

# The Wisconsin Responder



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## New Statewide TIM Engineer



The ETO/TIME Team is excited to announce that Ben Kamps has joined BTO as our new Statewide Traffic Incident Management Engineer! Ben has been working in the Project Development Section in WisDOT's Northeast Region office and brings a diverse skillset to the position.

Ben lives in Crivitz and will be working out of the Northeast Region Office in Green Bay. He graduated from UW-Madison in 2006 and worked as an engineering consultant for six years in the Madison area. In 2011, he moved back to his hometown of Crivitz to take over a family business. He was the owner/operator until 2022 when he sold the business and got back into engineering.

Ben can be reached via email at [benjamin.kamps@dot.wi.gov](mailto:benjamin.kamps@dot.wi.gov) or at 920-492-4119. He is excited to work with everyone involved in moving the TIME/ETO Program forward. If you have any questions regarding trainings, technical resources or other program information, he is another contact to help get you pointed in the right direction.

## Crash Responder Safety Week—National Recognition

Our 2024 efforts to promote CRSW received national recognition during the National Operations Center of Excellence [Talking TIM](#) monthly webinar and during the CRSW kick-off webinar hosted by FHWA Office of Transportation Operations. Our approach to proclamations, November Law of the Month video and Lighting the Hoan were highlighted for a national audience!

As we have been supported by Governors proclamations dating back to 2016 (the inception of CRSW), our approach was to obtain mayoral proclamations from the top 25 communities by population and from the counties that had “county executives” to enhance our statewide awareness. Seventeen mayors and seven county executives committed to participate by issuing proclamations recognizing their communities’ first responders.

Our goal for 2025 is to get all 25 mayors and encourage all 72 counties to participate!

### CRSW 2024: Wisconsin Wins!

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION	PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	STATUS
Governor's Proclamation	Steve Thiesen/OPA	Completed
County Executive Proclamations	ETO/TIME Team	6 Counties/1 Considering
Mayor Proclamations (Top 25 Cities by Pop.)	ETO/TIME Team	16 Cities/2 Considering
Hoan Bridge Lighting	David Hunt/Mike Jungbluth/Erika Smith	Working on Schedule
DMS Messaging	Rachel Womack/Messaging Workgroup	In Process
First Responder Experiences	Chris Flores/ETOTIME Team	In Process
In-person media events	Steve Thiesen /OPA	TBD
First Responder (FR) Conference Promotion	ETO/TIME Team	14 FR Conferences Attended
The Wisconsin Responder Newsletter	ETO/TIME Team	Summer & Fall Editions
TIM Training during CRSW Timeframe	ETO/TIME Team	One class scheduled
Regional TIME Meeting Training Sessions	ETO/TIME Team	NCR & SER Scheduled
FHWA Self-Assessment	ETO/TIME Team	11/18 at CVMIC
RRSAW (7/15-7/19) "Life Between the Lines"	ETO/TIME Team/David Hunt/Chris Flores	Completed
WI State Fair/DSP Booth	DSP/Sgt. Wolfe	Completed
Move Over Slow Down Day (10/19/2024)	Ashley Mukasa/ETO/TIME Team	Ongoing Promotion
November Law of Month – MOSD/CRSW	WisDOT/DSP/Ashley Mukasa	In Process



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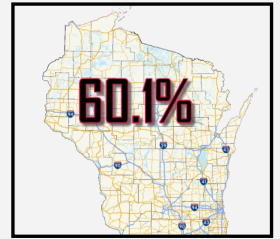
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## 2024 TIME Program Snapshot

**70** TIM responder courses including law enforcement recruit academies with **1,636** first responders trained



**60.1%** of Wisconsin's first responders trained as of 12/31/24



Mike's Minute



MICHAEL JUNGBLUTH  
ETO/TIME Program Manager

Hello from the ETO/TIME team!

We hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday season and is looking forward to a safe and productive 2025. I want to thank all of our first responder organizations and our volunteer instructors who sponsored or taught classes in 2024. As of December 31, we have exceeded the national goal of 60 percent of first responders trained. As we have met this goal, we are setting a new internal goal of 65 percent by the spring of 2026. Our success ranks our efforts in the top 10 in the country. Again, we can't thank you enough!!!

As we move into 2025, we continue to experience staff transition from losing experienced first responders to hiring new ones. We have seen an increase in requests to provide new staff with TIM training. Please look at your internal training schedules and consider scheduling a 4-hour TIM training. We have a very flexible approach to scheduling and more than 100 TIM instructors statewide to conduct this training.

Lastly, we are saddened to learn of the death of one of our towing and recovery first responders in a struck-by incident on Christmas Eve in Waukesha County. [Nationally](#), this fatality was the 46th and the last of 2024. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Hussain Farhat, Yaffo Towing and the towing and recovery communities in Wisconsin and Illinois.

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



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### GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE ON HIGHWAY SAFETY

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**August 19-20, 2025**

Business Meetings: August 18, 2025



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Kalahari  
Convention Center  
Wisconsin Dells, WI

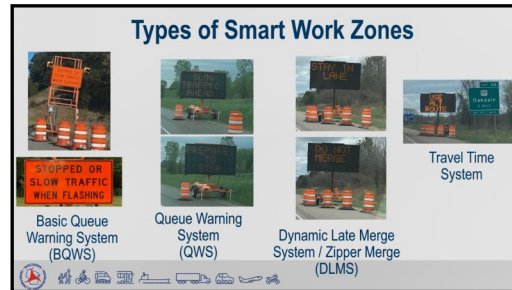
Guest appearance  
by former Green Bay  
Packer Donald Driver



## 2024 TIME Program Snapshot



**13** conferences attended  
reaching approximately  
**5,000** first responders



**10** virtual regional TIME meetings  
with **479** attendees



**2** TIM train-the-trainer  
classes with **29** new  
instructors taught

### Train-the-Trainer Courses

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation's (WisDOT) Traffic Incident Management Enhancement (TIME) program is once again looking for new Traffic Incident Management (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 in 2025. Spring and fall dates are yet to be determined.






- The spring class will be held on a Saturday in May in Douglas, Bayfield or Saint Croix County.
- The summer class will be held on August 18, from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Kalahari in Wisconsin Dells. This is the day prior to the start of the Governor's Conference on Highway Safety (GCHS). If you would like to attend the GCHS, please register using the QR code on page two of the newsletter.
- The fall class will be held on a Saturday in October in Door, Brown or Oconto County.

The TIME program will provide lunch during the spring and fall classes only. 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  
Calendar**

## 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 & Marion	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, Green & Rock	Washington, Ozaukee, Waukesha, Milwaukee, Walworth, Racine & Kenosha
Northwest Region: <b>April 22, 2025</b> from <b>1 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.</b>				
Southeast Region: <b>April 24, 2025</b> from <b>9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.</b>				
Northeast Region: <b>April 29, 2025</b> from <b>9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.</b>				
Southwest Region: <b>April 29, 2025</b> from <b>1 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.</b>				
North Central Region: <b>April 30, 2025</b> from <b>1 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.</b>				

The meeting agendas will be sent out a week in advance. 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



### January 2025

Human Trafficking Awareness Month  
National Passenger Safety Week (1/20-1/27)  
Wisconsin EMS Association Conference (1/21-1/24)

### February 2025

Wisconsin Police Leadership Foundation Conference (2/9-2/12)  
Wisconsin Sheriffs & Deputy Sheriffs Association Conference (2/9-2/12)  
Flood Safety Awareness Week (2/24-2/28)

### March 2025

Governor's Conference on Emergency Management & Homeland Security (3/10-3/12)  
Wisconsin State Firefighters Association Conference (3/6-3/8)

### April 2025

Severe Weather Awareness Week (4/7-4/11)  
Law Enforcement Training Officers' Association Conference (4/9-4/10)  
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)

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