Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, and Ohio Traffic Incident Management Conference

Best Practices in Traffic Incident Management - A Focus on Excellence

Thursday, September 29, 2016
Perrysburg, OH
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THE INDIANA, KENTUCKY, MICHIGAN & OHIO JOINT TRAFFIC INCIDENT MANAGEMENT (TIM) CONFERENCE
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2016
PERRYSBURG, OH

CONFERENCE DESCRIPTION & GENERAL INFORMATION

Join fellow first responders from all disciplines at this four state conference. Strides in traffic incident management (TIM) are being made throughout our states, but opportunities exist to further enhance these efforts through increased collaboration and the sharing of best practices. Multiple agencies from our four states have worked together to plan this conference, and you are invited to attend.

The conference offers a day packed with sharing of best practices in TIM and individualized tracks focused on:

- Planning, Management and Organizational
- Tactical and Training

To learn more about the national TIM initiative, please visit the EDC TIM website at: https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/innovation/everydaycounts/edc-2/tim.cfm.

Address: Holiday Inn, 10630 Fremont Pike, Perrysburg, OH, just off of I-75.

Audience: Responders and other personnel from transportation, law enforcement, fire, EMS, towing/recovery, public works, and safety educators are encouraged to attend. Attire is business casual.

Cost: Attendees will only be responsible for the cost of lunch (on their own) and any travel costs incurred for the day. There is no charge to attend the conference itself!

Continuing Education Credits: 6 contact hours for all day attendance
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PROGRAM SESSION SUMMARIES

Opening Session: 9:00 AM to 10:15 AM (Session 01)

Status of TIM: Across the Nation, with a Focus on the Four State Region

The importance of effective TIM programs continues to gain momentum across the U.S., and improvements in incident response continue to be realized through better communication and collaboration. Participants will learn about TIM efforts taking place nationally, successes realized in several “best practice” states, and the latest resources important to everyone involved in TIM.

Attendees will also receive a first-hand overview of the TIM programs within each state from senior leaders in the four state region – where are we, what lies ahead?

Speakers

- Larry Flowers, Ohio State Fire Marshal
- Tony Young, FHWA Kentucky Division
- Patty Dunaway, State Highway Engineer, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet
- Dr. Noelle Hunter, Executive Director, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Office of Highway Safety
- Annjanette (Angie) Kremer, Michigan Department of Transportation
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- Tom Corey, Deputy Director, Division of Highway Operations, Ohio Department of Transportation
Republic National Convention (RNC) Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Coordination Efforts Review

Traffic Incident Management doesn't just happen in response to unplanned situations – it can also be effectively planned for when major events are pending. This philosophy was applied this past summer by the Ohio Department of Transportation and the Ohio State Highway Patrol in response to the Republican National Convention (RNC) hosted in Cleveland, Ohio. During this session learn the scope of planning and the steps taken by Ohio's Traffic Incident Management partners to ensure a TIM plan of preparation and execution for one of the biggest events in Cleveland’s recent history.

Speakers

- Lieutenant William Weirtz, Ohio State Highway Patrol
- Carl Merckle, ODOT- Administrator, Emergency Operations
**Planning, Management and Organizational Track: 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM (Session 03)**

**Rerouting Traffic in the Queue and Other Alternate Routing Considerations**

Blowing snow, temperatures near zero, visibility at zero – then the crash report comes in. This was the situation on January 9th, when the Michigan State Police and Michigan Department of Transportation responded to a crash on I-94 which would put their TIM training and coordination skills to the test. Learn how they handled the explosion of a fireworks truck during the middle of a lake-effect snow storm.

**Speakers**

- Steve Brink, Michigan Department of Transportation
- Spl/Sgt. James P. Campbell, Training Division, Michigan State Police
- Tpr. Joel Niedzwiecki, Michigan State Police
Tactical and Training Track: 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM (Session 04)

**Towing Best Practices Resulting for the TIM Initiative**

The Traffic Incident Management initiative has highlighted the need to include all partners who respond to crashes – especially our partners in the towing industry. As a result, focus has been placed on the role towing plays in clearing the roadways to reopen lanes of traffic. During this session learn from two towing industry partners the impact TIM has made on their operations and learn about Ohio's innovative TRIP program – **Towing Recovery Incentive Program**.

