



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

**THOMSON-MCDUFFIE FIRE & EMS**



**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 Thomson-McDuffie Fire & EMS 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**, that Thomson-McDuffie Fire & EMS 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 Thomson-McDuffie Fire & EMS 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 Thomson-McDuffie Fire & EMS hereby endorses and now becomes an Official Party to the *Georgia Open Roads Policy*.

**THOMSON-MCDUFFIE FIRE & EMS**

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