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SUBJECT: Traffic Incident Management System (TIMS) for Initial EMS Certification Courses

Presently, traffic incident management is not adequately addressed in the EMS Education standards. Every day, EMS Providers are expected to park and exit vehicles on roadways. Topics taught in Traffic Incident Management System (TIMS) such as early warning, vehicle positioning, tapering, safety of those within the taper will help to address these gaps. TIMS has become a National Standard and has been addressed by many organizations such as the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). The availability of the course both online, including through TRAIN PA, and in person is readily available to all.

Effective January 1, 2027, the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Bureau of EMS, will require all candidates completing an initial EMS Certification course, through a Pennsylvania accredited educational institute to complete a 4-hour Traffic Incident Management System (TIMS) program. This includes EMR, EMT, AEMT, and Paramedic level initial certification programs which are expected to follow the National EMS Education Standards as an accredited Educational Institute in Pennsylvania. TIMS must be completed as a part of the initial educational process and is to be verified by the educational institute for course completion. The TIMS course may be completed as either a pre-requisite of the program, a part of the program, or a co-requisite of the program. The course may be synchronous online, asynchronous online, or in person and professional certification (i.e. Proboard, IFSAC) is not required.

Should you have any questions, please contact Education Manager, Timothy Reitz - timreitz@pa.gov