*Speakers*

- Ron Myers, Owner of Pine Tree Towing, Cambridge, OH
- Lee Roberts, Owner of Roberts Heavy Duty Towing, Lexington, KY
- John MacAdam, Staff Engineer, Office of Traffic Operations, Ohio Department of Transportation
Planning, Management and Organizational Track: 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM *(Session 05)*

**Improving Communication and Coordination on Major Incidents**

During this session, learn from subject matter experts involved with two major incidents – a crash involving a cattle trailer in Indiana during September of 2015 and a hydrogen tanker fire which occurred on the Ohio Turnpike during June of 2016. The speakers will provide you the details of what occurred, how the incident response and TIM efforts were deployed and lessons learned once the crashes were cleared.

*Speakers*

- Dr. Jodi Lovejoy, DVM, Indiana State Board of Animal Health
- Cory Skoczen, Safety Services Coordinator, Ohio Turnpike Commission
- Lt. Vern Fisher, Ohio State Highway Patrol
TIM Performance Measures and Travel Time Reliability

TIM isn’t just a response mechanism on how to clean up an incident when a crash occurs. TIM is also proactive planning to ensure information is communicated to travelers in a timely manner so travel patterns can be changed in response to traffic crashes. Proactive TIM approaches can help reduce congestion around crash locations and thereby minimize the likelihood of a secondary crash. Learn from three subject matter experts during this session on how their states are working towards communicating with motorists proactively in response to crash situations.

Speakers

- Chris Lambert, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet
- Oladayo Akinyemi, PE, Manager of Southeast Michigan Transportation Operations Center
- John MacAdam, Staff Engineer, Office of Traffic Operations, Ohio Department of Transportation
TIM Assessments of Urban/Metro Areas and Future TIM Improvement Plans

Traffic Incident Management needs in urban/metro areas differ from those in rural areas. Increased population means increased traffic, communications and incidents requiring a TIM response. During this session learn about TIM focused operations in Louisville, KY, and research being conducted in the State of Michigan to improve the TIM initiative in the future for their state.

Speakers

- Annjanette (Angie) Kremer, Michigan Department of Transportation
- Rickie Boller, TRIMARC TOC Supervisor, Northrop Grumman Corporation
Closing Session: 3:45 PM - 4:00 PM

**AASHTO Traffic Incident Management Technical Action Group Business Plan**

Traffic Incident Management has grown and developed since its deployment as a SHRP2 initiative. TIM became a national focus as an Every Day Counts (EDC) initiative and now it has evolved into an AASHTO Technical Action Group (TAG). During this session, learn about the future of the AASHTO Traffic Incident Management Technical Action Group (TIMTAG) – how it ties into AASHTO’s long-term vision, how TIMTAG is structured and its business plan moving forward.

**Speaker**

- Eric Rensel, Vice President, Gannett Fleming Management Services
**Speaker Biographies**

*Alphabetically Listed*

**Oladayo Akinyemi, PE, Manager, SEMTOC**

Oladayo (Dayo) Akinyemi is the Manager of Southeast Michigan Transportation Operations Center (SEMTOC), where he oversees the design, construction and operations of Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) for Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT).

Dayo began his career with MDOT in 2004 as a Geotechnical Engineer, and became an Engineer Manager responsible for Capital Projects in 2006. He was posted to SEMTOC in 2011 where he leads a group of professionals to manage traffic incidents along more than 400 miles of freeways in the Metropolitan Detroit area.

Dayo is a member of the Regional Traffic Incident Management coordination committee, the Governor’s Advisory Council on Traffic Incident Management, and the 24-member committee developing the short, medium and long-range strategic plan for incident management for the USDOT. Dayo is currently working with others to develop the planning, design and operational standards for Active Traffic Management in the State of Michigan.

