



Traffic Incident Management Enhancement (TIME) Task Force of Georgia

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Northwest Corridor Express Lanes Offer Relief

With the goal to bring relief to the congestion of the general-purpose lanes and give motorists options for a predictable commute on I-75 in Northwest Metro Atlanta, Governor Nathan Deal, GDOT Commissioner Russell McMurtry and other dignitaries recently cut the ribbon opening a new, quick commute option for motorists. Opened on September 8th, the Northwest Corridor Express Lanes offer 30 miles of new, reversible lanes stretching from Woodstock on I-575 to I-285 and Acworth on I-75 to I-285 with traffic flowing south in the morning and flowing north for evening commutes.

Over 50 agencies, and nearly 2,000 responders, participated in training to learn how to communicate, coordinate and cooperate to integrate quick clearance in these express lanes. Within the first week, motorists using the express lanes and those in the general-purpose lanes in this normally congested area enjoyed faster commutes and less time sitting in traffic.

Motorists wanting to use the new express lanes must have a PeachPass for their vehicle (including responder vehicles). To get your PeachPass, click on www.peachpass.com and sign up online.





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Take the TIME Challenge!

There are many challenges in traffic incident management. There are operational challenges with responders from different agencies trying to communicate and coordinate efficiently at an incident scene. There are institutional challenges involved with meshing the priorities of several jurisdictions and disciplines into a cohesive and sustainable quick clearance program. And then there are the technical challenges of clearing complex incident scenes - recovering, up-righting, extricating, controlling traffic, etc.

But never fear - the TIME Task Force of Georgia is here! TIME provides forums throughout the year for training, networking, sharing best practices, and generally learning how to overcome these challenges and more: TIM Team Meetings, Quarterly Meetings, Workshops, Classes, and last but certainly not least, our Annual Conference. With this in mind, the theme of the 2018 TIME Annual Conference is "Take the Time Challenge".

As the Ice Bucket Challenge has shown us, challenges don't always have to be difficult and unpleasant. Leading up to and throughout the 2018 TIME Annual Conference, we will issue various TIME Challenges, and encourage you to do the same. Take the TIME Challenge! is an educational and entertaining way for us to encourage, inspire, and yes, challenge ourselves and each other to do our part in improving traffic incident management in Georgia and making TIME the best program in the country.

Check out the TIME Facebook Page and be on the lookout for TIME Challenge video clips and send us clips of you own. Challenge another TIM Team for the most conference attendees. Challenge law enforcement to outnumber firefighters at the conference. Check out the Open Roads Policy webpage and challenge missing agencies in your area to become ORP Endorsers. Challenge someone to a Corn Hole Tournament or TIME Table Trivia showdown at the Conference.

TIME is up to the challenge! Are you?!? Come on, Georgia, Take the TIME Challenge!





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TIME 2019-2021 Committee Chair, Board Nominations

TIME is accepting nominations for its Committee Chair positions. Each Chair needs to be able to complete the following obligations:

- Participate as a member of the Board of Directors.
- Attend monthly Board of Director meetings and special meetings, as scheduled.
- Conduct initiatives to further the goals of the TIME Task Force.
- Attend TIME Quarterly Meetings.
- Assist with conference and meeting planning and production.
- Attend the TIME Annual Conference.
- Commit to a two-year term.



TIME offers participation through the following four Committee leadership positions:

Training Committee Chair — Coordinates types of training, supports new and existing trainers and sets calendar of classes offered by TIME for the year.

Operations Committee Chair — Supports regional and local TIM Team efforts statewide.

Programs Committee — Identifies event/facility locations, speakers, meeting topics, sponsors. Provides input on conference, exec, breakfast and retreat agenda.

Communications Committee — Coordinates Social Media outreach, TIME social events, quarterly meeting agendas/invitations and newsletters.

Additionally, TIME is seeking nominations for its Director of Law Enforcement position to fulfill a one-year term. This individual would be a full Board Member, responsible for representing the interests of the law enforcement community and serving as a liaison supporting TIM and quick clearance.

To supply a nomination, please send the name, title, agency/organization, phone number and email address for your nominee. Please also include a short (250-word) explanation of why this individual would be a great asset to TIME. Email all of this information to TIME at info@timetaskforce.com.

