



**GEORGIA OPEN ROADS POLICY: QUICK CLEARANCE FOR SAFETY AND MOBILITY**  
**ENDORSEMENT RESOLUTION**

**NORTHWEST GEORGIA FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION**



**WHEREAS**, the *Georgia Open Roads Policy*, signed in 2011 by the Georgia Department of Public Safety (DPS), the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT), and the Governor of Georgia is the policy that suggests a new benchmark and standard for traffic incident response on Georgia roadways; and

**WHEREAS**, the *Georgia Open Roads Policy* states, in pertinent part, that public safety remains the highest priority during a traffic incident and that public safety agencies and traffic incident responders shall re-open the roadway as soon as possible on an urgent basis; and

**WHEREAS**, GDOT and the Traffic Incident Management Enhancement (TIME) Task Force recently developed the *2011 Georgia Traffic Incident Management Guidelines* as the recommended state-of-practice for traffic incident response, management, and clearance for Georgia roadways, and that these Guidelines complement the *Georgia Open Roads Policy*.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Northwest Georgia Fire Chiefs Association agrees that clearing the travel portion of a roadway is a high priority and that roadways will not be closed or restricted any longer than is absolutely necessary; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Northwest Georgia Fire Chiefs Association will promote and advocate, where appropriate, the Quick Clearance principles and practices recommended by



the 2011 Georgia Traffic Incident Management Guidelines, before, during, and after a traffic incident; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Northwest Georgia Fire Chiefs Association is committed to participating in continuous collaboration with other state and local agencies concerning intra and inter-disciplinary matters relevant to traffic incident management and quick clearance, including but not limited to training, research, evaluation, and education; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Northwest Georgia Fire Chiefs Association hereby endorses and now becomes an Official Party to the Georgia Open Roads Policy.

**NORTHWEST GEORGIA FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION – BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Dwayne R. Jamison  
Division Chief Dwayne Jamison, NWGFCA President

Date: 3/27/12

Darrell Mitchell  
Chief Darrell Mitchell, NWGFCA First Vice President

Date: 3/27/12

Rob Tanner  
Captain Rob Tanner, NWGFCA Second Vice President

Date: 3/27/12

Gary McGhee  
Battalion Chief Gary McGhee, NWGFCA Secretary/Treasurer

Date: 3/27/12



**TIME TASK FORCE**

---

Emanuel Jackson, Chairman

**TIME TASK FORCE**

---

Captain Mark Hambert, Chairman