



EMS Focus Webinar FAQ: Traffic Incident Management

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IIJA/BIL & EMS Funding

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1. *Does the Office of EMS anticipate in the near future a similar BIL content that will include an established EMS Funding Category or Section with a set % of allocated funding to cover EMS and trauma registries management, training, equipment, and other programmatic activities?*

The IIJA/BIL is established for five years (FY2022-2026) and does not set-aside a percentage of allocated funding for EMS and trauma registries management, training, equipment, and other programmatic activities. DOT does not know if there will be a continuation of IIJHA/BIL beyond 2026 or a new bill similar to IIJA/BIL. We encourage our state and local EMS partners to start having informative conversations about post-crash care with their highway safety officials and getting more involved in the highway safety planning process to help ensure that ample funding is provided towards these efforts.

TIM Course

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2. *Will the TIM Train-the-Trainer (T-t-T) course eventually be CAPCE approved (just like the 4-Hour Basic TIM course is CAPCE approved)?*

Yes, as well as the TIM Instructor-Led Virtual Training 4-Hour Course and the TIM 1-Hour Refresher Course.

3. *Have any states had success in bringing local news media on ride-alongs to witness the struck-by hazards our TIM first responders encounter, followed by the media promoting TIM, Move-Over Laws, and encouraging TIM training and motorist awareness promotion efforts?*

While we do not have specific examples at this time, some states have been able to complete media ride-alongs during Crash Responder Safety Week. This may not always be able to take place due to department liabilities, but the message is something to be shared year-round, and we encourage more outreach efforts to get media involved when possible.

4. *Will the FHWA/TIM Program include in the state TIM training reports a standard tab that includes struck-by data (fatal, near-miss) incidents reported to the Emergency Responder Safety Institute?*

No.

5. *Any discussion about making this material a "requirement", at least for initial NREMT certification?*

NHTSA OEMS references the TIM courses in the National EMS Education Standards at all EMS clinician levels. For further information, please reach out to the NREMT.

6. *Are there opportunities for TIM train-the-trainer classes?*

Yes, contact FHWA.

7. *Why can't NHTSA, keeper/writer of the National DOT EMS Educational Curriculum, build TIM into EMT initial training?*

NHTSA OEMS references the TIM courses in the National EMS Education Standards at all EMS clinician levels.

8. *Is there a similar course for firefighters, and if so, how does it vary from this one for EMS personnel?*

The TIM course is for all first responders (firefighters, law enforcement, and EMS) and second responders (towing & recovery, highway safety patrols, etc.)

9. *What are the TIM program's specific measures of success and effectiveness? Are these measurements/surveillance efforts required of states that participate in the TIM program?*

The 3 *recommended* measures are: 1) roadway clearance (all lanes clear), 2) incident clearance (scene cleared), and 3) number of secondary crashes.

10. *EMS providers need to take multiple FEMA courses (HAZMAT & Incident Command) as prerequisites to EMT courses. Have you thought about putting the TIMs course on the FEMA site?*

NHTSA and FHWA will contact FEMA and the USFA to see if they will reference the TIM course and provide links to the course from their education sites.