

# THE TIM TREND

May 2017

## Interstate Collaboration Yields Excellent Results



Astoria-Megler, Lewis and Clark, Glenn Jackson, Sam Hill Memorial and Umatilla...if you are a transportation or bridge "buff" you likely recognize these as just a few of the border bridges that Oregon and Washington state share. The bridges are a tie that binds DOT's, law enforcement and all EMS agencies as they coordinate to provide Traffic Incident Management (TIM) services to interstate travelers.

Earlier this year Oregon and Washington's TIM program members met to discuss ways we could better connect and coordinate efforts to enhance our cross-disciplined, inter-agency and interstate "TIM Team," as well as our ability to safely and quickly clear incident scenes. The group identified right away that we share more in common than just bridges.

Building our team of TIM trainers to advance safe, quick clearance strategies across the state remains an ongoing need for both programs, which is why we immediately began planning to host an interstate training event. The outcome? The nation's first roll out an updated version of the National TIM Responder Train the Trainer curriculum.

Thanks to the help of many talented individuals and through the support of several local agencies the event was a great success. We welcomed 34

new TIM trainers representing three states, five TIM disciplines and 15 agencies, each committed to enhancing the coordination, communication and collaboration needed to maximize the safety and efficiency of all TIM activities, no matter which state we are in!

***A special thanks to our trainers, participants and volunteers. We are successful because of you.***



*Oregon / Washington TIM Train the Trainer instructors; back row left to right, Vince Fairhurst- WASHDOT, Rick Phillips , Darin Weaver – ODOT. Middle Row left to right, Monique Rabideau – WASHDOT, Mark Kingma – OSP, Matt Barnhart – DPSST, Gary McClellan – OTTA. Front, Nathaniel Price - FHWA*

