

# Tennessee Traffic Incident Management Training (TIM) Facility & Advanced TIMs Training



## OVERVIEW OF INNOVATION

On October 30, 2014, the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security (DOHS) and the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) celebrated the opening of the Tennessee Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Training Facility. The facility features a section of interstate-like roadway ranging from two to six lanes with guardrail, a two-way interchange, and cable and steel barrier rail, as well as a section of two-lane highway and a full four-way intersection. The design provides an area to simulate a variety of crashes, allowing emergency responders to train on safe and efficient techniques for clearing major highway incidents.

The training site concept, which is the first of its kind in the nation, was introduced to TDOT by former Tennessee Highway Patrol (THP) Colonel Tracy Trott. The training site is located on land adjacent to the THP Training Center off Stewarts Ferry Pike in Nashville. TDOT applied for and received federal Highway Safety Improvement Project funds, which covered 90% of the \$912,025.05 cost to build the facility.

In the years since the completion of the training facility TDOT has developed and deployed Advanced TIM training for both internal and external first responder partners that enhances the National TIM Responder training with full scale live exercises. One recent example is the deployment of TDOT's Hands On Training (HOT) for Operations field staff. This training is helping develop a clear understand of the roles, responsibilities and expectations for traditional maintenance and construction staff with regards to supporting the safe quick clearance of roadway incidents.

## BENEFITS

The presence of the TIM Training Facility has increased the maturity of TDOT and other key first responder stakeholder partner's capabilities when responding to traffic incidents. Learning retention has greatly improved through the inclusion of live exercises. The facility has advanced the state of practice for TIM Training in Tennessee and beyond, as a handful of peer states have followed TDOT's example.



*TDOT Traffic Incident Management Training Facility*

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- <https://www.tn.gov/tdot/traffic-operations-division/transportation-management-office/training.htm>
- <https://youtu.be/wUQZLWt1yhc>

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