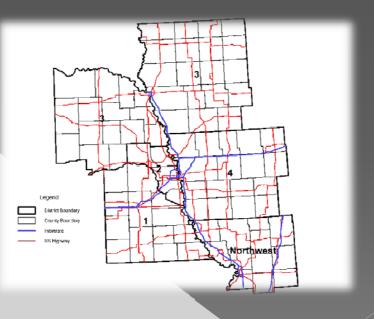
Interstate-80 Coalition

Jim McGee MPA NDOR September, 2011 Reno, Nevada

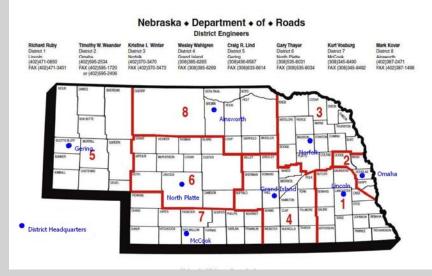
NDOR District 2 Operations Center







- Who we are
- Where we are
- Fra of Operations



- 8 NDOR Districts
- 4 NDOR Districts include Interstate-80 Corridor
- 77,000 square miles
- 10,000-mile state highway system
- 450-mile I-80 Corridor
- lowa, South Dakota,
 Wyoming, Colorado, Kansas are neighboring states

Rural Characteristics

- Of the 8.4 million lane-miles of roads in the U.S., over 6 million miles are rural
- 80% of rural roads are owned by local entities
- Rural crashes are more likely to be at higher speeds
- Victims in rural crashes are more likely to be unbelted
- Response time is greate
- 23% of the population lives in rural areas
- Rural crashes account for 55% of all fatalities



Nebraska is Home to the World's Busiest RR Corridor

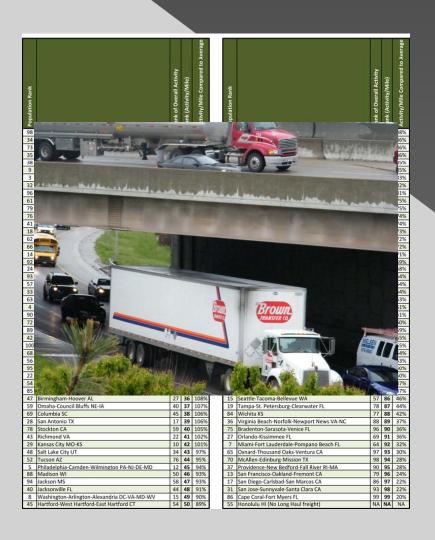


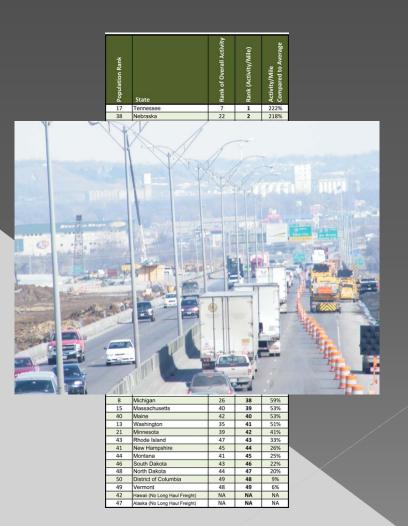


Commercial Vehicle Operations



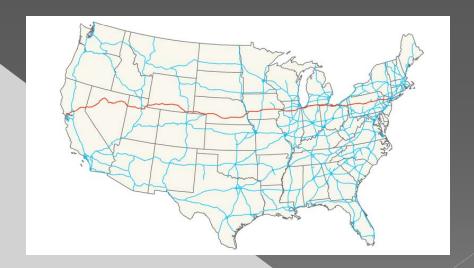
What States Have the Most Freight?





Western Interstate-80 States

- California: 199 miles
- Nevada: 410 miles
- Utah: 196 miles
- Wyoming: 402 miles
- Nebraska: 455 miles
- o lowa: 306 miles

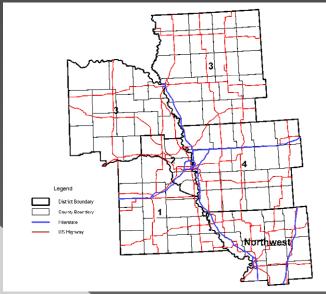






50% of Delay is Weather Related









Emergency Transportation Operations

Vision

 Faster and better prepared responses to major incidents, shorter incident duration, reduced impact, and more rapid restoration of normal travel conditions.

