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NJDOT Traffic Incident Management training now available online as self-guided course First responders are encouraged to register on the NJTIM website

(Trenton) – The New Jersey Department of Transportation’s Traffic Incident Management training is now available as an online, self-guided course. Providing this multi-disciplinary, first responder training program online makes it possible for even more emergency and incident response personnel to have access to this life-saving training. It can be found on the NJTIM website, www.NJTIM.org.

The TIM training program focuses on a response effort that protects motorists and first responders during a roadside emergency, while minimizing impact on traffic flow. Since its inception in 2009, NJDOT and its partner agencies have trained more than 24,000 emergency and incident response personnel, including police, firefighters, EMS personnel, DOT crews, towing/recovery companies and other responders.

Training efforts, like these, are crucial in coordinating response efforts that keep all first responders and transportation professionals safe. The average annual counts of responders struck and killed nationally, while working in or near moving traffic are:

- **Fire/Rescue and EMS:** 5 to 10 deaths per year
- **Law Enforcement:** 10 to 15 deaths per year
- **Tow/Recovery:** 15 to 20 deaths per year
- **DOTs, Public Works, and Safety Service Patrols:** 1 to 5 deaths per year

Before developing the online course, training has always been in person, which can be difficult to organize, particularly for personnel who may have irregular schedules working in a 24/7 work environment.

In addition to providing easier access to TIM training for busy first responders and transportation professionals, the online training is more cost effective than traditional, in-person meetings. This makes the online option attractive to organizations with limited budgets. Online programs can also be easily updated and revised, ensuring that participants receive the most current and relevant information.

Interactivity is a key feature in this program, making it just as effective as in-person training. Components, such as videos, simulations, knowledge checks and interactive scenarios, engage participants and provide them with practical experiences that mimic real-world situations. The online TIM training also utilizes assessments and certifications to evaluate the trainees’ understanding of the material and practice decision-making in high-stress scenarios without real world consequences.

Counties and municipalities are encouraged to have their law enforcement and emergency personnel, including volunteer firefighters and EMTs, take the online TIM training to learn how to improve safety and coordination in responding to incidents on New Jersey's roadways.

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