

STATEWIDE TRAFFIC INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TRAIN-THE-TRAINER COURSES

The Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS) and Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) would like to extend an invitation to all first responders/public safety stakeholders to attend an upcoming Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Train the Trainer (TtT) session. Arizona public safety stakeholders continue to advance TIM training for all first responders, public safety professionals, public and private organizations who contribute to incident management throughout the state. Traffic Incident Management principles improve responder safety, safe, quick clearance and prompt reliable interoperable communications. The goal of clearing roadways and incidents more quickly reduces secondary collisions and improves public and responder safety. A statewide network of TIM trainers can support the statewide TIM Program with clear structure, defined responsibilities and agency approval.

A strong network of TIM trainers improves accountability and communication along with first responder and public safety. Agencies continuously analyze and improve strategies that will lead to effective and efficient use of resources improving transportation safety throughout Arizona. Local knowledge and professional relationships between public safety professionals will continue to expand TIM training strategies not currently achieved with a few active instructors responsible for statewide training efforts. Arizona's TIM initiatives include expanded participation from all public safety stakeholders including both instructors and participants. This is accomplished through co-discipline instruction and multi-discipline participants. This strategy addresses national challenges facing many public safety agencies TIM programs. A strong foundation reduces the impact of employee or leadership transitions including transfers, promotions and retirements. Developing a cadre of statewide instructors with advanced knowledge and experience in TIM improves continuity of operations leading to long term success.

Required Training for TIM Instructors:

The preferred trainer is an experienced instructor, knowledgeable, passionate and motivated to advance TIM initiatives. Instructors must have strong communication skills and a professional appearance when representing their agency to various stakeholder groups. The TIM Train the Trainer (TtT) class is a 1½ day class provided in state at no cost. Trainers receive a certificate to be retained by their agency or company records section. Trainers receive 4 hours of continuing training with AZ POST. Once trainers have completed the TtT course, they will have the ability to train others as appropriate using either:

- The 4-hour version – (most common)
- The ten-hour version in its entirety (classroom training plus the hands-on and outdoor activities)
- Single lessons/activities, one at a time

The Federal Highways Administration (FHWA) is providing two master instructors to teach three Train the Trainer (TtT) sessions in Arizona. If you are interested in becoming a TIM instructor, you are required to attend one TtT session in order to teach the TIM course to other public safety stakeholders. Current TIM instructors are not required to attend the TtT a second time but are welcome to do so if you have not taught classes recently and need a skills refresher. Please see the scheduled training sessions listed below and work through your agency if you plan to attend the upcoming training session closest to you. Attached, you will find a TIM TtT announcement with all three sessions listed. This document is a communications piece and may be used for other agencies interested in training TIM instructors. Please contact me if you need answers to any questions you may have, articulate program goals and instructor responsibilities.

Registration Information

You must use the following FHWA link to register for a TtT session. The link will require you fill in information which is crucial to preparing training materials and facilities for the upcoming TtT sessions. Once registered, you will receive a confirmation email with additional information.

<https://fhwatimtraining.wufoo.com/forms/national-tim-ttt-registration-arizona/>

Train the Trainer Sessions

Class #1 – Phoenix

Game and Fish Department
September 26-27, 2016 (Monday 8am to 5pm and Tuesday 8am to 12pm)
5000 West Carefree Highway
Phoenix, Arizona 85086

Class #2 – Flagstaff

Game and Fish Department
September 28-29, 2016 (Wednesday 8am to 5pm and Thursday 8am to 12pm)
3500 South Lake Mary Road
Flagstaff, AZ 86005
#928-214-1264

Class #3 – Tucson

Northwest Fire District Training Center
September 28-29, 2016 (Wednesday 8am to 5pm and Thursday 8am to 12pm)
5125 W Camino de Fuego
Tucson, AZ 85743
520-887-1010 ext 2001

Program Goals

- Provide TIM training to first responders in rural and metro areas
- Expand education and awareness efforts (motorists and transportation professionals)
- Improve accountability (scene management, policy and procedure compliance, standardize data tracking and performance measures)
- Identify challenges and develop solutions related to the transportation infrastructure, public safety stakeholders and training needs
- Reduce fatalities and serious injury collisions, secondary collisions and first responder involved secondary collisions
- Reduce congestion, pollution and economic impact related to crashes affecting transportation infrastructure
- Meet strategic plan goals, the state's Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) and AZTech TIM Coalition goals
- Reduce roadway and incident clearance times. Expanded TIM training will contribute to reduced roadway and incident clearance times with improved efficiency and coordination between public safety stakeholders.

Conclusion:

Working in and around traffic incidents is one of the greatest risk exposures and leading killers of first responders. Traffic stops, collisions, disabled motorists, debris, fires, medical emergencies, weather events, planned and unplanned events along with other calls for service cause responders to be in unpredictable traffic environments daily. Reducing secondary crashes improves responder safety among several other benefits including: Reduced calls for service; reduced congestion; improved relationships with TIM disciplines, better preparing us for all-hazard disasters, reduced pollution and reduced economic impact. Contact me with any questions as soon as possible. Thank you for your time, effort and experience as we continue advancing TIM training to all responders throughout Arizona. Your efforts will have a broad impact.

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