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## Overview & Purpose:

Explain the termination phase of an incident response and practice how to execute termination properly

## Topics:

- Termination
- Department SOP
- Legal authority to remove vehicles
- Safe removal of temporary traffic control devices
- Safe removal of blocking vehicles

## Pre-Class Assignment:

Complete the Termination module on [learning.respondersafety.com](http://learning.respondersafety.com) and bring the certificate. Read our department's termination SOPs

## Materials:

- Department SOP handouts
- TIMA diagram handouts
- Copy of NFPA 1091
- Tabletop roadway layout with appropriate miniature vehicles (civilian cars, fire apparatus or other blocking vehicles) and traffic control devices OR full-size apparatus with MUTCD-compliant cones and a secured area for practice

## Learning Objectives:

- Understand department SOP on termination
- Explain why termination can be a dangerous time
- Explain key safety practices during termination
- Formulate a termination plan in cooperation with other responders
- Demonstrate how to safely and efficiently remove traffic control devices and vehicles and restore traffic flow



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## NFPA 1091 JPRs:

- 4.2.9 Perform TIMA demobilization functions

## Correlations to Dept Training Rotations:

To be filled in by Instructor

## Related SOPs/SOGs:

Titles to be filled in by Instructor

## Introduction (10 min):

Introduce the topic of termination:

- Show the TIM in a Minute video
- Relate to 1091 JPRs and departmental training requirements and explain how this training will help fulfill those
- Discuss a struck by or near miss case related to termination, local if possible.

## SOP Review (10 min):

- Distribute TIMA diagram and refresh students on the TIMA areas.
- Distribute a copy of the department's termination SOP. Review the SOP with the group. Discuss and answer questions about the expectations set by the SOP.

## Discussion (10 min):

Discuss with the group:

- How termination is currently executed at roadway incident scenes.
- Review the dangers during the termination phase (potentially less protection if some vehicles have already returned to service, frustrated motorists due to backup of traffic, termination operations require being outside the vehicle at the edges of the TIMA)
- Identify gaps between current practice and the SOP.
- Discuss how to eliminate those gaps.
- Review the legal basis to remove vehicles (driver removal law, authority removal law).



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## Exercise (25 min):

Tabletop 1 (or full-scale exercise outside):

1. Set up a two-vehicle crash on a two-lane roadway, with one vehicle being a box truck and both lanes blocked. Place spilled cargo items from the box truck throughout the roadway.
2. Ask the group to set up a full TIMA for this incident, including advance warning and blocking. Allow them to use only the resources that would reasonably respond to this type of incident in your jurisdiction.
3. Challenge the group to create a termination plan for this incident. Make sure they consider:
  - vehicle removal
  - cargo spill clearance
  - recovery of roadway from any damage
  - demobilization of temporary traffic control devices, response vehicles, and personnel
  - removal of any detours needed
  - restoration of normal traffic flow
  - notification of DOT, TMC, media, and other relevant public information outlets
4. Have the group assign termination tasks to each other according to their roles.
5. Ask the group to terminate the incident according to their plan, including removal of traffic control devices, reopening lanes strategically, and returning emergency vehicles to service.
6. Debrief the termination. Did they:
  - Dismantle the scene from the Termination Area backwards to the Advance Warning area?
  - Deploy upstream vehicles as advance warning and blocking when temporary traffic control devices are being removed and/or when equipment is being demobilized?
  - Did they face traffic at all times when removing temporary traffic control devices?
  - Did they perform a rolling roadblock to slowly bring traffic up to and past the incident scene after lanes are reopened?



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Tabletop 2 (or full-scale exercise outside):

1. Set up a multi-vehicle crash spanning at least 2 lanes of a multi-lane, limited access, high-speed highway.
2. Ask the group to set up a full TIMA for this incident, including advance warning and blocking. Allow them to use only the resources that would reasonably respond to this type of incident in your jurisdiction.
3. Challenge the group to create a staged-out termination plan for this incident that incrementally reopens lanes.
4. Have the group assign termination tasks to each other according to their roles.
5. Ask the group to terminate the incident according to their plan, including removal of traffic control devices, reopening lanes incrementally, and returning emergency vehicles to service.
6. Ask the group to remove all traffic control devices according to their termination plan.
7. Debrief the termination.

## Wrap Up (5 min):

Re-emphasize safety practices during termination:

- Wear high visibility apparel until inside your vehicle to depart
- Leave blocking vehicles in position as other equipment is gathered and stowed and until all operations (including towing) are complete
- Maintain situational awareness of traffic and do not work with your back to traffic
- Clear all debris and spills according to SOP
- Remove temporary traffic controls properly and safely, facing traffic at all times
- Maintain the accountability system as personnel are returned to service

## Resources:

[https://learning.respondersafety.com/Training\\_Programs/Termination.aspx](https://learning.respondersafety.com/Training_Programs/Termination.aspx)

[http://www.respondersafety.com/Resources/National\\_United\\_Goal\\_Traffic\\_Incident\\_Management.aspx](http://www.respondersafety.com/Resources/National_United_Goal_Traffic_Incident_Management.aspx)