**Special thanks to  
Portland Fire & Rescue  
Station 12 for  
hosting us!**



*Future trainers working mock incident scenes together*



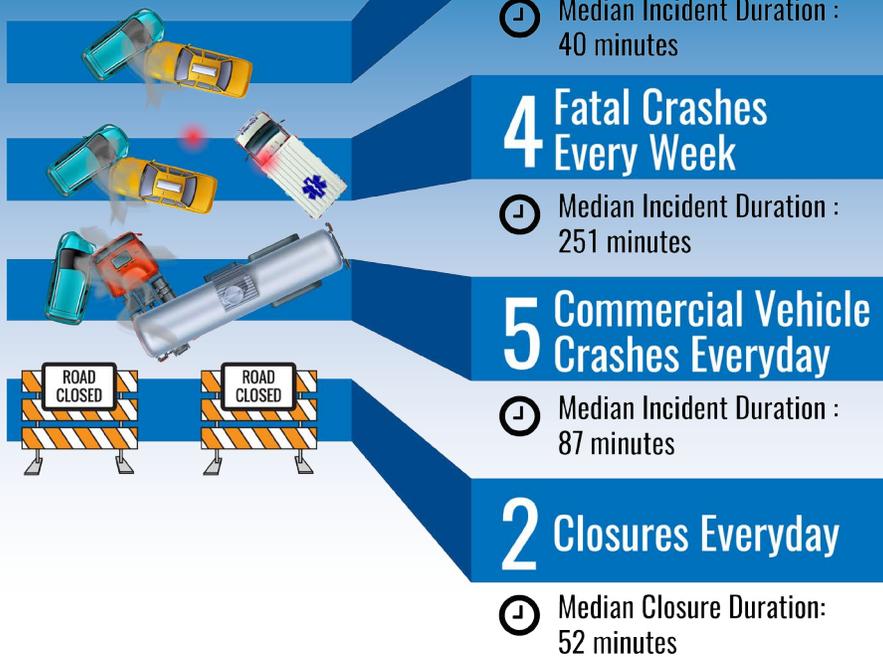
*All our new and alumni trainers!*



# Performance Measures

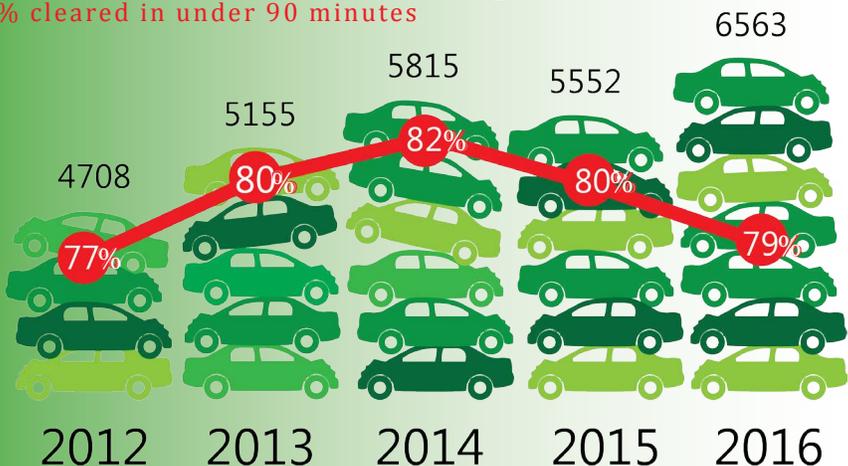
Our annual TIM performance measures are here! Many of these numbers won't surprise us. We lived them. We felt them in the chill of one of the harshest winters in years. We felt them in our backs and the soles of our feet when we were finally able to stop and sit. As you look at some of the information, please remember the human element; every event, every minute represents the tens of thousands of TIM responders in our state that are exposed to the hazards associated with clearing incident scenes. They represent the hundreds of thousands of drivers that are delayed in traffic or exposed to a higher likelihood of secondary crashes while they sit in a traffic queue. Each statistic underscores the importance of our commitment to train together, work together on-scene and build our capacity to safely and quickly clear incident scenes.

