

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
INTERAGENCY MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**STATEWIDE TRAFFIC INCIDENT MANAGEMENT**

This Memorandum of Understanding is the agreement of the parties to create and implement a Statewide Traffic Incident Management Protocol in support of the State's Emergency Operations Plan and that will enhance the safety, mobility, and security of the State of New Hampshire citizens and incident response assets.

"Traffic Incident Management" is defined as a systematic, planned and coordinated use of human, institutional, and technical resources to reduce the duration and impact of incidents (manmade or natural) upon the roadway system and thereby improve the safety of motorists, crash victims and incident responders and facilitating the flow of critical assets in response to an traffic incident.

Subject to the specific state and federal laws, regulations and policies applicable to their agencies, the undersigned agree to commit available resources and/or adopt practices that will, to the extent possible, reach these goals:

- Reduce the time required to detect and verify an incident occurrence and implement the appropriate response.
- Expedite the clearance of an incident in a manner that protects the safety and health of all affected persons and the environment.
- Manage the affected traffic flow until full capacity of the roadway system is restored.

These goals will be reached through ongoing efforts to:

- Identify agency requirements, improve the ability of the parties to communicate in the field, coordinate the response of agencies to each incident and facilitate the flow of critical assets.
- Educate all responders in the principles of incident management, and foster interagency cooperation before, during, and following each incident.

To the extent that the development of specific response plans are appropriate for locations or areas of known high risk, the creation of such specific plans is encouraged.

This Memorandum of Understanding becomes effective on the last date noted below.

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