

Success Story- I-70 Multi-vehicle pileup Indianapolis, IN 2013

A multi-vehicle crash occurred on I-70 west of Indianapolis, IN in the midst of a blowing snow storm. Both directions were blocked with crashed vehicles.

The swiftness in cleaning up the Jan 31, 2013 I-70 54 vehicle crash in 5.5 hours would have been unheard of 6 years ago in Indiana. It's only been thru the cooperation and communications between all emergency response agencies that this was even possible, especially since it involved so many trucks and resulted in 1 fatality.

Through cooperation of all First Responder disciplines the decision was made to move vehicles to a staging area off of the interstate to further investigate. One local Towing business acted as an Incident Commander for all Towing agencies that were called to respond even though they got no tows from the crash!

Estimates indicate that this crash might have caused an additional 6 hours of road closure prior to First Responders receiving the National TIM First Responder Training Course.

This was a total TIM cooperated effort and a direct result of the National TIM First Responder training!