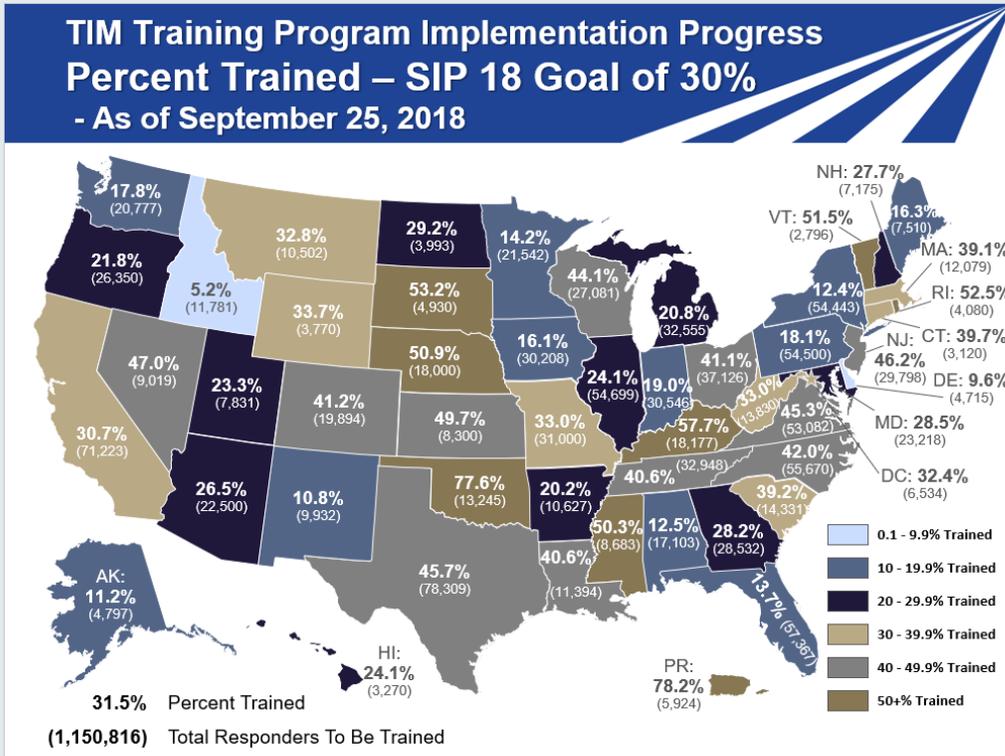


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Georgia's Current SHRP2 National TIM Training Outlook



In 2012 FHWA began rolling out the National TIM Responder Training Program to provide consistent and uniform training for all responders in order to achieve the three objectives of the National Unified Goal: (1) responder safety, (2) safe, quick clearance, and (3) prompt, reliable, interoperable communications. The endeavor began with a few national experts traveling around the country holding “Train-the-Trainer” sessions, from which several more trainers would be equipped to provide the training to others, either within their agencies or elsewhere. After a little

more than five years of training, more than 350,000 responders have been trained throughout the country – surpassing the national goal of 30% of the one million plus responders nationwide trained by the end of 2018. Among the states, twenty-eight have surpassed 30% trained. Oklahoma leads the way with 77% of responders trained.

Georgia currently ranks 31st among states, having trained 7442 (26.1%) of the roughly 28,000 responders from all disciplines statewide. Figure 1 shows the percentage of trainers trained in each state [insert graphic]. In Georgia, fire and rescue responders lead the way with having approximately 63% of their discipline trained, while a respectable 33% of towing and recovery responders have been trained. Among other disciplines, 18% of transportation responders, 16% of law enforcement responders, and 4% of emergency medical responders have been trained.

More than 300 responders in Georgia received the train-the-trainer instruction, equipping them to train other responders in proper incident scene management and safe, quick clearance of roads. If you attended a train-the-trainer session, you are encouraged to provide the training to as many responder personnel as possible, either within your agency or elsewhere. If training sessions go unreported, these statistics won't accurately represent Georgia's training activity. If you experience problems with submitting data to the national database, you can email the information to info@timetaskforce.com.