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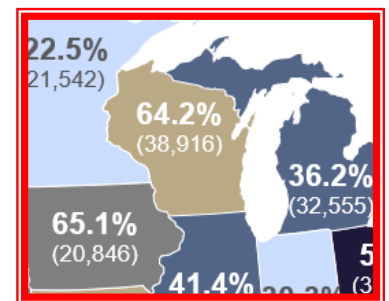


MICHAEL JUNGBLUTH
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Greetings from the ETO/TIME team!

As we head into 2025, we are celebrating the 30th year anniversary of traffic incident management in Wisconsin. Our successes can only be attributed to all those that have supported this program over the years.

So far this year, we have completed or scheduled "24" TIM classes and are closely approaching our goal of 65 percent of first responders trained by the end of 2025. As always, we want to thank our volunteer instructors and all those first responder agencies that have sponsored a traffic incident management course.



As a reminder, the Regional TIME meetings will be starting at the end of the month. The ETO/TIME team and WisDOT region staff encourage a member of your organization to attend your respective meeting. In addition, we have partnered with the Governor's Conference on Highway Safety by offering a TIM Train-the-Trainer course, as part of the pre-conference training. Please take this opportunity to become one of our volunteer trainers.

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

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National Move Over Day

October 18, 2025

Crash Responder Safety Week

November 17-21, 2025

Look for future newsletters and emails with ways to participate in the events.

The RIMC

By: Ben Kamps, Statewide TIM Engineer



The TIME & ETO Program are debuting a short series introducing readers to the Traffic Incident Management Enhancement and Emergency Transportation Operations personnel within the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) Division of Transportation System Development (DTSD). This article will focus on the Regional Incident Management Coordinator (RIMC).

A RIMC is an on-call, 24/7 DTSD employee who responds to traffic incidents to assess and maintain infrastructure integrity, sustain a safe and efficient flow of traffic and provide on-scene support to first responders. A RIMC is typically an employee of the region maintenance or traffic departments.

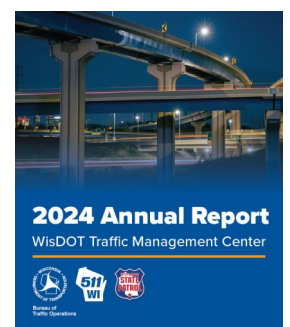
First responder agencies can work with a RIMC to help facilitate resources necessary when mitigating traffic incident complications. Whether barricades and signage from county highway departments, safe and efficient detour routes, emergency contractor response or any other transportation system-related resource, a RIMC is the primary contact for DTSD when responding to an incident.

A RIMC is dispatched to a scene by the Traffic Management Center (TMC) operator. Once dispatched, the TMC will provide a RIMC with direct contact information to the first responder on-scene incident command. (As a reminder to all first responder agencies, please contact the TMC for any incident that is anticipated to have at least one state highway lane or ramp blocked for more than 30 minutes.)

For more information on the RIMC in your region or their role in incident response, please reach out to the TIME & ETO Program. A RIMC is always available and can be helpful during incident response operations.

Traffic Management Center (TMC) - 2024 Annual Report

The WisDOT Traffic Management Center issued its [2024 Annual Report](#). It is a visual and comprehensive report packed into seven pages. It is loaded with great information! The TMC is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and communicates regularly with first responders, as well as media outlets and construction project managers.





Cable Guard: To Cut or NOT to Cut is the Question

Fatalities or severe injuries often result when a vehicle crosses the median into the opposing traffic lanes. High-tension cable barriers act like a net when a vehicle strikes them. The cables are designed to detach from the posts and absorb the energy of the vehicle. The vehicle is slowed and redirected to prevent a potential cross-median crash. All WisDOT regions employ the use of cable guards.

Cutting WisDOT cable barriers can be dangerous due to the potential for cable whip and unexpected tension on the cables and posts. If a vehicle strikes the barrier, the cables can become entangled and create a hazardous situation if not properly managed. The cables and posts of a cable barrier are designed to absorb impact and redirect vehicles. Cutting a cable, especially if it's under tension, can release that force suddenly, causing the cable to whip or snap unexpectedly.

If a life saving effort is required and cutting the cable is required, your best resource is your respective county highway department. An [instructional video](#) from Minnesota DOT will give you some insight into the dangers of cutting cable guard.