A Licensed Professional Engineer in the State of Michigan, he holds a bachelor's and a master’s degree in Civil Engineering and he is a 2014 graduate of the University of Maryland’s Operations Academy Senior Management.
Rickie Boller, TRIMARC TOC Supervisor

Rickie Boller lives in the city of Louisville, KY. He studied at the University Of Louisville in the Leadership and Organizational Development program. He is now the Lead Supervisor for the fast and growing TRIMARC (Traffic Response and Incident Management Assisting the river Cities) project for the Northrup Grumman Corporation and The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. Passionate about traffic flow and ways of making it better, he now leads and trains operators in the TOC setting on how to pin point Traffic anomalies and provide a quick and accurate response. For the past 10 years Rickie has been a part of the Intelligent Transportation movement. Rickie is a father of three amazing daughters (Khali, Kimille and Deandra) and husband to a wonderful Wife (Nicohle). Rickie is actively involved in ministry at Living Faith Christian Ministries in Louisville, KY and community involvement in Louisville’s Inner city. Rickie exudes his passion in and out of the work place in all he does.

Steve Brink, Region Traffic Safety and Operations Engineer, MDOT

Steve Brink has been with the Michigan Department of Transportation for the past 4 years as the Southwest Region’s Traffic Safety, and Operations Engineer. Steve coordinates and administers the region’s business processes for traffic safety and intelligent transportation systems. In addition, Steve is a traffic incident management instructor and facilitates the region’s mobility performance metrics. Steve is a licensed professional engineer in Michigan and Illinois and received his Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Michigan Technological University.
Spl/Sgt. James P. Campbell, Training Division, Michigan State Police

Spl/Sgt. Campbell has been with the Michigan State Police for 28 yrs. He worked his first 9 years on the road at the Brighton Post and promoted to Sgt. in 1995. The last 19 yrs. He has served as the 5th District Traffic Crash Reconstructionist. Sgt. Campbell investigates an average of 50 fatal crashes each year and has been qualified as an expert 50 times in 15 different courts. His expertise includes general Traffic Crash Reconstruction, Crash Data Retrieval and Child Passenger Safety. He has testified in several cases that resulted in 2nd degree murder conviction and assisted several homicide trials with his Forensic mapping.

Sgt. Campbell covers 9 counties in Southwest Michigan and has assisted with crashes across the state. Sgt. Campbell has over 1300 hours of Crash Reconstruction training, including specialized training in motorcycles, commercial vehicles, snowmobiles, pedestrian crashes and occupant kinematics. He is ACTAR certified since 1999 and the 2012 recipient of the Richard H Austin Long Term Traffic Safety Award.

Sgt. Campbell received his B.A. degree from MSU (GO GREEN).

Tom Corey, Deputy Director, Division of Highway Operations, Ohio Department of Transportation

Tom Corey is the Deputy Director in ODOT's central office in the division of Operations. Tom has over 20 years’ experience in operations and maintenance with the Department. Ranging from highway maintenance, construction inspection, county and district management, to his current role as Deputy Director. In current position he is responsible for statewide policy and procedure for the departments of aviation, maintenance, and traffic operations. Which include oversight of the Quick clear program, TRIP, and the Traffic Management Center.
Patty Dunaway, State Highway Engineer, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet

Patty began her career at Kentucky Transportation Cabinet as a scholarship student in 1990, working summers out of the Lexington and Elizabethtown district offices. During her 26 year career at the Cabinet, she worked in various areas including construction, design, planning and served as a Chief District Engineer for ten years.

She has managed the Safety Program and the annual Rural Secondary Program for District Four. Dunaway initiated the I-65 Incident Management Team and was responsible for overseeing the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) highway projects at Ft. Knox as well as the widening projects of I-65 to six lanes in District 4.

Dunaway holds a bachelor’s degree in civil engineering from the University of Kentucky. She lives in Leitchfield with her husband Jerry and has two daughters, Dawn and Tara, who attend the University of Louisville.

Lt. Vern Fisher, Ohio State Highway Patrol

Lieutenant Vern Fisher joined the Ohio State Highway Patrol in May 1993 as a member of the 125th Academy Class. He was assigned to the Marysville Post, where he was selected as Post Trooper of the Year in 1996. In 1998 he transferred to the Swanton Post where he was selected as Post Trooper of the Year in 1999. In 2000, he was promoted to the rank of sergeant and transferred to the Norwalk Post to serve as an assistant post commander. As a sergeant, he also served at the Defiance, Findlay, Bowling Green and Swanton Posts.