Approach

- Build partnership between transportation, public safety, and security communities.
- Develop tools, guidance, and standards.
 - Focus on three subtopics:
 - 1. Heavy towing/recovery and hazmat response.
 - 2. Improved evacuation methods and major incident traveler info.
 - 3. Standards facilitating incident response and integration.







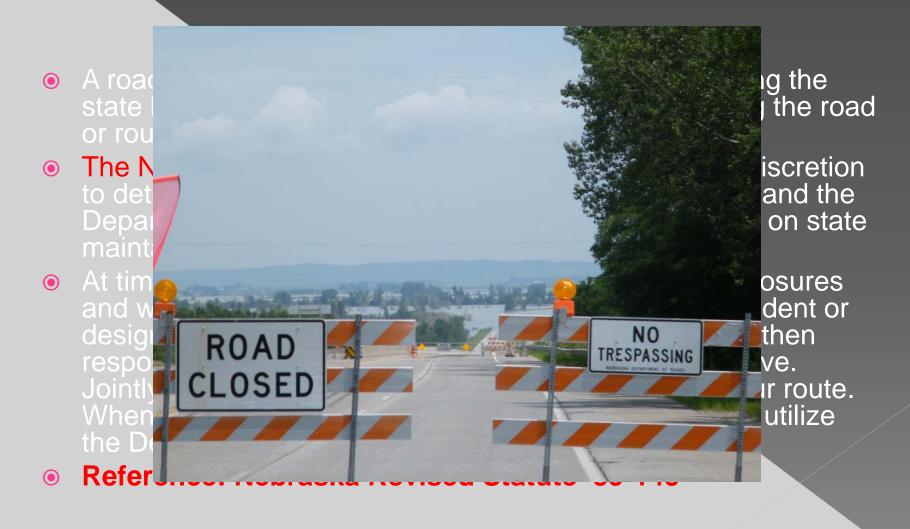
Incident Scale/Public Preparedness

Public Preparedness

- Coordination Complexity
- State & Federal Involvement

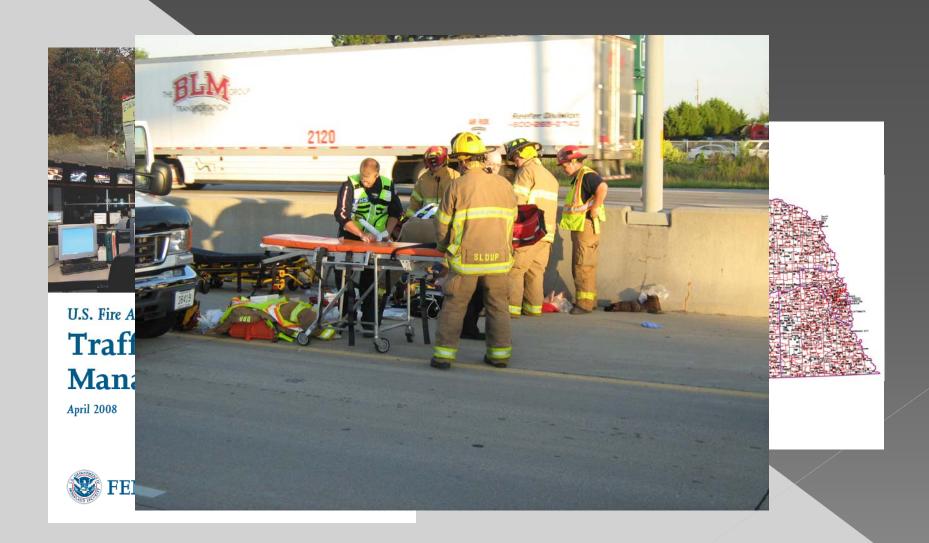
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EXAMPLES		 Train Crashes Airplane Crashes Hazmat Incidents Multi-vehicle 	 Port/Airport incidents Large Building Fire or Explosion Industrial 		
EXPECTED EVENT DURATION	 Accidents w/ Injuries but No Fatalities 0 - 2 HOURS 	Crashes • Hazmat Spills • Injuries & Fatalities • 2 - 24 HOURS	Accidents •Tunnel Fires	Incidents • Major Tunnel/ Bridge Closure • DAYS	Outage • Riots • Mass Casualties • WEEKS

