



**T** Traffic

**I** Incident

**M** Management

Working together, we can save lives and keep traffic moving on our roadways.

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safe  
reliable  
travel smooth  
fast response  
timely  
cost-saving  
efficient



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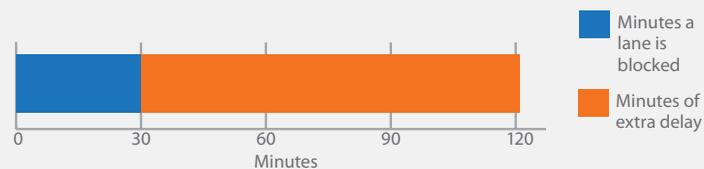
# Traffic Incident Management

*Because Time Matters*

## Traffic Incidents...

...jeopardize the safety of motorists and responders

Every minute a lane is blocked, creates 4 extra minutes of delay. Every minute you're stuck in traffic increases your risk of being rear-ended.



...are a leading cause of unexpected highway congestion

...are costly

- Americans burn more than **2.8 billion** gallons every year stuck in incident-related traffic. <sup>1</sup>
- Commuters lose nearly a **full workweek (36 hours)** sitting in traffic congestion each year. <sup>2</sup>
- Costs associated with traffic incidents due to medical bills and lost wages have jumped **85% in only four years.** <sup>3</sup>

Traffic incidents are the **#1 cause** of death of EMS responders. <sup>4</sup>



Traffic incidents create unsafe situations, put lives at risk, and cause delays.

## Know your role:

- 1** Move your car to a safe place – out of the travel lanes – if you are involved in an incident, and there are no injuries.
- 2** When you see flashing lights ahead of you, you need to **slow down and/or move over.** You can be ticketed for failing to do this!
- 3** Help keep your loved ones safe and avoid a ticket. Tell your friends and family about these laws.

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Traffic Incident Management responders work together to clear incidents safely and quickly.

**But these heroes of the highway can't do it alone.** They need our help. Please do your part to help keep everyone safe and moving on our roadways.

Sources:

<sup>1</sup> U.S. DOT Strategic Plan FY 2010 – FY2015; April 15, 2010.

<sup>2</sup> U.S. DOT Strategic Plan FY 2010 – FY2015; April 15, 2010.

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<sup>4</sup> Maguire B, Hunting K, Smith G, Levick N. [2002]. *Occupational fatalities in emergency medical services: a hidden crisis.* *Ann Emerg Med* 40: 629.