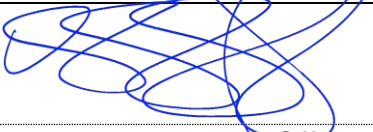
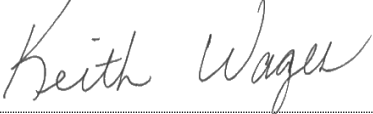




**GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
POLICY # OEMS-PRO-102018-001
NATIONAL TRAFFIC INCIDENT MANAGEMENT
RESPONDER TRAINING POLICY**

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1.0 PURPOSE

The intent of this policy is to establish guidelines for Traffic Incident Management Responder training for EMS personnel. This education aligns with the priorities and strategies of the *2015 Georgia Strategic Highway Safety Plan*.

2.0 AUTHORITY

The Georgia Department of Public Health, Office of EMS and Trauma (Department), National Traffic Incident Management Responder Training Policy is published under the authority of the Department and in compliance with the following:

- 2.1 Official Code of Georgia Annotated (O.C.G.A.) § 31-11-1 et seq.
- 2.2 EMS Rules and Regulations Chapter 511-9-2:
 - 2.2.1 Rule 511-9-2-.13,
 - 2.2.2 Rule 511-9-2-.16, and
 - 2.2.3 Rule 511-9-2-.18.
- 2.3 2015 Georgia Strategic Highway Safety Plan.

3.0 DEFINITIONS

- 3.1 Continuing Education - means any education required under EMS Rules 511-9-2-.13.
- 3.2 Department – means the Georgia Department of Public Health, Office of EMS and Trauma.
- 3.3 EMS – means emergency medical services.
- 3.4 EMS Rules – means the Department’s Rules and Regulations, Chapter 511-9-2.

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- 3.5 EMS Personnel – means any emergency medical technician (EMT), emergency medical technician intermediate (EMT-I), advanced emergency medical technician (AEMT), cardiac technician (CT), or paramedic (P) currently licensed by the Department.
- 3.6 Initial EMS Education – means any EMT, AEMT, and Paramedic courses approved by Department.
- 3.7 Program Director – the person at an initial education program that is responsible for all aspects of the program, including, but not limited to: the administration, organization, and supervision of the educational program, the continuous quality review and improvement of the educational program, long range planning and ongoing development of the program, as well as the effectiveness of the program.
- 3.8 Course Coordinator – is defined by EMS Rule 511-9-2-.16(1)(b).
- 3.9 Traffic Incident Management Responder Training – means training developed by the Federal Highway Safety Administration that provides first responders a shared understanding of the requirements for safe, quick clearance of traffic incident scenes; prompt, reliable and open communication; and motorist and responder safeguards.

4.0 SCOPE

This policy applies to all EMS Personnel licensed by the Department and all Initial EMS Education courses approved by the Department.

5.0 POLICY

It is the policy of the Department that EMS Personnel must successfully complete a Traffic Incident Management Responder Training course. Failure to complete this training may result in sanctions imposed on the licensee.

5.1 EMS Personnel.

- 5.1.1 For EMS Personnel whose license expires in odd years (2019, 2021) who did not complete Traffic Incident Management Responder Training as part of their initial EMS education must complete this training on or before March 31, 2021, as part of their continuing education requirement.
- 5.1.2 or EMS Personnel whose license expires in even years (2020, 2022) who did not complete Traffic Incident Management Responder Training as part of their initial EMS education must complete this training on or before March 31, 2022, as part of their continuing education requirement.
- 5.1.3 Once completed the training does not need to be completed for any future license renewal cycles.

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5.2 Initial EMS Education.

5.2.1 All initial EMS education courses beginning on or after January 1, 2019, will be required to include Traffic Incident Management Responder Training as part of the initial EMS education curriculum.

5.2.2 A student only needs to complete this training once in the course of their initial EMS education.

6.0 PROCEDURE

There are two pathways for EMS Personnel to complete this required training; a web-based course or an in-person course.

6.1 Web-based course.

6.1.1 A link to the web-based course is available on the Department's webpage at <https://dph.georgia.gov/ems>, or

6.1.2 The free web-based course is available directly from the Federal Highway Administration's webpage at https://www.nhi.fhwa.dot.gov/course-search?tab=0&course_no=133126A&sf=1.

6.2 In-person course.

6.2.1 Information about in-person course schedule will be available on the Department's webpage, or

6.2.2 The Georgia Time Task Force website at <http://timetaskforce.com/calendar/> or email info@timetaskforce.com.

7.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

7.1 EMS Personnel shall be required to successfully complete Traffic Incident Management Training Course on or before the date specified in section 5 of this policy.

7.1.1 EMS Personnel shall maintain verification of successful course completion of the Traffic Incident Management Training Course documentation in the event of an audit pursuant to EMS Rule 511-9-2-.13.

7.2 Program Directors and Course Coordinators overseeing Department approved initial EMS education programs that begin on or after January 1, 2019, shall verify that each student in their program has successfully completed a Traffic Incident Management Responder course as part of the successful course completion.

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7.2.1 EMS education programs must maintain verification of students successful completion as part of the students' record as required by the Department pursuant to EMS Rule 511-9-2-.18(27).

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8.0 REVISION HISTORY

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0	10/24/2018	Initial issue