Road Closures



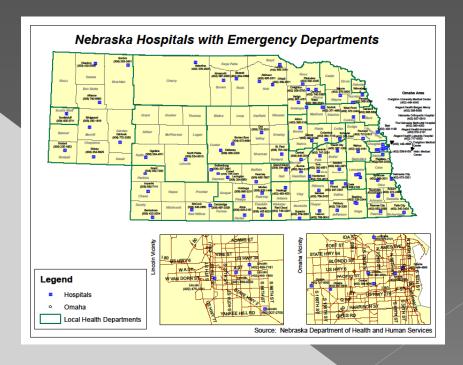


Nebraska has 495 FDs

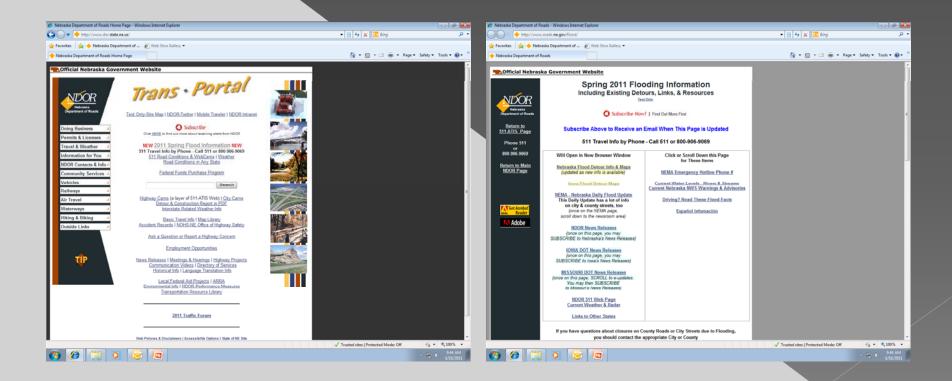


Engineering, Education, Enforcement and EMS

- Highway safety professionals have long utilized engineering, education and enforcement approaches.
- The 4th "E" -EMS- is less familiar.
- Overall risk of death was
 25% lower when provided
 at Level 1 Trauma Center
- Counties with coordinated systems for trauma care have rates as much as 50% lower than counties without trauma systems.



NDOR Trans Portal: 2011 Flood Information





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Downtown Omaha Sandbagging Operation 18th Chicago Streets



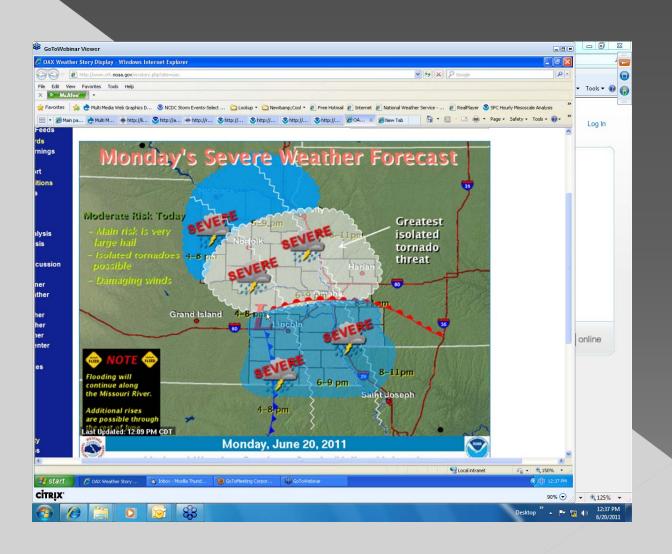


MO Valley (lowa)





National Weather Service Webinars



Major Stages in Incident Management

- 1. Detection
- 2. Verification
- 3. Response
- 4. Clearance
- 5. Recovery
- 6. Site management
- 7. Traffic management
- 8. Motorist information
- Stages are not sequential!!
- Response, clearance and site management can begin at once with proper agency coordination.

