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CRASH RESPONDER SAFETY WEEK NOVEMBER 2-6, 2026

Crash Responder Safety Week (CRSW) raises awareness for the first responders who respond to traffic incidents and the motoring public affected. The week is sponsored and supported by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

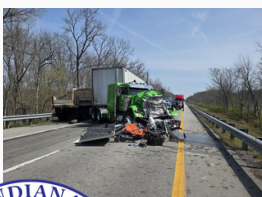
The 2026 theme is “Slow Down, Move Over. Lives are on the Line!” Each day of the week recognizes a different priority to raise awareness for responders and motorists alike. Theme days are as follows:

Monday–Slow Down, Move Over. Lives are on the Line!
Tuesday–Driver Education
Wednesday–Responder Training
Thursday–Highway Heroes
Friday–Roadside Lifeline

FHWA encourages responders to recognize the week through governor’s proclamations, hosting a TIM training, public relations events, and dynamic message sign (DMS) messages, just to name a few.

For more information:

<https://transportationops.org/TIM/CRSW>



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INDIANA TIM AT THE INDIANA TOW SHOW: EDUCATING AND ENGAGING THE TOWING COMMUNITY

Recently, Indiana Traffic Incident Management (TIM) was invited to participate at the Indiana Tow Show. The event was held at Fair Oaks Farms from July 31-August 2. The three-day event included educational seminars, wrecker displays, vendors, and networking opportunities.

On Friday, Indiana TIM presented the 4-hour TIM Training. The attendees were a multi-discipline group that contributed to conversations, knowledge, and real-life experiences. Saturday was a day to showcase and discuss TIM to wrecker professionals and other show attendees.

Thank you to the Indiana Towing and Wrecker Association for continuing to promote safety initiatives among towers, in an effort to keep Indiana's roadways safer for everyone.



RECORD RAINFALL AFFECTS INDIANA ROADWAYS

For more than five consecutive days, portions of the state of Indiana experienced record rainfall. From approximately August 11-17, 2026, areas of the state received up to 11 inches of rain within a 24-hour period. Compounded by multiple days of rain, the rainfall totals continued to add up.

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) reported that during the weather event, there were 30 separate roadway closures on state roads, U.S. highways, and even a section of interstate.

Interstate 70 near Richmond, Indiana, was closed due to portions of the highway buckling as a result of turbulent floodwaters. After 32 hours, the roadway was repaired and reopened to traffic. The U.S. Department of Transportation provided Indiana with \$26 million in emergency relief funding to repair damaged roads and bridges.





PREHOSPITAL BLOOD TRANSFUSION

Prehospital blood transfusion is an emerging, evidence-based intervention that aligns closely with the Safe System Approach, particularly the Post-Crash Care element. The Safe System philosophy recognizes that human errors and crashes will occur, however fatalities and serious injuries should not be inevitable. Effective post-crash care provides a critical layer of protection that can reduce preventable deaths after severe trauma.

The Federal Highway Administration identifies post-crash care as one of the five core elements of the Safe System Approach. This element is alongside safe road users, safe vehicles, safe speeds, and safe roads. The goal is to improve survival and recovery through rapid, coordinated, and evidence-based medical interventions following a crash.

Prehospital blood transfusion directly supports this goal by addressing one of the leading causes of preventable trauma death: hemorrhagic shock due to severe blood loss. Administering blood products before arrival at a trauma center helps bridge the critical gap between injury and definitive care.

Traditional EMS treatment often relied on intravenous crystalloid fluids for trauma resuscitation. However, blood products provide oxygen-carrying capacity, clotting factors, and volume replacement that more closely address the physiologic consequences of hemorrhage.

For more information:

<https://www.ems.gov/issues/prehospital-blood-transfusion/>

Indiana Agencies with Blood Programs:

- Plainfield Fire (Hendricks County)
- Crawfordsville Fire Department
- Elkhart Fire
- Indianapolis EMS Special Ops
- Letts Fire
- Mt. Vernon Township Fire
- New Castle/Henry County EMS
- Scott County EMS
- South Bend Fire Department
- Three Rivers Ambulance Authority
- Westfield Fire

Source: Midwest Blood Coalition



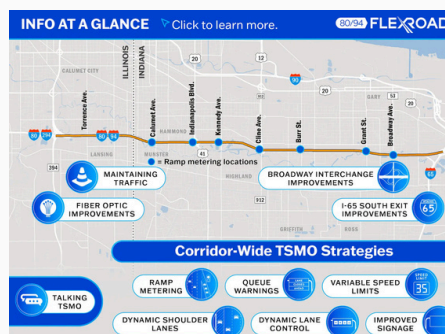


The 80/94 FlexRoad Project

The 80/94 FlexRoad project is an Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) project to identify solutions and improve traffic flow along one of Indiana's busiest interstate corridors. The ultimate goal is to improve travel time, increase roadway reliability, enhance motorist safety, and reduce emissions. Also known as the "Borman Expressway," the roadway is located in the northwest part of Indiana, in Lake County. The 12-mile stretch of roadway carries over 200-thousand vehicles per day. The traffic volumes are expected to increase 20% by 2040.



The 80/94 FlexRoad project began with a Planning and Environment Linkage (PEL) study. The PEL study was approved by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in 2022. Two of the primary needs that were identified for the FlexRoad project were recurring traffic congestion and safety. The recurring traffic congestion included travel time delays due to bottlenecks and low travel speeds. The safety component identified high crash rates in the corridor. By identifying the concerns, the project is working to reduce travel times, improve roadway reliability, and reduce crashes.



The project includes Transportation Systems Management and Operations (TSMO) strategies. This includes dynamic shoulder lanes, variable speed limits, ramp metering, lane control, and queue warning systems. The TSMO strategies were identified due to the area having pre-existing developments with limited right-of-way for improvements.

The price is expected to cost \$212.5 million, with INDOT receiving a \$127 million grant through the National Infrastructure Project Assistance (MEGA) program. Construction on the project began in spring 2026 with a completion date of late 2029. For more information go to: <https://indianaflexroad.com/>



FUTURE TIM TRAININGS

- 11/04/2026-Dearborn County
- 11/05/2026-Marion County
- 11/07/2026-Clark County
- 11/21/2026-Warrick County
- 12/03/2026-Jefferson County
- 12/08/2026-Allen County

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