Lieutenant Fisher attended Bowling Green State University and Northwest State Community College. Lieutenant Fisher is a graduate of the John Glenn School of Public Affairs Leadership Academy. He resides in Stryker, OH with his wife and two sons.
F/Lt. James Flegel, Michigan State Police

F/Lt. Jim Flegel has 23 years with the Michigan State Police. He spent 6 ½ years at the Hastings Post as a Trooper and Trooper Investigator then took a promotion to the Precision Driving Unit as a Sgt. F/Lt. Flegel was a Sgt. at the Precision Driving Unit for 12 years and took a promotion as the Commander of the Unit. In September 2013, he accepted another promotion to F/Lt., commander of the Traffic Services Section. F/Lt. Flegel has been working on Traffic Incident Management efforts in Michigan for the past three years.

Larry Flowers, Ohio State Fire Marshal

Larry Flowers was appointed as Ohio’s 37th State Fire Marshal in April 2011. Prior to being named State Fire Marshal, Flowers proudly served the citizens of Ohio as a State Representative from 2001 to 2008 in the 19th and 24th Ohio House Districts. He also was the fire chief of the Madison Township Fire Department in Franklin County from 1978 to 2000. Most recently, he served as the Madison Township Administrator. Flowers began his fire service career as a volunteer with the Kirkersville Fire Department (now West Licking Joint Fire District) in 1970 before joining the Baltimore Fire Department (now Basil Fire Department) in Fairfield County, and then becoming a full-time firefighter and paramedic with the Sharon Township Fire Department (now Worthington Fire Department). He was named fire chief of the Madison Township Fire Department in 1978, a position he held until retirement in 2000.
Dr. Noelle Hunter, Executive Director, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Office of Highway Safety

Dr. Noelle Hunter is the Executive Director of the Kentucky Office of Highway Safety (KOHS).

Through public and private partnerships, KOHS works to achieve the most improved and sustainable downward trend in reducing Kentucky's highway fatalities and injuries. The Office's Division of Incident Management maintains a state of preparedness to respond to highway incidents to improve responder and motorist safety, reduce traveler delay and support emergency response throughout the Commonwealth.

Hunter served as the James E. Webb Fellow for the Smithsonian Institution Office of Policy and Analysis and worked in constituent services for the former Sen. Jay Rockefeller of West Virginia. Prior to federal service, Hunter was the Walter Rollins Scholar for the West Virginia Legislature Committee on Health and Human Services and committee staff for the subcommittees on Homeland Security and Bioterrorism; and Workforce, Innovation and the New Economy—responsible for identifying threats and contingency plans to protect West Virginia's critical infrastructure.

Hunter taught state and local government, American political institutions, and international relations at Morehead State, West Virginia University, and West Virginia Wesleyan University. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in journalism in 1994 and Masters of Public Administration in 2009 from Ohio University. Hunter earned her Ph.D. in Political Science from West Virginia University in 2007.
Annjanette (Angie) Kremer, Michigan Department of Transportation

Angie received a Bachelor of Science Degree from Michigan Technological University in Civil Engineering and is a registered Professional Civil Engineer in the State of Michigan. Angie serves as the Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Engineer for the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). She oversees the areas of TIM and Work Zone Safety & Mobility and her responsibilities include policies, procedures, and programs for MDOT related to these areas. She is also an advisor for the national TIM Network and is Co-Chair of the Michigan Traffic Incident Management Team for the Governor’s Traffic Safety Advisory Commission. Angie also is the program manager for the Mi-TIME training program.

Angie is one of two representatives for MDOT on the ENTERPRISE Pooled Study for Rural Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS). She is also a member of the Michigan Chief of Police – Safety Committee and on the Michigan Association of Traffic Accident Investigators (MATAI). Angie is also the only representative for DOT transportation on the International Association of Chiefs of Police for the TIM Sub-Committee.

In her spare time she is a K-9 handler for Michigan Search & Rescue a volunteer K9 unit who helps find lost and missing people.