## 2016 Statewide Crashes



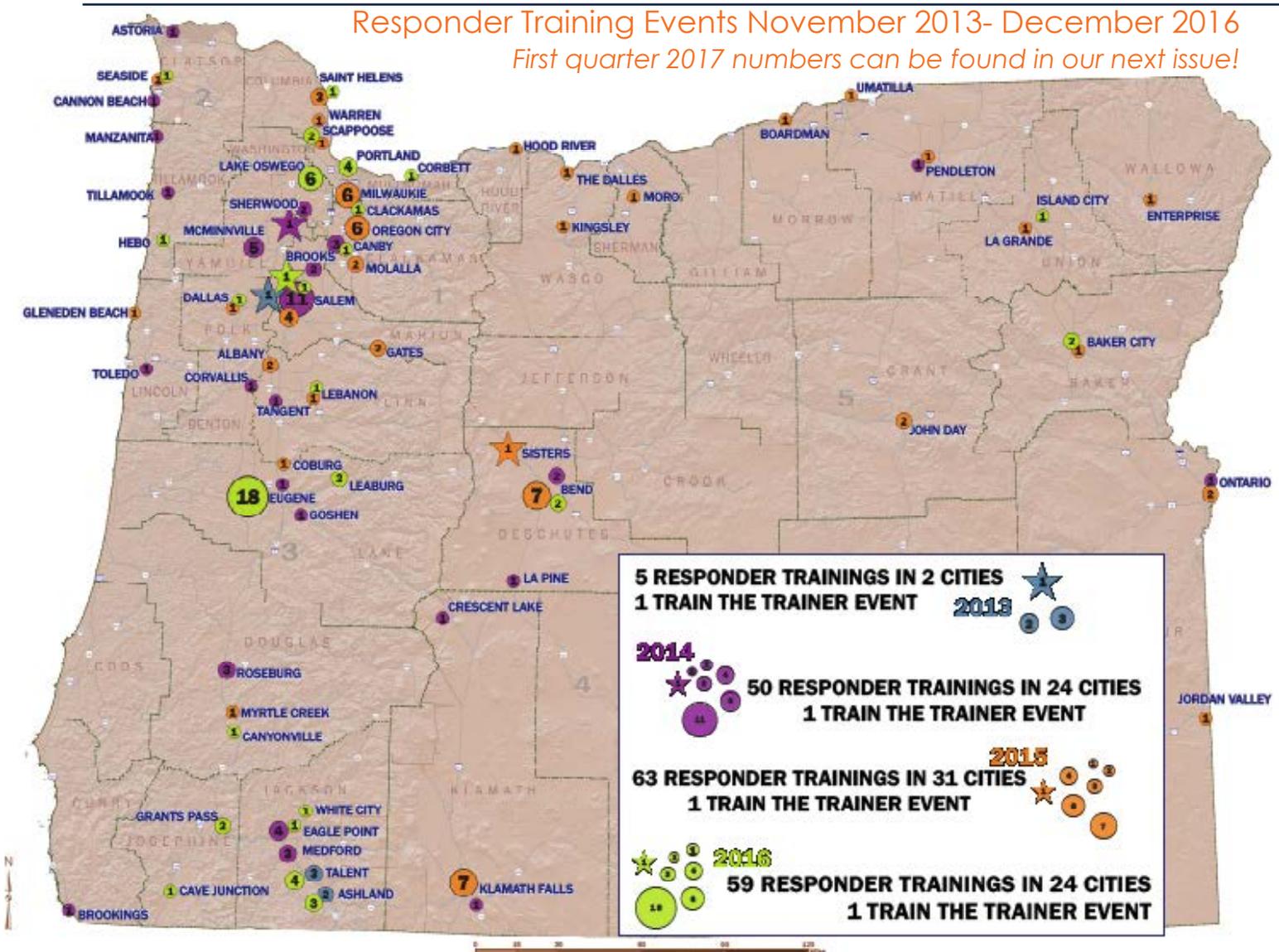
## Total Lane Blocking Crashes

% cleared in under 90 minutes



# TIM Responder Training

Responder Training Events November 2013- December 2016  
 First quarter 2017 numbers can be found in our next issue!



## Responders Trained by Discipline: November 2013-December 2016 (including Oregon's TTT sessions)

Discipline	Number	Percent
Law Enforcement	749	19%
Fire/Rescue	1,654	42%
Towing & Recovery	310	8%
EMS	54	1%
DOT, Transportation & Public Works	986	25%
Other Disciplines	153	4%
Online Participants	49	1%
<b>TOTAL OREGON RESPONDERS TRAINED</b>	<b>3,955</b>	<b>100%</b>

# And finally...

## Use 2017 Safety Break to Enhance TIM in Your Area



Throughout May ODOT and other agencies are participating in annual Safety Break activities. This annual event is anything but a "break."

Rather, it is an opportunity to take time out to enhance the safety of you, your crew, your work area, your community and our state. Most participants will develop goals or action items that they would like to focus on in 2017. At Oregon's TIM program, we are all about advancing safety, and we believe strongly that all of us as individuals can be catalysts for positive change. Consider this, TIM Responder training:

- Brings together communities of responders to explore how we collectively advance safe, quick clearance strategies
- Provides responders from all disciplines with knowledge of and experience with national best practices for mitigating hazards on incident scenes
- Is free of charge and can be delivered to meet the needs of your response community at a time and location of your choosing.

We hope that everyone has a productive Safety Break. As you consider your specific action items please consider arranging a TIM Responder training event for your community. It only takes five minutes to schedule a training and join the more than 250,000 trained responders nationwide.

Don't forget to [share your Safety Break activities and experiences](#) on our Oregon TIM Responders Facebook page! We all have something to offer our responder community, and are stronger when we learn from each other.

### Want more information about Oregon TIM Projects?

Check out this great news story on our collaboration with FHWA and OSP to increase the efficiency of crash reconstruction activities:



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