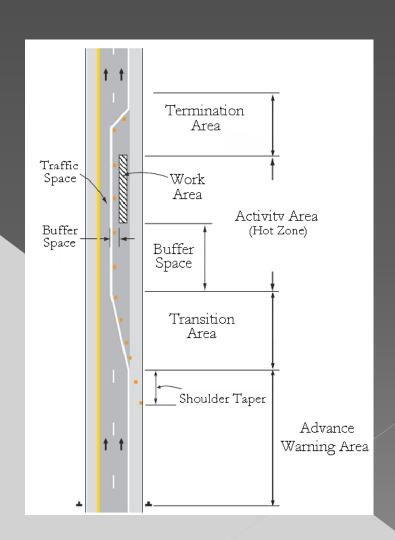




Temporary Traffic Control Zones

Divided into four areas:

- 1. Advance Warning Area
- 2. Transition Area
- 3. Activity Area
- 4. Termination Area



High Visibility

Background -Performance Material* Minimum Width 1.97 in

contiguous areas of retroin a manner to provide 360°



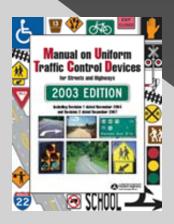


Incident Traffic Control (ITC)

- ITC is controlling traffic temporarily close or around an incident or emergency scene.
- Proper ITC procedures can improve safety, reduce delays, minimize secondary crashes.
- ITC is the responsibility of the responders to protect themselves, the injured, and other personnel at the incident site while providing reasonably safe traffic flow.
- Attention should be paid to the end of the traffic queue.



Temporary Traffic Control (TTC)



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PART 6

TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL

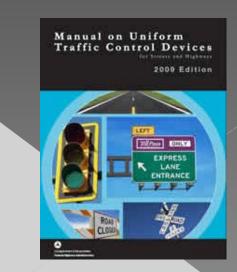
CHAPTER 6A. GENERAL

Section 6A.01 General

Support:

- Whenever the acronym "TTC" is used in Part 6, it refers to "temporary traffic control."
- The needs and control of all road users (motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians within the highway, or on private roads open to public travel (see definition in Section 1A.13), including persons with disabilities in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), Title II, Paragraph 35.130) through a TTC zone shall be an essential part of highway construction, utility work, maintenance operations, and the management of traffic incidents.
- When the normal function of the roadway, or a private road open to public travel, is suspended, TTC planning provides for continuity of the unovernent of motion vehicle, bit, yele, and perfectulant maffix (including accessible passage); transit operations; and access (and accessibility) to property and utilities.
- The primary function of TTC is to provide for the reasonably safe and effective movement of road users through or around TTC zones while reasonably protecting road users, workers, responders to traffic incidents, and equipment
- 06 Of equal importance to the public traveling through the TTC zone is the safety of workers performing the many varied tasks within the work space. TTC zones present constantly changing conditions that are unexpected by the road user. This creates an even higher degree of vulnerability for the workers and incident management responders on or near the roadway (see Section 6D.03). At the same time, the TTC zone provides for the efficient completion of whatever activity interrupted the normal use of the roadway.
- 66 Consideration for road user safety, worker and responder safety, and the efficiency of road user flow is an integral element of every TTC zone, from planning through completion. A concurrent objective of the TTC is the efficient construction and maintenance of the highway and the efficient resolution of traffic incidents.
- or No one set of TTC devices can satisfy all conditions for a given project or incident. At the same time, defining details that would be adequate to cover all applications is not practical. Instead, Part 6 displays typical applications that depict common applications of TTC devices. The TTC selected for each situation depends on type of highway, road user conditions, duration of operation, physical constraints, and the nearness of the work space or incident management activity to road users.
- Improved road user performance might be realized through a well-prepared public relations effort that covers the nature of the work, the time and duration of its execution, the anticipated effects upon road users, and possible alternate routes and modes of travel. Such programs have been found to result in a significant reduction in the number of road users traveling through the TTC zone, which reduces the possible number of conflicts.
- Operational improvements might be realized by using intelligent transportation systems (ITS) in work zones. The use in work zones of ITS technology, such as portable camera systems, highway advisory radio, variable speed limits, ramp metering, traveler information, merge guidance, and queue detection information, is aimed at increasing safety for both workers and road users and helping to ensure a more efficient traffic flow. The use in work zones of ITS technologies has been found to be effective in providing traffic monitoring and management, data collection, and traveler information.
- TTC plans and devices shall be the responsibility of the authority of a public body or official having jurisdiction for guiding road users. There shall be adequate statutory authority for the implementation and enforcement of needed road user regulations, parking controls, speed zoning, and the management of traffic incidents. Such statutes shall provide sufficient flexibility in the application of TTC to meet the needs of changing conditions in the TTC zone.
 Support.
- Temporary facilities, including pedestrian routes around worksites, are also covered by the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) (Public Law 101-336, 104 Stat. 327, July 26, 1990. 42 U.S.C. 12101-12213 (as amended)).

