



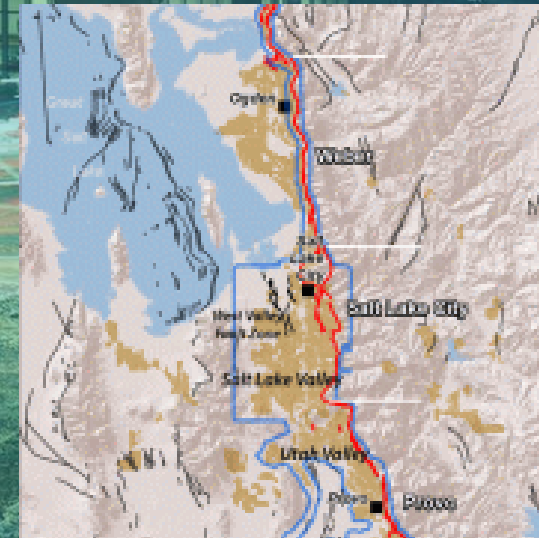
TOWARDS ZERO DEATHS – HOW THE UTAH TRAFFIC INCIDENT MANAGEMENT COALITION IS SAVING LIVES

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Utah Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Coalition - Background

- Founded in February 2020
- Covers the area known as the Wasatch Front (Ogden to Provo)
- Led by the Utah DOT (John Leonard, PE) and Utah Highway Patrol
- Parsons hired by UDOT to perform outreach, develop policies and lead periodic meetings



Utah Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Coalition - Objectives

- Promote safe quick clearance of incidents, particularly on freeways and primary roadways
- Increase communication and cooperation among the various first responders (law enforcement, fire & rescue, DOT, towers etc.)
- Provide a forum to share best practices and lessons learned from previous incidents
- Reduce the frequency and severity of incidents along Utah's roadways
- Achieve FHWA TIM training goals for first responders





Safe Quick Clearance

- Clearing crashes as quickly and efficiently as possible reduces the potential for secondary crashes, thus increasing responder safety and motorist safety. It has a positive impact on the environment by reducing emissions and also reduces fuel consumption saving motorists millions per year.

Utah TIM Coalition – Outreach

- Met with over 40 first responder agencies
- Identified TIM champions in various disciplines
- Initiated the Project Advisory Committee to help oversee the project
- Wrote and distributed 2 newsletters



Utah TIM Coalition – Meetings Held

- July 2020 – virtual meeting
- September 2020 – in-person meeting (70 attendees)
- December 2020 – virtual meeting
- February 2021 – virtual meeting
- May 2021 – in-person meeting with live incident field demonstration (90 attendees)



Traffic Incident Management – Future Goals

We will continue to coordinate and support local responder gatherings that encourage training, networking, and observance of national best practices.

- Set up additional geographic TIM coalitions to support multiagency and multidisciplinary buy-in
- Develop statewide policies and local agreements Joint Operations Policy Statement, Open Roads Policy, and Open Road Agreements.
- Change state legislation/laws to protect responders and ensure safe quick clearance



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