

**New Pooled Fund Study  
research proposal**

**Safety Service Patrols  
Standardization and Management  
Practices**

**John McClellan**

**RTMC Freeway Ops Supervisor**

**Vet of TMC PFS for 10 years**

# Safety Service Patrol overview



# Majority of states & major population areas have SSP/FSP's

- Concept similarities (MA & ETC) – but many differences between programs.
- SSP's operate as islands - only informal tracks to share best practices (idea sharing network)

# **Solicitation #1559 outline**

- 1. Best practices in ETC & vehicle config**
  - (MUTCD vs. Emergency TC)
- 2. Staffing, training, certification**
  - Evolution from “gas & flats” to first responder
  - Responsibly, skills, tech knowledge (EMS)
  - Hiring, pay, job classification
- 3. Program management**
  - Routes, staffing, budget

# Future

- **Dramatic recent evolution in vehicles**
  - **Alt fuels**
    - **Can you jump a Volt?**
    - **EV fires**
  - **Autonomous/semi autonomous**
    - **Not getting hit by one**
    - **Do you reboot a Tesla?**
    - **Missing FOB's**

# Fed's ask

- **\$25k a year for 5 years**
  - **FY 21-25 or until research complete**
- **Feds pursuing 100% SPR B waiver**
- **States committed: IN, MA, NC, PA + FHWA**

**Thank you!**