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It was just a routine disabled vehicle....!

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Civilian Fatality - Lakeland, FL - July 8, 2019



Motorist drifted onto left shoulder of the highway and struck a Road Ranger (SSP) truck. Driver died and the passenger had serious injuries.

“It was just a routine call...”

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2019 - 2024 Struck-by-Vehicle Fatalities

Year	LEO	Fire/EMS	Tow Operators	Road Service Technicians	DOT/SSP	Total
2019	18	9*	14	3	0	44
2020	17	4	21	1	3	46
2021	30	9*	22	2	2	65
2022	17	11*	18	4	1	51
2023	14	8	20	0	3	45
2024	26	4*	12	1	4	47
Totals	122	45	107	11	13	298



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As of 01/02/2025
 *9 were “off-duty” personnel (20%)

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2019 - 2024
Responder
Struck-by-Vehicle
Fatalities
(All Disciplines)



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TOP 10 ACTIVITIES

Activity at time of Secondary Crash	# of Responders
Disabled Vehicle	114
Crash Scene	75
Traffic Stop	26
Directing Traffic	21
Stop Sticks	13
Debris Removal	10
Police Activity	8
Vehicular Assault	7
Fire Scene	4
Crossover Entry/Exit	3

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2025 Struck-by-Vehicle Fatalities

Year	LEO	Fire/EMS	Tow Ops	Road Service Techs	DOT/SSP	Total
2025	13	1	9	3	2	28

8 Fatalities in October !

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The Past, Present, and Future of TIM

- What has been successful?
 - Growing cadre of TIM champions
 - Recognition of the importance of TIM
 - Legislative initiatives
 - “Move Over” & “Hands-Free” laws.....but?
 - Identify & share recommended practices
 - Advance warning, blocking, TTC, TIM Committees, Collaboration, Communication, Cooperation, etc.

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Tow Op & SSP Training & Operations Communicating with our Operators

- Trucks positioned with loading area protected
 - Request traffic control assistance
- Working on side away from traffic (Zero Buffer!)
- Wear appropriate PPE (High-Viz garments)
- Emergency lighting discipline, Utility & work light use
- Use of TTC devices (ex. cones, signs, flares...)

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The Past, Present, and Future of TIM

- What has been less successful:
 - Data Collection
 - Uniform reporting for struck-by/near miss incidents
 - Modifying motorist behavior (“D” Drivers!)
 - Driver education
 - Enforcement of existing traffic laws
 - Move Over; Hands-Free, Speed limits, etc.

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The Past, Present, and Future of TIM

- FUTURE:
What’s important for responder safety & survival?
 1. Data!
 - *Collection, analysis, sharing, and research responder struck-by-vehicle fatalities, injuries, near misses, property damage costs, AND civilian injuries/fatalities across all disciplines*
 2. Training/education for responders & drivers
 3. Funding to accomplish goals 1 & 2

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What Data is Missing & Needed?

- An accurate annual report of:
 - All responder struck-by-vehicle incidents & near-misses!
 - Incident responders struck & killed or injured
 - Tracking of serious disabling injuries and their costs
 - Like amputations and TBIs
 - Property damage for emergency vehicles (Total costs?)
 - Analysis of the causal factors and research for solutions

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Incident Data Directly from Responders



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