There goes the Sun!

The first total solar eclipse touching the United States since 1979 begins just after 9 a.m. August 21 near Newport. The eclipse path in Oregon offers the best weather prospects anywhere in the country. It will take about 2.5 hours to cross the state. The eclipse’s path of totality will be about 60 miles wide.

State officials predict Oregon will host up to one million visitors for the event. Our guests will start arriving mid-August and depart up to a week after the eclipse. This will have a major impact on state highways.

We are concerned about traffic safety, traffic management and movement, emergency vehicle response ingress and egress, traffic bottlenecks, choke points, wildfires… Our list goes on and on!

We’re working with other state agencies, cities, counties and law enforcement to prepare for this event so residents and visitors will be able to travel safely and have an enjoyable eclipse experience.

Our motto is Keep Oregon moving: Arrive early, stay put and leave late.

Oh, and wear your eclipse glasses any time you’re looking at the sun!

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Oregon 2017 TIM Executive Workshop
Hosted collaboratively by OSP, ODOT and FHWA

DPSST Board Room
4190 Aumsville Highway
Salem, OR 97317
September 6th, 2017 - 8am to Noon

Limited space requires that attendance at this event be by invitation only. The purpose of the TIM Executive Workshop is to bring together executive leadership from Oregon’s Fire, Law Enforcement, Transportation, Towing and EMS disciplines to heighten understanding, awareness and commitment to statewide TIM program strategies and best practices.

We are proud to welcome several of the nation’s top TIM champions as our guest speakers;
• Colonel Tracy Trott, Tennessee Highway Patrol
• Director Shailen Bhatt, Colorado Department of Transportation
• Chief Daniel Sharp, Oro Valley Arizona Police Department and Former Chair of IACP TIM sub-committee
• Chief Henry Clemmensen, Palatine Rural Fire Protection District and Former President of IAFC
• Paul Jodin, FHWA HQ TIM Program Manager

2017 Statewide TIM Conference:
All TIM Responders are invited to attend!

In our Fall 2016 edition of the TIM Trend we shared an article highlighting the topics covered during Oregon’s 2016 TIM peer exchange. One of the items was the need to ensure “executive level awareness, understanding and support of a state’s TIM program,” which emerged as a constant theme across all of the states we visited. Given its importance across state lines, executive level TIM support became a hot button topic for us as we considered future ways to employ our newfound knowledge from our TIM partners in states like Tennessee, Maryland and Virginia.

The article closed with a call to “keep a look out” for 2017 activities that would put into practice what we learned. True to our word, we are very happy to announce a new event for this year, the 2017 Oregon TIM Executive Workshop as well as the return of an old favorite, our Annual Statewide TIM Conference.

The 2017 conference topics and speakers have not yet been finalized. However, with our shortened timeline we expect a fast-paced, informative session that, similar to past years, includes practical TIM information pertinent to all TIM disciplines. For a preview of things to come, we can look back to last year when our guest speaker Dan Kontos, Chief Deputy and Undersheriff at the Portage County Sheriff’s Office asked “How do you want your co-workers?”

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Formal invitations are forthcoming or, to request your invitation, please email: timtraining@odot.state.or.us
TIM Responder Training


Celebrating Oregon’s 200th TIM class!
Celebrating 200!

We’d like to take a minute to celebrate our 200th TIM Responder training event in Oregon! A big thank you to all of our trainers and participants for your hard work and dedication!

Public speaking is not everyone’s cup of tea, and it’s hard enough to find someone you could pay to stand up in front of their peers and offer instruction. Our trainers are 100% volunteer, and go above and beyond their calling to routinely navigate the challenges of training responders who may be completely unfamiliar with the national TIM program, let alone it’s importance.

Through Oregon’s series of train the trainer events our cross-disciplined participants have come to realize the impact of TIM training. Today, Oregon’s TIM community and our highways are reaping the benefits as our committed trainers continue to give of themselves to advance safe, quick clearance strategies across the state. We extend a big thank you to each of Oregon’s TIM Trainers for making it possible. Here’s to the next 200!
Celebrating TIM Successes

A Mutual Assistance Agreement joins ODOT and OSP at an agency level, identifying them as the primary partners responsible for incident response on our state highways. The document formalizes the merger but the “real work” is done every day by our Regional ODOT Maintenance and Operations staff and OSP Troops across the state. They galvanize the Assistance Agreement through their commitment to inter-agency coordination and communication. But it doesn’t stop there. The document highlights the importance of collaboration amongst additional key response partners – Oregon’s Fire, EMS, Tow and municipal/county Law Enforcement – our entire cross-disciplined TIM Team. No single agency can do it all. The day to day actions of Oregon’s TIM team members take a strong foundational document (the Assistance Agreement) and breathe life into it, giving it the real ability to enhance the safety of our roads and the livability of our communities.

Oregon TIM Responders, We Got Your Back!

Want strategies and tools for TIM week?
Join us for NOCoE’s “We Are All in This Together” on Thursday, July 13 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. PST

Planning efforts have begun across the nation for a week devoted to advancing support for and understanding of the TIM program and safe, quick clearance practices. Oregon is participating in the national coordination calls and we are beginning to plan activities for our state. Our first task was to create a unique logo for us to market our National TIM Week activities – We have the logo, now we want YOUR ideas! Help shape our week of activity - if you have a unique idea to help us celebrate National TIM Week, drop us an email!