



TRAFFIC INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TRAINING

Texas and the TIM Training Requirement



The Story

- TxDOT Commissioner gets stuck in traffic in Austin, TX April 2018
- See's the traffic queue is due to a minor crash that was not moved from travel lanes
- Passes this onto TxDOT Executive Director requesting an explanation
- TxDOT does not work crashes
- Commissioner contacts the Governor's Office
- Governor passes issue to the Director of the Department of Public Safety (DPS)
- DPS mandates TIM training for all troopers and host several TtT's for DPS Troopers and other LE agencies starting March of 2019

The Story (cont.)

- DPS reached to Statewide TIM Coordinator about the decision made by DPS to encourage other agencies to attend, and assist with training
- DPS approached Texas Commission On Law Enforcement (TCOLE) to get the TIM training as a requirement for academy training and in-service training (aka continuing education)
- TCOLE agreed to incorporate into Basic Peace Officer Course and TxDOT Statewide TIM Coordinator listed as POC for course information
- TxDOT TIM Coordinator responsible for TtT courses to certify instructors for academies and colleges
- Conducted 7 in-person TtT's prior to pandemic and 3 virtual with 162 instructors trained.

TIM Training

- New training requirement for TIM in the BPOC was not required until 4/1/20 but many agencies incorporated the training into the BPOC prior to that date

