



**EMS Focus Webinar FAQ:** Working Together for Safer Responses:  
Collaboration Strategies for EMS and Highway Safety Partners

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1. *Will Maine talk today about their Section 405 H funds and how they were used to support the HAAS Alert implementation?*

Maine did not rely on 405H funds for the HAAS Alert implementation. The program was funded through other sources.

2. *Has Maine hosted FHWA free Traffic Incident Management training?*

Yes, Maine has hosted multiple Traffic Incident Management trainings offered at no cost through FHWA and continues to promote TIM training opportunities across the state.

3. *How do you overcome "mode bias" in your analyses?*

I'm not familiar with the term "mode bias," but we strive to approach analyses objectively and consider all modes of transportation in our data review and decision-making processes.

4. *Are there other first responders using HAAS in other states?*

I'm not currently aware of any other states coordinating in the exact same way, but HAAS Alert continues to expand and collaborate with agencies nationwide.

5. *How did you begin conversations with your DOT about post-crash care?*

We started by identifying shared goals around roadway safety and highlighting how post-crash care improvements align with broader transportation safety initiatives.

6. *How did you determine what data to share with partners?*



We focused on actionable data that demonstrated trends, gaps and opportunities for improvement, ensuring it was relevant and meaningful for each partner.

7. *What challenges did you face when implementing these initiatives?*

Challenges included coordinating across agencies, aligning priorities and ensuring consistent communication among stakeholders.

8. *How long did it take to implement your program?*

Implementation timelines varied, but strong partnerships and clear planning helped move the process forward efficiently.

9. *Did you need legislative changes to support this work?*

In our case, legislative changes were not required, though policy alignment and leadership support were critical.

10. *How are you measuring success?*

We are measuring success through data analysis, response time improvements, enhanced communication between agencies and overall roadway safety outcomes.

11. *What advice would you give to agencies just starting this process?*

Start building relationships early, align goals across partners and clearly define roles and responsibilities from the beginning.

12. *How do you sustain engagement over time?*

Regular communication, data sharing and continued collaboration help sustain engagement and maintain momentum.

13. *Are rural areas facing different challenges than urban areas?*

Yes, rural areas often face longer response times and resource limitations, which require tailored approaches to post-crash care and coordination.

14. *What role does leadership play in advancing these efforts?*

Leadership support is essential to drive collaboration, secure resources and reinforce the importance of post-crash care initiatives.

15. *How do you approach cross-agency communication?*



We establish clear communication channels, hold regular meetings and ensure transparency in planning and implementation efforts.

16. *Did you encounter any data-sharing barriers?*

Data-sharing agreements and privacy considerations required careful planning, but open dialogue and clear agreements helped address these barriers.

17. *How do you prioritize initiatives when resources are limited?*

We prioritize based on data-driven needs, potential impact on safety outcomes and alignment with strategic goals.

18. *What partnerships were most critical to your success?*

Partnerships with DOT, EMS agencies, public safety stakeholders and data teams were key to advancing our initiatives.

19. *Are there funding opportunities agencies should explore?*

Agencies should explore federal grant opportunities, including highway safety funds and other roadway safety-related funding sources.

20. *Where can agencies find additional resources or guidance?*

Additional resources can be found through federal partners, professional associations and roadway safety organizations that provide guidance on post-crash care and traffic incident management.