Traffic Incident Management: a National Unified Goal
Preparedness for crisis is a byproduct of collaboration & cooperation in the routine.
1. **Congestion Relief**
   - Non-recurring traffic incidents account for one-fourth of congestion & delay
   - 1 minute of Interstate lane blockage = 4 minutes of delay

2. **Freight Mobility**
   - Unexpected delay is especially destructive to the economy. In 2004, idled trucks cost the trucking industry
     - 243 million hours
     - 17,000 work years
     - $8 billion
3. Responder Safety

- Responder deaths & injuries
  - 300 officers die in vehicle incidents each year
  - 20% firefighter deaths on roads
  - 5 towing struck-bys first 3 months ‘06
- ~10,000 squads, 2,000 fire trucks, 3,000 other service vehicles struck going to or at a traffic incident.
- What about “Near Misses”?
- www.respondersafety.org
Some Benefits of TIM

Reduced Incident Duration – up to 65%

Reductions in Secondary Crashes – 30 to 50%

Freeway Safety Patrols – Benefit/Cost of 2:1 to 36:1
What is Needed for National Success?

- **People:**
  - National Transportation & Public Safety Community Relationship

- **Plan:**
  - Understandable National Vision

- **Program:**
  - National Programmatic Linkages
  - State & Regional Commitment
NTIMC Represents Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Partners

- Transportation (AASHTO, ATA/ATRI, ATSSA, FHWA, ITE, ITSA, I-95 CC, TRB)
- Fire & Rescue (Emergency Responder Safety Institute, IAFC, IAFF, IFSTA, NFPA, NVFC, USFA)
- Emergency Medical Services (NASEMSO)
- Public Safety Communications (APCO, NENA)
- Towing & Recovery (TRAA)
- Law Enforcement (IACP)
National Unified Goal (NUG)  
For Traffic Incident Management  

A consensus document on issues of broad common concern, such as . . .  

• Cross Cutting Strategies  
• Quick Clearance  
• Responder Safety  
• Prompt, Reliable Traffic Incident Communications  
• Public Education for Incident Prevention  
• Accountable Progress
NUG Development Timeline

- Listening Sessions Completed
- Consensus Development Conference, Nov. 28-Dec. 1, 2006, Irvine, CA
- Finalization by Steering Committee
- Ratification Launch (press event ~ summer/fall 2007)
- 2007-8 Implementation