

Coordinated Training Program Builds Stronger Responder Corps for Safer Incident Recovery

Unified “team” approach allows the roads to be cleared faster

Three injury crashes occur every minute in the United States, putting nearly 39,000 incident responders potentially in harm’s way every day. Congestion from these incidents often generates secondary crashes, further increasing traveler delay and frustration. The longer incident responders remain at the scene, the greater the risk they, and the traveling public, face. Minimizing the time and resources required for incident clearance is essential to meeting our goals for safety and reliability.

A cadre of well-trained responders can more quickly reduce the time it takes to clear accidents, offering the benefits of reduced congestion and lost travel time for travelers, as well as the potential to better protect our incident responders.

*A variety of new training options to advance
National Traffic Incident Management*

The Solution

A new coordinated, multi-disciplinary training program developed through the second Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP2) is now available for all emergency responders and those supporting Traffic Incident Management operations. The training **puts police, firefighters, state and local departments of transportation, towing, medical personnel, and other incident responders on the same page, leading to a safer, faster, integrated responder team.**

How can you learn more?

Training classes are forming now. For more information on the program and how to enroll, contact James Austrich at FHWA, James.Austrich@dot.gov; or Kevin Sanders at AASHTO, ksanders@ashto.org

Integrated Responder Teams Can Cut Response Times and Clear Incidents from the Roadway Faster

FOCUS AREA: Reliability (L12)

Coordinated, multi-disciplinary training program delivered through interactive seminars, tabletop role-play, and field practicum. Available in several modules for ease-of-use.

Save Lives

- Faster incident response and clearance times result in fewer secondary crashes.
- Training results in less exposure of responder team to moving traffic during recovery.



Save Money

- Less congestion leads to fewer freight and traveler delays in backups.
- Fewer secondary crashes save on insurance claims.
- Faster cleanups lead to cost savings for incident personnel.



Save Time

- Smarter response techniques cut congestion clearance time, decreasing delays.

