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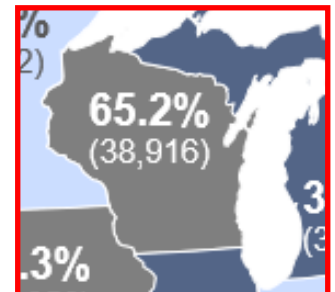
MICHAEL JUNGBLUTH
ETO/TIME Program Manager

Greetings from the ETO/TIME team!

We hope you are having a safe and enjoyable summer! The TIME program is proud to announce that we have reached the national goal of 65 percent of first responders trained. We couldn't accomplish this goal without our partnership with our volunteer instructors and the organizations that sponsor these classes. According to FHWA, the Wisconsin TIME program is ranked #5 nationally, as far as TIM classes performed since 2014. We have set a new goal of 70 percent of first responders trained by the end of 2026. Again, your assistance is greatly appreciated!

Planning has begun for Crash Responder Safety Week (CRSW). This year we are planning to pursue proclamations from all 72 counties in addition to the largest 25 communities by population. Our intention is to spread the work across the state in support of our first responders. In 2024, we led the nation in proclamations supporting CRSW—recognition we intend to build upon in 2025!

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



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New Traffic Analysis and Safety Unit Supervisor



Greetings! My name is Vicki Haskell, and I am the new supervisor for the Traffic Analysis and Safety Unit (TASU) within the Bureau of Traffic Operations at WisDOT. The TASU includes the ETO/TIME programs along with the Safety, Speed Management, and Traffic Analysis and Modeling program areas. Although new to the ETO/TIME programs, I have been working in the transportation engineering field for more than 26 years (more than half of which is at WisDOT), with much of my time spent dealing with traffic analysis and speed management.

A couple of initiatives the ETO/TIME programs plan to focus on this year include training WisDOT staff on our emergency transportation operations response protocols and reviewing our emergency evacuation routes. I am excited to be part of the ETO/TIME team as we work toward these and other initiatives to help promote the safety of our first responders and the traveling public.

Free Aircraft Accident Safety Training for First Responders – Southeast Region

Hands-on training with various aircraft types. Aircraft experts available for questions.



Aug. 7, 2025 from 1-3 PM

Waukesha County Regional Airport
Waukesha County Airport Gold Hangar, Gate 5
505 Bluemound Road, Waukesha, WI 53188



Please access the airport through gate 5. There will be a staff member posted at the gate for easy access and directions where to park. Please see the map of the location and gate 5 access point (circled).

Handouts and webinar: <https://wisdot.box.com/v/firstresponder>

There will be additional training opportunities later this year in Janesville and Green Bay.

Any questions, please contact Jurg.Grossenbacher@faa.gov or Levi.Eastlick@dot.wi.gov.



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Rural Road Safety Awareness Week—July 14-18

Rural Road Safety Awareness Week (RRSAW) is July 14-18 and it's all about clutching [post-crash care](#) for a big-league safety win.

Post-crash care improves the chances of surviving a crash by expediting access to medical care. It also prioritizes site safety and secondary crash prevention. The 2025 RRSAW awareness campaign's overall theme is, "Post Crash Care: Big League Safety."

"Post-crash care is the home run—the final safety net—in the [Safe System Approach](#)," said Jaime Sullivan, director of the National Center for Rural Road Safety. "It is especially critical in rural and Tribal communities, where jurisdictions are larger and first responder response times are longer, and emergency medical services (EMS) resources are usually limited."

This year's campaign takes on a baseball theme to encourage everyone to join the big-league safety team. Here are the daily themes:

- **Monday:** Hit a Grand Slam: Post-Crash Care on Rural Roads
- **Tuesday:** Assemble Your Dream Team: The Post-Crash Lineup
- **Wednesday:** Be a Pinch Hitter: Stop the Bleed, Save Lives
- **Thursday:** Change the Game: Extra Innings With Whole Blood
- **Friday:** Come in Clutch: Relief Pitching for First Responders



The campaign will use the hashtag #RRSAW2025.

Train-the-Trainer Courses

WisDOT's TIME program is always 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 two **free** train-the-trainer courses on the following dates:

- **Aug. 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 15*.
- **Oct. 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 *Oct. 13*.

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

Mark your calendars!



National Move Over Day—Oct. 18, 2025
Crash Responder Safety Week—Nov. 17-21, 2025



The Regional Duty Officer

By: Ben Kamps, Statewide TIM Engineer

The ETO and TIME programs continue our series introducing Traffic Incident Management 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 Duty Officer (RDO).

An RDO is an on-call, 24/7 DTSD Region Director or Section Chief who provides supervisory support and guidance for the Regional Incident Management Coordinator (RIMC); performs as DTSD on-call management for the region; provides situational awareness to upper management in the region, bureaus and executive offices; and has authority in obtaining additional resources to manage an incident or escalate an incident to an emergency event.





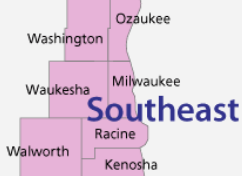
When an RDO becomes involved with an incident beyond routine RIMC guidance, it is usually due to an escalation in the severity or a real impact of the event. An RDO has authority to provide resources that mitigate emergency impacts including contractor authorization without competitive bid, deployment of county highway department resources or closure of an affected section of highway or bridge.

An RDO becomes involved in an incident through communication with the RIMC. RIMCs will remain the point of contact for first responder agencies and communicate directly with the RDO as resource requests arise. As a reminder to all first responder agencies, agencies are requested to 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 RDO in your region or their role in incident response, please reach out to the ETO and TIME programs. An RDO's authority to deploy region resources during incident response operations can be very beneficial to first responder safety and efficiency.

2025 Fall 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, 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
Southeast Region: Nov. 17, 2025 from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.				
Northeast Region: Nov. 18, 2025 from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.				
Southwest Region: Nov. 19, 2025 from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.				
North Central Region: Nov. 19, 2025 from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.				
Northwest Region: Nov. 20, 2025 from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 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



July 2025

Rural Road Safety Awareness Week (7/14-7/18)

August 2025

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

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)

December 2025

Impaired Driving Prevention Month
Older Driver Safety Awareness Week (12/1-12/5)
Snowplow Driver Appreciation Day (12/2)

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