### Traffic Incident Management



Traffic Incident Management responders work together to clear incidents safely and quickly.

**But these heroes of the highway can't do it alone.** They need our help. Please do your part to help keep everyone safe and moving on our roadways.

Sources:

<sup>1</sup> U.S. DOT Strategic Plan FY 2010 – FY 2015, April 15, 2010.

<sup>2</sup> U.S. DOT Strategic Plan FY 2010 – FY 2015, April 15, 2010.

<sup>3</sup> Cambridge Systematics, Inc. 2011. Crashes vs. Congestion: What's the Cost to Society? Bethesda, Md: AAA Foundation.

<sup>4</sup> Maguire B, Hunting K, Smith G, Levick N. (2002). Occupational fatalities in emergency medical services: a hidden crisis. Ann Emerg Med 40: 629.

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## **See below for Location/Time.**

**When:** August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016

**Where:** Granville Fire Department, Granville, VT.

**Time:** 6:30PM – 10:30PM

**Instructors:** Paul Feeney & Gary Coogler

**When:** August 30, 2016

**Where:** West Weathersfield Volunteer Fire Department, Weathersfield, VT

**Time:** 5:30PM – 10:30PM

**Instructors:** Mike Marshall, Trooper James Vooris, and Corporal Mike Sorensen

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**Instructors:**

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**Instructors:**



*Vermont EMS/Law Enforcement/ Tow drives/Transportation professional working together to save lives.*

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