

APRIL 2024 NEWSLETTER



AFTER-ACTION REVIEWS BY REQUEST

Conducting after-action reviews (AARs) fosters a culture of continued learning and improvement. AARs allow Traffic Incident Management (TIM) stakeholders across all disciplines to identify best practices, opportunities for improvement and actionable items to improve safe, quick clearance. **Have you responded to a recent crash or other roadway incident that would be beneficial to review with TIM stakeholders in your region?** Please submit a meeting request with the incident information via the [AAR meeting request form](#).

Recently, we held an evening by-request AAR meeting in Gage County. Following the meeting, responders said:

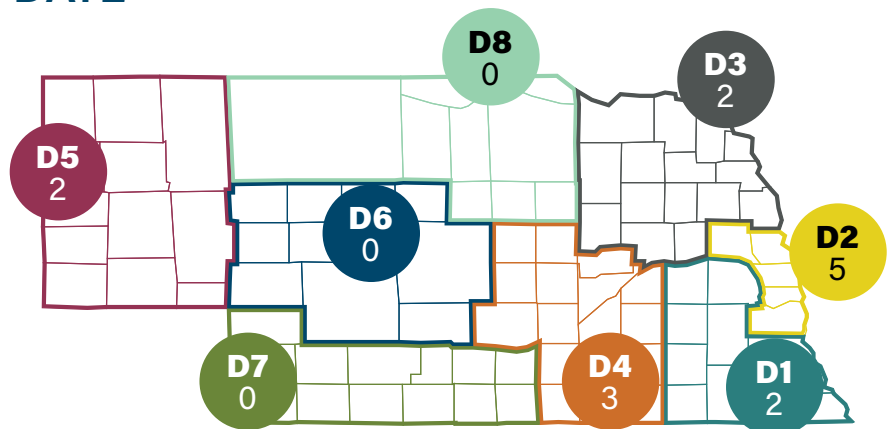
"[This meeting was beneficial to me and my organization.] No one in our organization has had any TIM training and it opened our eyes to some different thoughts and ideas."

"I did not come into this meeting expecting to get a lot of value, but I came away with a new mindset when it comes to major crashes on Highway 77."

QUARTER 1 TRAINING UPDATE

From January to March 2024, 14 training sessions were held throughout the state, with 311 people receiving training. Well done! To view scheduled training opportunities and to request training in your area, please visit the [Nebraska TIM training website](#).

Number of classes held in each Nebraska TIM District shown at right (January to March 2024).



INNOVATION IN TIM: LIVING SNOW FENCE

Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) District 6 has been considering the benefits of living snow fences, rows of trees or other plants that keep snow off the road, in strategic locations. Several areas have experienced significant blizzards over the last two years, allowing problem areas to be identified. D6 is interested in partnering with landowners during the growing season to leave rows of corn during the winter to serve as a living snow fence in key areas. D6 will be meeting with landowners during the summer months to begin this process. Learn more about living snow fences [here](#), and send us your innovative ideas for improving TIM to be included in the next newsletter!

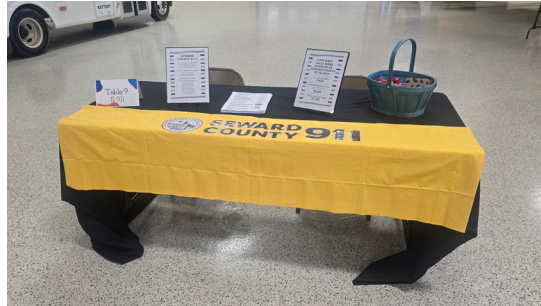


TALKING TIM!



Mariá Scamehorn, Seward County E911 Director, shared Buckle Up, Phone Down with students during the county government day fair in Seward. Thank you for sharing driving best practices with your community, Mariá!

Are you planning to present at a conference, school fair or another event soon? Check out the TIM website's [resource section](#) or email us at ne@tim.hdrinc.com for fact sheets, posters, presentations and other materials that you can share.



PERFORMANCE MEASURES DEEP DIVE: SOC NOTIFICATION/DMS ACTIVATION

TIM programs must rely on efficient data collection, analysis and reporting to measure performance and identify opportunities to improve (FHWA). Understanding the impact of traffic incidents on Nebraska roads begins with delving deeper into performance measures, data collection and reporting, and how our actions affect responder and motorist safety. We'll go over each of Nebraska's tracked performance metrics, starting with State Operations Center (SOC) notification, which is the time between the first recorded awareness of an incident and SOC notification. The earlier the SOC is notified, the faster they can activate dynamic message signs (DMS), notify the public of the incident via 511 and other platforms, or coordinate upgraded traffic control and other equipment.



Contacting the SOC early helps to reduce roadway clearance time by allowing responders on scene to spend less time coordinating resources and more time clearing the roadway. Notifying the public helps to improve scene safety by reducing the risk of secondary crashes. Upon verification of an incident, emergency communications or responders should call the SOC at 402-331-5993 or on your area's Regional Operations Common (ROC) channel on the State Radio System.

WHO'S WHO OF NEBRASKA TIM

Meet the NDOT SOC day crew:

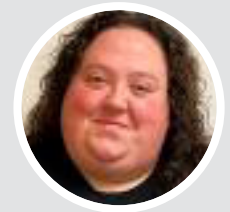
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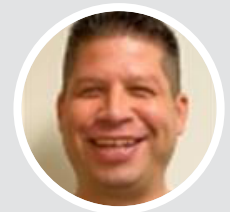
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