Michigan is looking for high qualified trainers to be trained to teach Traffic Incident Management to first responders and supporting operations. A new coordinated, multi-disciplinary training program developed through the Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP2) has been deployed in Michigan and available for all first responders supporting Traffic Incident Management operations. The training puts firefighters, police, state and local departments of transportation, towing, medical personnel and other incident responders on the same page, leading to a safer, faster, integrated responder team. In Michigan the program will be known as Mi-TIME – Michigan Traffic Incident Management Effort.

Six injury crashes occur approximately every hour in Michigan, putting first responders potentially in harm’s way every day. Congestion from these incidents often generates secondary crashes, further increasing traveler delay and frustration. The longer incident responders remain at the scene, the greater the risk they, and the traveling public, face. Minimizing the time and resources required for incident clearance is essential to meeting our goals for safety and reliability.

This training can be taught in many different ways; participants can attend a 10-hour intensive course, a four-hour modified version and single-lesson modules. Most states that have deployed this training are doing the 4 hours modified versions. The program has now been accepted in all 50 states, District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. The national program has had Michigan specific items added such as our laws and how to set up a taper.

Michigan had three train the trainer session in 2014 with over 1,900 first responder already trained in the Mi-TIME program. A 2015 Train the Trainer has been scheduled for all day August 18 and half a day August 19th. Please apply to be a trainer by filling out the application and returning to Angie Kremer at KremerA@michigan.gov. We are expecting the session to fill up so please submit your applications early. The TIM Action Team will be reviewing submitted applications. Any questions please contact Angie Kremer at KremerA@michigan.gov or 517-636-0247.

Applications can be found on the Mi-TIME website along with other Traffic Incident Management resources: www.michigan.gov/mi-timesafe