Chris Lambert, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet

Chris Lambert has been with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet for eighteen years. Primarily serving in some technology capacity, Chris’ career with the cabinet has included Information Technology, Construction, Highway Design, Permits; and, most recently, Intelligent Transportation Systems.

His current projects include: Managing the public-private-partnership between KYTC and Waze, designing and implementing a new Snow and Ice management system, implementing a new ITS architecture capable of reading, processing, interpreting, and responding to over 1 million real-time records per second as well as performing “big data” analytics.

On his personal time, Chris enjoys spending time with his wife and two young boys and supporting poverty relief work in rural Honduras.
**Mike Lepper, IN-TIME Chair, Indiana State Police - Indiana Traffic Incident Management Effort**

Indiana State Police, Staff Services Unit; Appointed Chair of the Indiana Traffic Incident management Effort (IN-TIME) in October 2014; Fleet Safety Director; Manage the Traffic Safety Grants; Research & Development; 31 Years with the ISP

**Dr. Jodi Lovejoy, DVM, Indiana State Board of Animal Health**

I graduated from Purdue University School of Veterinary Medicine in 1993 with a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) degree. I worked for two years in a mixed animal (livestock and companion animal) practice. In April 1995 I began work as a district field veterinarian with the Indiana State Board of Animal Health (BOAH).

My focus at BOAH, in addition to regular field duties, includes animal welfare issues. I act as the animal welfare specialist for BOAH. In this capacity I look at a wide variety of issues that affect animal welfare. These include animal neglect, animal fighting, and emergency management.

Traffic incidents involving animals I believe fall under emergency management. Preparation for animals in any “regular” disaster can be utilized to handle animals involved in traffic incidents and vice versa.

I have responded to foreign animal disease events, the latest being Avian Influenza in Dubois County in January – March 2016. Traffic control and signage was an important part of protecting responders during this emergency response.

As the animal welfare specialist for BOAH I have provided training to local law enforcement and first responders on animal behavior, handling, and proper technical rescue techniques.

BOAH has become a voting member of IN-TIME. I took the Train-The-Trainer course in May 2015 and have assisted with several TIM trainings since then. I have also helped develop standard operating guidelines for disposition of livestock and poultry involved in emergency incidents. These guidelines have been made available to Indiana’s first responders.
**John MacAdam, Staff Engineer, Office of Traffic Operations, Ohio Department of Transportation**

John has worked for the ODOT Office of Traffic in Central Office for over 10 years. He currently oversees the Statewide Traffic Management Center staff and operations. John is a project manager for OHGO, and is passionate about solving problems with technology.

**Carl Merckle, Administrator, Emergency Operations, Ohio Department of Transportation**

Carl Merckle has been with the Ohio Department of Transportation since 2000 and currently serves as Acting Emergency Operation Coordinator in ODOT’s Central Office, Division of Highway Operations. Among his extensive duties, he is Co-Chair of the Ohio TIM/QuickClear Program; is the Department’s liaison with the state’s emergency response community; and serves as Emergency Operations Center Coordinator for Transportation at the State Emergency Operations Center. Merckle has served as a volunteer firefighter since 1998 and was the Lewisville & Community Volunteer Fire Department fire chief from 2009-2011. In addition, he is a trained emergency medical technician and previously served as the Monroe County EMS Coordinator.
Ron Myers, Operations Manager, Pine Tree Towing and Recovery

Ron Myers is an award-winning towing and recovery plus transport specialist, with more than 35 years of experience. He is an active Operations Manager of Pine Tree Towing and Recovery in Cambridge, Ohio. Through many formal training and certification classes, including Wreckmaster 2/3, 4/5, multiple rotator trainings, air cushion recovery techniques and safety, and TIM training, including the SHRP2 Train-the-Trainer, he is recognized as a professional tower. Myers attends several towing conventions across the U.S. annually to gather industry information and stay abreast of new trends, equipment, and safety programs. Myers serves as President and founding member of Quick Clear Professionals of Ohio, as well as is a member of the Towing & Recovery Association of America’s TIM Committee.

