## EMERGENCY RESPONDER SAFETY INSTITUTE

- Committee of the Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemen's Assoc.
- Started ERSI in 2000
  - 2 LODDs in 1998
  - Fire Police Summit in 1999
- Informal advisory panel of public safety leaders
  - Fire, EMS, Law Enforcement, Towing Industry, DOT/SSPs



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#### **EMERGENCY RESPONDER SAFETY INSITUTE**

#### **Key Initiatives**

- National Unified Goal
- Move Over Laws
- High-Visibility Apparel
- Traffic Incident Management
- Emergency Vehicle Standards, Guidelines and Features
- Responder Safety Learning Network
- PIO and Public Education Resources
- NEW: TIM Technician Professional Certification

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## 2019 EMERGENCY RESPONDER FATALITIES



44 Emergency Responders Struck & Killed

- 18 Law Enforcement Officers
- 14 Tow Truck Operators
- 9 Fire & EMS Personnel
- 0 SSP Operators

Activity at the Time of Fatality:

- 17 Disabled vehicle incidents (39%)
- 12 Motor vehicle crash scenes (27%)
- 6 Traffic Stops (14%)
- 6 Other law enforcement activity (14%)
- 2 Fire scenes (5%)
- 1 EMS Standby (1%)



# 2020 EMERGENCY RESPONDER FATALITIES



#### 39 Emergency Responders

- 15 Law Enforcement offices
- 17 Tow Truck Operators
- 1 Mobile Mechanic
- 3 Fire & EMS Personnel
- 3 SSP Operators



## THE PAST

#### What has worked:

- Grow cadre of champions of roadway safety
- Recognition of the importance of TIM and responder safety training
- Legislative initiatives
  - "Move Over" & "Hands-Free"
- Identify & share best practices
- Create incident safety (TIM) training



#### THE PRESENT

What has been *less* successful:

- Data Collection
  - Uniform reporting for struck-by and near miss incidents across all agencies
- Modifying human behavior ("D" Drivers!)
  - Driver education
- Enforcement of existing Move Over laws





### THE FUTURE

What's important to the TIM and roadway incident safety effort going forward?

#### 1. <u>Data!</u>

Collection, research, analysis, sharing, and validation of responder struck-by-vehicle fatalities, injuries, near misses, property damage, AND civilian injuries/fatalities across all disciplines

- 2. Training/education for responders & drivers
- 3. Funding



#### RESPONDER SAFETY RESOURCES

- Responder Safety News
  - Line of Duty Death Notices/Breaking News Alerts
  - Struck-by-vehicle news reports
  - Near Miss Reports
- Online document resources
  - Reports, Reference Materials, Links to source materials
- Responder Safety Learning Network Free! (40+ Modules)

- Roadway Safety Teaching Topic Packages for Instructors (10)
- Roadway Safety Shorts (10) and Training Topic Videos
- Public Service Announcement Videos
- Liaison Pages Fire/EMS, Law Enforcement, Towing, & SSPs

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