

Activity 149 Crash Cleanup and Repair

Description

Activity 149 involves removing debris resulting from a crash and/or providing initial traffic control after a crash or incident, except that done under Activity L14 by dedicated incident responders. It may involve making temporary repairs or placing temporary barricades. It also involves making permanent repairs to features, damaged by the crash or incident, before a Claim Against Others (CAO) EA is established or if ODOT will not seek reimbursement from others for costs incurred.

General Instructions

Operators of specifically dedicated ODOT Emergency Response vehicles, such as COMET, should charge their work to Activity L14.

Refer to Activity L15 if maintenance personnel, performing this work on an occasional or as needed basis, respond to an incident or crash and no cleanup or repair is needed.

If ODOT will seek reimbursement of the costs of this work from others, charge the work to Activity 305 and request the District Manager to have a CAO EA established.

As needed, contact the Transportation Operations Center (TOC) to request assistance from law enforcement or emergency response personnel. Provide assistance as requested.

Perform cleanup and repair to allow movement of traffic on the roadway. Do not move or tamper with damaged vehicles or cargo still contained in them, except to provide assistance to the driver or occupants or as requested by law enforcement or emergency response personnel.

If ODOT resources must move a vehicle(s) or materials to open the roadway to traffic, refer to the Highway Clearing Guidelines in the Emergency Operations and Incident Response section of this Guide.

If hazardous material is suspected, secure the area as well as possible and follow instructions in the *Employee Guide to Highway Incidents and Hazardous Material Response*.

As appropriate, take photographs, preferably in color, of the crash scene to show damage to the highway facilities and the involved vehicles. If highway facilities were damaged, obtain information about the involved vehicles and drivers. Also refer to the Damage to Highway Structure procedure in the Crashes, Injuries, and Damage to Property section of this Guide.

In situations that go on over a period of hours where the roadway is opened and the predominant interest moves to salvaging the vehicle or cargo, ODOT and the towing or

trucking company performing the salvage operation will establish a transition plan for the replacement of ODOT signs and personnel by those provided by the salvage company so that ODOT can proceed with other maintenance work.

Similarly when a salvage operation takes place after the initial response has reopened the road the towing and/or trucking company performing the salvage is responsible for establishing a work zone consistent with the *Traffic Control on State Highways for Short Term Work Zones* handbook. If the work zone requires a lane closure on the freeway a "Type B" arrow board is required.

Controlling Erosion, Sedimentation, and Pollutants or Contaminants

Some crashes or incidents may create situations or conditions that may cause erosion, sedimentation, or discharge of pollutants or contaminants.

As appropriate, implement methods to control erosion, sedimentation, and pollutants or contaminants, including those discussed in the Control of Erosion, Sedimentation, and Pollutants or Contaminants section of this Guide and the ODOT *Routine Road Maintenance Water Quality and Habitat Guide Best Management Practices*.

As appropriate, implement and maintain devices and processes including those described in the *Field Manual for Erosion and Sediment Control*.

Temporary Protection and Direction of Traffic

Plan, implement, and maintain traffic control as addressed in the *Traffic Control on State Highways for Short Term Work Zones* handbook.

Equipment

Select equipment suitable for the work and situation.

Materials

Use materials needed for the work.

Work Method

1. As appropriate, contact the TOC to request assistance from law enforcement and emergency personnel or further assistance in controlling traffic or removing debris at the site.
2. As appropriate, provide or assist with first aid for injured persons.
3. Implement appropriate traffic control.
4. Take appropriate action if hazardous material is suspected.
5. As appropriate, implement devices or processes to contain erosion, sedimentation or discharge of pollutants or contaminants.
6. As appropriate, take photographs and obtain information about involved vehicles and drivers.
7. Identify need for and perform temporary repairs to allow safe movement of traffic. Request assistance as appropriate.

8. As appropriate, obtain and place barricades or other safeguards to protect damage that cannot be repaired immediately.
9. As appropriate, permanently repair damaged highway facilities.
10. Remove traffic control.
11. Dispose of waste material in an appropriate location.

Measurement of Accomplishment, Expenditure Account, and Charge Activity

Measurement is number of worker hours involved. Expenditure account type is Highway EA (use a sub-job appropriate for the crew performing the work).

- Charge all work to TEAMS Activity 149 if ODOT will not seek reimbursement from others.