Tpr. Joel Niedzwiecki, Michigan State Police

Tpr. Joel Niedzwiecki has been employed with the Michigan State Police for 21 years. He spent his first 16 years assigned to the Coldwater Post where his duties included traffic enforcement and criminal investigations. For the past 5 years he has been assigned to the Fifth District Hometown Security Team which works in multiple counties in Southwest Michigan. During the winter months, the 14 person team’s primary responsibility is to respond to motor vehicle accidents along the heavily travelled freeway systems of Southwest Michigan. In a typical winter season the Hometown Security Team will respond to several hundred accidents, many involving multiple vehicles, and several involving more than 25 vehicles at a time. Joel and his wife of 19 years, Kristen, have five children (4 girls, 1 boy) and they live in the Coldwater, MI.
Eric Rensel, Vice President, Gannett Fleming, Inc.

Eric Rensel is a Vice President at Gannett Fleming, Inc. and has over 18 years of overall experience. In his position, Eric is responsible for delivering the full range of transportation systems management and operations projects with an emphasis on traffic incident management and traffic management centers. Eric is active in several national activities including the Institute of Transportation Engineers where he serves as the chair of the TSMO Council. He also serves on the technical advisory committee for the National Operations Center of Excellence and he is part of the Traffic Incident Management Technical Action Group with AASHTO.

Lee Roberts, President and CEO of Roberts Heavy Duty Towing in Lexington, Kentucky

Lee Roberts has over 30 years of Heavy Duty Towing experience, ten of which were in London, UK. Lee was brought up on Quick Clearance in the United Kingdom. Lee is currently the owner of one of the largest towing companies in Kentucky. He has completed the SHRP2 Train the Trainer course and was the first towing company in Kentucky to have all employees SHRP2 trained.

In addition to being SHRP2 certified, Lee is also a Certified Rotator Operator and has completed Wreck Master and TRAA training courses. In an effort to improve the towing & recovery industry, Lee believes it is important to participate in the organizations that help to shape the policies and procedures within the industry, so he is an active member of TRAA, TRAK and SSTA and regularly attends Traffic Safety Coalition meetings in Lexington, KY. He also holds weekly safety meetings with his company.
Cory Skoczen, Safety Services Coordinator, Ohio Turnpike Commission

Over 5 years in the field in the Safety Industry; two years at the Ohio Turnpike in Public Safety; Specialize in Construction Safety Compliance; Was on the scene for over 18 hours during Tanker Fire.

Staff Lieutenant William Weirtz, Turnpike Liaison and Traffic Incident Management Coordinator, Ohio State Highway Patrol

Staff Lieutenant William Weirtz joined the Ohio State Highway Patrol in May 1990 as a member of the 120th Academy Class. He was assigned to the New Philadelphia Post, where he was selected as Post Trooper of the Year in 1997. In 2001, he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and transferred to the Marietta Post to serve as an Assistant Post Commander. As a Sergeant, he also served at the New Philadelphia and Canton Posts. In 2009, he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and transferred to the Hiram Post on the Ohio Turnpike to serve as Post Commander. In 2011, he transferred to the Canton Post where he served as Post Commander until his most recent promotion to Staff Lieutenant in June 2014. He is currently assigned to the Cleveland District as the Turnpike Liaison and TIM Coordinator.
Mr. Young began his career in traffic safety in 1974 as a military police officer with the Armed Forces Police Detachment in Washington, D.C. In 1977, he returned to Kentucky to join the Lawrenceburg Police Department, serving there for five years. In 1983, he began his career with the Kentucky State Police as a trooper assigned to Post 10 Harlan. He served in a variety of assignments within the Operations and Administrative Divisions at the Posts and Headquarters. From 1997 until his retirement in 2003, he served as the Commander of the Governor's Highway Safety Program. In 2002, the International Association of Chiefs of Police honored him as the recipient of the distinguished J. Stannard Baker Award for lifelong achievements in highway safety. In 2003, he joined the Federal Highway Administration and is the Kentucky Division's Highway Safety Specialist and National Traffic Incident Management Responder Training program manager. Mr. Young is a native of Lawrenceburg, Kentucky, where he currently resides with his wife, Susan and they have two adult children.