Train-the-Trainer Courses

WisDOT's TIME program is once again looking for new TIM instructors. Do you believe the proper application of TIM principles at an incident scene makes 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 would like you to join its growing group of instructors.



The requirements for becoming and remaining a TIME program instructor are:

- 1) You must attend the eight-hour FHWA "Train-the-Trainer" instructor program.
- 2) You are asked to teach at least one four-hour responder class annually (to remain current with the material).

All TIM instructors are 100-percent volunteers. The program does not have any funds available to compensate instructors for their time or travel. They're passionate about incident scene safety and want to share their knowledge and experience with fellow responders. We try to have two instructors from different disciplines at each four-hour class, with one having the discipline from the requesting agency.





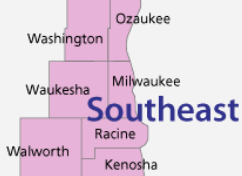
We will have three **free** Train-the-Trainer courses on the following dates:

- **May 17** from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the St. Croix County Highway Department, 300 Oak Ridge Pkwy, Baldwin, WI 54002. Please submit an [application](#) to attend the training by *May 5*.
- **August 18** from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Kalahari, 1305 Kalahari Dr., Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965. This is the day prior to the start of the Governor's Conference on Highway Safety. Please submit an [application](#) to attend the training by *July 1*.
- **October 25** from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Oconto County Office of Emergency Management, 301 Washington St., Oconto, WI 54153. Please submit an [application](#) to attend the training by *October 13*.

Lunch will be provided at all classes. Teaching materials including the new 2025 FHWA TIM modules will be provided. Please consider becoming a TIM instructor. It can be very rewarding!

2025 Spring Regional TIME Meeting Schedule

Construction Projects * Review of Traffic Crashes * Specialized Training Topics

				
NWR Counties	NCR Counties	NER Counties	SWR Counties	SER Counties
Douglas, Bayfield, Ashland, Burnett, Washburn, Sawyer, Polk, Barron, Rusk, St. Croix, Dunn, Chippewa, Taylor, Pierce, Pepin, Eau Claire, Clark, Buffalo, Trempealeau, Jackson & Pierce	Iron, Vilas, Florence, Price, Oneida, Forest, Lincoln, Langlade, Marathon, Shawano, Menominee, Wood, Portage, Waupaca, Adams, Waushara, Marquette & Green Lake	Marinette, Oconto, Door, Outagamie, Brown, Kewaunee, Winnebago, Calumet, Manitowoc, Sheboygan & Fond du Lac	La Crosse, Monroe, Juneau, Vernon, Sauk, Columbia, Dodge, Crawford, Richland, Grant, Iowa, Dane, Jefferson, Lafayette, Green & Rock	Washington, Ozaukee, Waukesha, Milwaukee, Walworth, Racine & Kenosha
Northwest Region: April 22, 2025 from 1 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.				
Southeast Region: April 24, 2025 from 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.				
Northeast Region: April 29, 2025 from 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.				
Southwest Region: April 29, 2025 from 1 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.				
North Central Region: April 30, 2025 from 1 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.				

If you are unable to attend the meeting in your region, please feel free to join another region's TIME meeting. We look forward to your participation!

SPECIAL EVENTS AND CONFERENCES



April 2025

Distracted Driving Awareness Month
 National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week (4/13-4/19)
 National Work Zone Awareness Week (4/21-4/25)
 APWA Wisconsin Chapter Conference (4/30-5/2)

May 2025

WIPSCOM Conference (5/11-5/14)
 Emergency Medical Services Week (5/18-5/24)

June 2025

National Safety Month
 Wisconsin County Highway Association Conference (6/2-6/4)
 Rail Safety Week (6/16-6/22)
 Wisconsin State Fire Chief's Association Conference (6/19-6/21)
 Wisconsin Towing Association Conference (6/20-6/22)

July 2025

No events or conferences

August 2025

Wisconsin Chiefs of Police Conference (8/10-8/13)
 Governor's Conference on Highway Safety (8/19-8/20)
 Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over National Mobilization (8/15-9/1)

September 2025

National Preparedness Month
 Towing Industry Awareness Week (9/8-9/12)
 Child Passenger Safety Week (9/21-9/27)
 Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Conference (9/25-9/27)

October 2025

Wisconsin Towns Association Conference (10/12-10/14)
 National Move Over Day (10/18)

November 2025

World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims (11/16)
 Crash Responder Safety Week (11/17-11/21)
 Winter Weather Awareness Week (11/17-11/21)

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