So what is a “traffic incident” anyway?
Traffic Incidents

Traffic incidents are just about anything that happens on or near a roadway that affects traffic.

- They create unsafe situations and put lives at risk, and cause delays.
- They compromise our safety, and cost us time and money everyday.

![Traffic Incidents Diagram](Image)
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NEVADA INFRASTRUCTURE FACTS

- 33,872 lane miles of state highways, county roads and city streets
- 22 billion vehicle miles traveled each year
- 16% of these roadways are on the state maintained system
- These roadways carry 56% of total vehicle miles and 83% of truck traffic
- NDOT maintains 1092 bridges in Nevada
- CCFD has responded to 7481 traffic related incidents in 2012
What are we doing in Nevada to improve our response to these incidents?

- **Southern Nevada TIM Coalition**
  Responders work together as a team to respond safely and quickly.
  - NDOT, NHP, RTC-FAST
  - CCFD, LVFR, HFD, NVF, 911 DISPATCH
  - AMR, MEDIC WEST
  - Nevada Department Public Works
  - Clark County Coroner
  - Towing and recovery companies
  - UNLV
  - Others- public support
Why TIM Teams?

› Planned, coordinated effort by different partners

› Brings all agencies together in clearing incidents

› Public and private sector are involved
  
  ▪ Different roles; common goals
What do TIM Teams provide?

- Post response action reviews
- Special event planning
- Joint training for incident responders
- Collaborative environment for agencies to work together
  - Issues can be resolved at TIM meetings and solutions can be implemented on-scene. TIM meetings are held on a bi-monthly basis.
TIM Team Main Objectives

› Reduce incident clearance time

› Reduce roadway clearance time

› Reduce secondary crashes
Enabling Policies and Legislation

- NDPS-NDOT Joint Operations Policy Statement
  - Defines policy objectives and delineates responsibilities and guidance for future collaboration
  - Las Vegas Regional TIM Handbook

A Joint Operations Policy Statement Agreement

JOPS

Agreed to by:

The Nevada Department of Public Safety – Nevada Highway Patrol

and

The Nevada Department of Transportation

November 18th 2010
Current Policies and Legislation

- Open Roads Policy- 30-60-90
- Current Average Clearance- 40 minutes
- 51% of accidents cleared < 30 minutes
Move It: Nevada NRS 484E.020
- Vehicles in minor traffic crashes without injuries should be moved out of travel lanes to a safe location

Move Over: Nevada NRS 484B.607
- Drivers approaching a scene with emergency responders are required to change lanes or reduce speed

Hazardous Material Clean-up Contract
- Mitigation of Hazardous Chemical Spills on State Highways.
- Between NDOT and H2O Environmental.
Nevada TIM Team Meeting Participation

- Southern Coalition
- Next meeting November 15, 2012
  - 50+ members from public and private sector
    - NDOT
    - NHP
    - RTC-FAST
    - Las Vegas Metro Police, Henderson and North Las Vegas Police
    - Clark County and Las Vegas Fire Departments
    - H2O Environmental
    - Freeway Service Patrol
    - Ewing Brothers Towing / United Road Towing
    - UNLV
    - Others
CCFD Roles /Responsibilities in Nevada TIM Coalition

- Participates in the TIM Steering Committee as a core champion.

- Responds to 911 calls that involve injuries on the freeways when calls are forwarded from dispatch.

- Primary emergency response/incident command agency for fire suppression, hazardous material spills, rescue, and extraction of trapped crash victims for Clark County.
• Plays a role in incident clearance – once an incident scene is stabilized, victims have been extricated from the vehicles and medically treated/transported for their injuries, CCFD will coordinate with the lead law enforcement agency (Metro PD or NHP) to see if they need additional assistance at the scene during tow truck operations.
• Collect Incident Data

• Assist with development and updates of the TIM Handbook

• Continue to be an active member of the Southern Nevada TIM Coalition.
How Can I Help?

You can help spread the word in your community using the Traffic Incident Management Public Outreach Toolkit Products. They are freely available and customizable:

http://www.ops.fhwa.dot.gov/eto_tim_pse/timtoolbox/