



North Central Texas Council Of Governments

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SUBJECT: Announcement for the November 2018 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 accidents, improve the efficiency of the transportation system, and improve air quality in the Dallas-Fort Worth region. In 2017, the Dallas-Fort Worth region experienced 126,279 total reportable crashes, of which 45,416 were injury crashes, and 729 were fatal crashes. These statistics prove that training for agencies responsible for managing and clearing traffic incidents is extremely important, and have demonstrated the ability to improve responder and motorist safety and to significantly reduce the length and size of roadway closures.

Since February 2003, 108 classes have been offered at the first responder level to 2,982 students in the areas of fire, police, towing, EMS, Mobility Assistance Patrol, transportation agencies, and media representatives. Additionally, since February 2005, 26 classes have been offered at the executive level to 907 decision and policy makers. For your reference, summaries of the regional attendance levels for the First Responder and Manager Course and the Executive Level Course can be found on NCTCOG's Traffic Incident Management Training web page <http://www.nctcog.org/FIM>.

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 completion of a minimum four-hour Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Traffic Incident Management program for all certified firefighters before December 1, 2020. It is important to note that the NCTCOG TIM Training Course is equivalent to the course offered by FHWA. Course participants can also earn continuing education credit for Texas Commission on Law Enforcement and Track Type II Fire by attending the TIM training.

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The Executive Level Course provides you with an overview of the two-day First Responder and Manager Course. 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. Important to note is that agency attendance at the NCTCOG TIM training, between 2013 to the present, is a requirement for attending the biannual NCTCOG Photogrammetry Training Workshops and will be a scoring component in the upcoming 2018 Incident Management Equipment Purchase Call for Projects (CFP). More information on the 2018 CFP will be provided during the November Executive Level Course.

You are invited to attend the Traffic Incident Management Executive Level Course scheduled for Thursday, November 1, from 10 am to 12 pm. There is no charge for this class. The course will be held in the NCTCOG Transportation Council Room (616 Six Flags Drive, Centerpoint II, Arlington, Texas).

To RSVP for this course, please contact Barbara Walsh of NCTCOG at 817/695-9245 or [bwalsh@nctcog.org](mailto:bwalsh@nctcog.org). Please note that due to limited space, the course is restricted to the first 50 individuals who RSVP. We look forward to seeing you on November 1, 2018.



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