

**THE OHIO TOWING & RECOVERY
INCENTIVE PAYMENT PROGRAM**
WILL PAY QUALIFIED HEAVY-DUTY
TOWING AND RECOVERY
COMPANIES INCENTIVES FOR THE
QUICK CLEARANCE OF LARGE
COMMERCIAL VEHICLE INCIDENTS
MEETING CERTAIN
REQUIREMENTS.

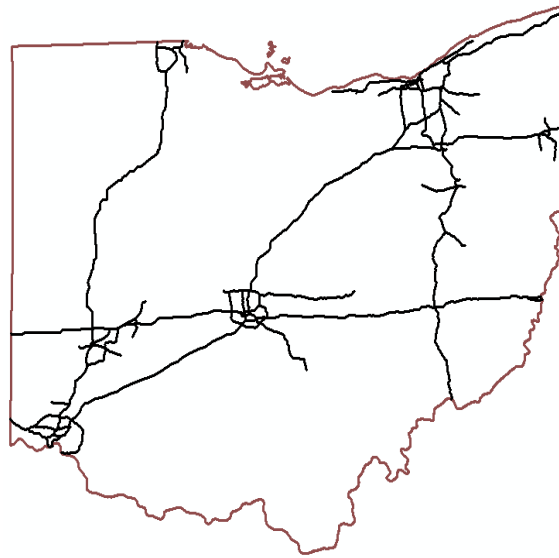
For TRIP Initiation or Incident Support,
contact the
Statewide Traffic Management Center (TMC)

(614) 387-2438

or

(800) 884-4030

Beginning **July 1, 2015**, the TRIP program includes routes in all regions of Ohio. Over 1,000 miles of interstates, state routes, and US routes are covered by the program.



For a full map of TRIP zones, please visit
<http://bit.ly/1Eq9YxV> or scan below:



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What Constitutes a TRIP?

A TRIP event must have the potential to impact a rush hour, holiday travel period, or other high traffic volume time on a designated TRIP route. The incident must involve a DOT Class 5, 6, 7 or 8 vehicle that blocks one or more travelled lanes.

Qualifying events include jack-knife, roll-over, load shift, major impact and truck fire.

Any incident responder should **call the Statewide Traffic Management Center (TMC) at (614) 387-2438** when responding to an incident that may qualify as a TRIP event. **The decision to declare an incident a TRIP event lies solely with the TMC.**

Haz-Mat incidents, including large fuel spills, are not covered by the TRIP Program.

TRIP Process for All Responders

If you, in any Incident Command System capacity, respond to a major commercial vehicle incident on a designated TRIP route with the potential to impact a high volume traffic period you should **call the TMC at (614) 387-2438**.

If the TMC declares the incident a TRIP event, the TMC will dispatch the appropriate towing company and will maintain a TRIP log.

TRIP Process for Towing Companies

Communication is critical to the success of the TRIP program.

After being dispatched by the TMC, the **towing company must call the TMC at (614) 387-2438** at each of the following times:

- ① Upon arrival at the scene
- ② When permitted by the Incident Commander to begin clearance activities
- ③ When the Incident Commander instructs any clearance activities to stop/start, if applicable
- ④ Upon clearance of all lanes

This allows the TMC to maintain a TRIP log of times detailing clearance activities, which is necessary for meeting the requirements of an incentive payment.

Incentive Payment

When an incident is declared a TRIP event, ODOT agrees to make an incentive payment to the prequalified towing company when the following two requirements are met:

- The towing company arrives on scene within **45 minutes** during the peak hours of 5:30am to 7:00pm Monday-Friday or within **60 minutes** during non-peak hours, and
- The towing company completes clearance activities within **90 minutes** from being given the go-ahead by the Incident Commander.
- Submit TRIP invoices to:
DOT-Statewide.TRIP@dot.ohio.gov

Cleared Lanes

The towing company may remove incident related wreckage and place it onto ODOT right-of-way at the discretion of the Incident Commander and ODOT. As long as all travelled lanes are cleared for traffic to resume its normal pattern within the requirements set forth above, the event still qualifies for the incentive payment.

The towing company must return to retrieve the wreckage as per the Permitted Lane Closure schedule and with the appropriate traffic control items. ODOT personnel will assist when possible.