



North Central Texas Council Of Governments

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SUBJECT: Announcement for the May 2024 North Central Texas Council of Governments
Traffic Incident Management Executive Level Course

As the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Dallas-Fort Worth area, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) developed Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Training courses to initiate a common, coordinated response to traffic incidents that will build partnerships, enhance safety for emergency personnel, reduce upstream traffic crashes, improve the efficiency of the transportation system, and improve air quality in the Dallas-Fort Worth region. In 2023, the 16-county Dallas-Fort Worth region experienced 128,049 total reportable crashes, of which 22,611 were injury crashes, and 830 were fatal crashes. These statistics prove that training for agencies responsible for managing and clearing traffic incidents continues to be extremely important and is needed to improve responder and motorist safety and to significantly reduce the length and size of roadway closures.

Since February 2003, 135 classes have been offered at the first responder level to 3,636 students in the areas of police, fire, department of public safety, towing, EMS, Mobility Assistance Patrol, transportation agencies, and media representatives. Additionally, since February 2005, 36 classes have been offered at the executive level to 1,361 decision and policy makers. It is important to note that the NCTCOG TIM Training Course is equivalent to the course offered by Federal Highway Administration (FHWA); however, the NCTCOG course content is specific to the North Central Texas region. NCTCOG TIM Training Course participants can also earn continuing education credit for Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE), Track Type II Fire, and Texas Department of State Health Services for EMS. For your reference, summaries of the regional attendance levels for the NCTCOG's First Responder and Manager Course and the Executive Level Course can be found on NCTCOG's Traffic Incident Management Training Program web page at www.nctcog.org/TIMTraining.

Although the NCTCOG TIM training has been very successful, it can be even more successful with the assistance and continual involvement of decision makers such as you. In order to have compliance at the first responder level, it is of vital importance that agency decision makers have an understanding of what is required of all responders during an incident; this includes police officers, fire fighters, tow truck operators, roadway construction crews, and mobility assistance crews, etc. Understanding the importance of incident management training, the Texas Commission on Fire Protection passed Rule 435.29 in July 2015, which requires

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completion of a minimum four-hour FHWA Traffic Incident Management program for all certified firefighters within one year of appointment to a regulated entity. Additionally, TCOLE incorporated a four-hour TIM training component into the Basic Peace Officer Course curriculum for new cadets/recruits as of April 1, 2020.

The Executive Level Course provides you with an overview of the two-day First Responder and Manager Course. Additionally, the Executive Level Course also includes updates in accordance with the Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP2) National Program. Those agencies that have participated in the training prior to 2013 are strongly encouraged to attend again, as major course updates have occurred since then, as well as updates to legislation, ANSI Standards, and best practices. Important to note is that agency attendance from both police and fire agencies at the TIM training will continue to be a scoring component in future NCTCOG incident management-related funding opportunities.

You are invited to attend the Traffic Incident Management Executive Level Course scheduled for Thursday, May 2, 2024, from 10 am to 12 pm. The course will be held in the Transportation Council Room at NCTCOG offices at 616 Six Flags Dr. Arlington 76011. There is no charge for this event.

Please register on our NCTCOG TIM Training Program page at www.nctcog.org/TIMTraining or contact Charlene Foster of NCTCOG at cfoster@nctcog.org or 817/608-2330 by Friday, April 26, 2024. We look forward to your participation on May 2, 2024.



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