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Agree to Agree Strategic

Nebraska Regional Incident I Program Cooperative Acco

Traffic accidents cause approximately 50% of all congestion congestion carry serious implications in terms of movement of people and goods in the region.

The regional Traffic Incident Management Program aims to through better coordination and improved technology. in the region requires an unprecedented level of coord transportation agencies, law enforcement agencies, e private sector.

We, the undersigned, pledge to work cooperatively toward Traffic Incident Management Program in the area. We improving the safety and efficiency of our urban transp growth and mobility in the region.



1-80 Closure in Nebra

April 14-15, 2011





 One interesting note is that in the middle of all this event the Air Force wanted to run a "Critical Mission" and move through the area we had closed with a convoy. The NSP and I talked. We agreed to let them use hwy 30 if they absolutely had to go. They would have to move and replace the barricades when they encountered them. I do not know if they went or not. Historically their "Critical Missions" have



- At the time of the crash and then the closure the traffic had backed up approximately 5 miles of one lane traffic in the West bound lane.
- Well over 70 percent was Semi's commercial in nature, we began getting those trucks unstuck by placing sand and salt under their tires or by placing chains under the drive wheels, light loads were the problem with no weight on the drive axle.
- About 30 percent of the trucks had this problem, not being able to move in 2 to 3 inches of snow.
- Slush had turned to Ice and when they were parked for the crash they could not move.



• We (NDOR)continued this until about midnight, at that time we concentrated on getting the cars with people who could communicate to us that they could move, most of the trucks drivers went into their sleepers and slept blocking the roadway, after another 2 to 3 hours of banging on doors and not getting as much interest in going anywhere or being unstuck we ceased recovery @ 3:30 with approximately 2 miles of traffic remaining and continued



- NOTE: Today's trucks, or the majority of do not have a hitch point on the front to pull them and the best method was to push them to get them moving. I hate Volvos
- About 30 percent of the truck operators could not speak English, and did not have experience with being stuck, nor knew how to get unstuck and would not venture out of the cab to get unstuck.



- The wrecker operators would not pull any trucks out, that's why we (DOR) resorted to getting them out.
- They were to pay before you hook wrecker service and since they could not speak the language they could not agree to payment.
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- On Friday morning we began pushing the stuck trucks with a motor grader and loader, and had a blower pulling those who could be pulled. Approximately 45-50 were left to be freed at daylight, probably 10 cars,
- Note: all were out of state, only one Nebraska car was in the line that we pulled out on Thursday night.
- Numerous trucks stranded on Hwy 26 and 25 and on each interchange
 Ogallala, Paxton, Sutherland, Hershey and North Platte...
- All trucks and stuck vehicles were able to move @ 1100 hours. It took the remainder of the time to get the interstate in a condition to handle traffic safely.
- Trucks had been diverted to these other routes but began being stuck on them.

WYDOT Call





- WYDOT failed to close and the trucks started to stack up on I-80 west of Kimball.
- Once we became aware that WYDOT had failed to close off east bound traffic (around 10:30 am) I contacted them again and they then closed at Cheyenne.
- The best estimate I have for trucks at Sidney is 1500 and around 600 at Kimball with 400 of those on the interstate shoulder at Kimball.

511

• During the time period of the closure there were almost 40,000 (39,956 to be exact) calls that came into 511.

The daily total for Thursday (4/14) was 4387 calls and Friday (4/15) was 40860 calls.

TIM List Serve

TIM URL Resource Link

- www.tim.ne.gov
- www.tim.nebraska.gov
- Manuals, presentations, maps, no contact information
- Also PW protected sit for lists, etc.

- Mailing list
- Key stakeholders
- Up to Date information

TMCPFS Webinars

- Effective Use of Dynamic Message Signs
- Dr. Conrad Dudek
- FHWA-TMCPFS
- 100+ attended
- Expect 3-4 annually from TMCPFS
- Presentation on DOR TIM site

Thank you!!

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