

Proclamation

WHEREAS, from 2019-2021, Arizona recorded 104,211 injury/fatal traffic-related crashes (2,939 fatal and 104,211 injury crashes), placing thousands of on-scene first responders (EMS/fire, law enforcement, transportation/public works, 911 communications, towing/recovery) at risk of being struck-by and killed or injured by approaching/passing motorists; and

WHEREAS, from 2017-2022 across the nation, 205 crash responders were struck-by and killed while working a roadside incident, of which 10 (6%) were Arizona crash responders (3 in 2019, 1 in 2020, 6 in 2021); and

WHEREAS, of the 10 Arizona first responder struck-by fatalities, 7 (70%) were law enforcement officers, 2 (20%) were tow truck operators, and 1 (10%) was a transportation/highway service worker; and

WHEREAS, "D" Drivers (drunk, drugged, drowsy, distracted, and otherwise dangerous drivers) present the greatest risk for secondary crashes and on-scene first responders being struck and killed or injured; and

WHEREAS, Traffic Incident Management (TIM) is the planned and coordinated multi-disciplinary process to detect, respond to, and safely clear traffic incidents quickly to improve the safety of motorists, crash victims and emergency responders; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration's TIM course is a free 4-hour class that trains first responders to work highway scenes under a unified command structure to facilitate responder safety, safe and quick roadway clearance, and interoperable communication; and

WHEREAS, AZ completed 438 TIM training sessions, resulting in 8,743 crash first responders being trained (2,677 law enforcement, 1,890 fire-rescue, 1,550 towing and recovery, 362 emergency medical services, 1,818 transportation/public works, and 446 other disciplines as of August 29, 2022; and

WHEREAS, first responders are encouraged to complete the free 4-hour TIM course by visiting the AZ TIM website (<https://tim.az.gov/home>) to register for a TIM class.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Katie Hobbs, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim November 13-17, 2023, as

CRASH RESPONDER SAFETY WEEK



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona


GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this first day of November in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Three and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Eighth.

ATTEST:


SECRETARY OF STATE