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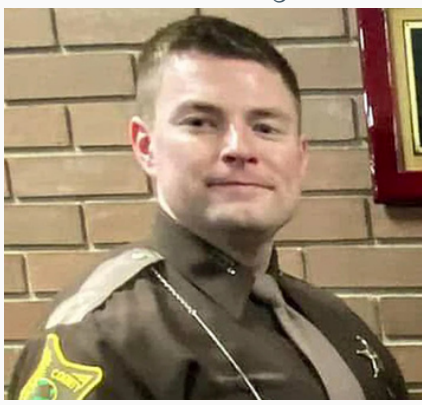
Indiana TIM Quarterly Newsletter

Remembering a Hero: Delaware Co. Sheriff Killed in Crash

November 12, 2025–Delaware County, Indiana

The Delaware County Sheriff’s Department is mourning the loss of one of their own. In the early morning hours of November 12, Officer Blake Reynolds responded to assist a disabled semi-truck on Interstate 69. Officer Reynolds arrived on scene to find the semi-truck partially blocking the right lane and outside shoulder. While Officer Reynolds was walking up to the disabled semi-truck, he was struck by a second semi-truck that lost control, striking him. Ultimately, his injuries proved to be fatal.

Officer Reynolds joined the Delaware County Sheriff’s Department in 2022. He is survived by his wife and his law enforcement family.



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Indiana Governor Recognizes First Responders with Proclamation

Indiana Governor Mike Braun recognized Indiana’s First Responders with an official proclamation for Crash Responder Safety Week. The week recognizes all personnel who work to keep Indiana’s roadways and highways safer.

In addition to the proclamation, Indiana raised awareness for responders through news media interviews, public safety announcements with first responder vehicles, dynamic message signs highlighting the Move Over Law, and hosting TIM 4-Hour training sessions.

The week was a great way to raise awareness for ALL who risk their lives to manage traffic incidents daily and keep Indiana’s roadways safe and navigable.



Traffic Management Minutes

NOVEMBER 28, 2025
VIGO COUNTY, INDIANA

A massive winter storm wreaked havoc on Interstate 70, resulting in a 50-car pile-up. Icy roadways and whiteout conditions created treacherous driving conditions for motorists. The whiteout conditions worsened the pile-up due to little or no warning to drivers. Amazingly, no serious injuries were reported.

Interstate 70 was closed for over six hours while the roadway was cleared. Indiana State Police urged motorists to slow down and remember safe winter driving practices.



2025 Indiana TIM Numbers

- Number of In-Person Training Classes: 46
- Number of In-Person Attendees: 920
- Number of Online Attendees: 4,836
- Indiana Counties Covered: 31
- Train-the-Trainer Classes: 3



Indiana Safe Zones Saving Lives by Reducing Speeds

Since July 2023, the Indiana Department of Transportation has been using technology to save lives on Indiana highways. Indiana Safe Zones is a worksite speed control program that monitors vehicle speeds in work zones. The goal is designed to slow down vehicles, reduce crashes, and save lives of both roadway workers and the motoring public.



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON INDIANA SAFE ZONES, CLICK ON THE PICTURE ABOVE.

The advanced speed detection technology uses devices such as LiDAR and radar to monitor the speed of vehicles in work zones. Vehicles that violate the posted speed limits have an image captured of their rear license plate. Penalties are sent to the vehicle owner via mail. First violation is a warning, second violation is a \$75 civil fine, and any violation beyond the second is a \$150 civil fine, for each occurrence. Note: Workers' must be present for violations to be valid.

Current Indiana Safe Zone locations include: Interstate 70 in Hancock County, Interstate 80/90 on the Indiana Toll Road in Steuben County, and Clear Path Project on Interstate 465/Interstate 69 in Marion County.

Source: www.SafeZonesIn.com

- 1/31/26-TIPPECANOE CO.
- 1/31/26-HENDRICKS CO.
- 2/01/26-HENDRICKS CO. TRAIN-THE-TRAINER
- 2/17/26-SCOTT CO.
- 2/18/26-STEUBEN CO.
- 3/07/26-JAY CO.
- 3/14/26-DEKALB CO.



Hoosier Helper Happenings

The Hoosier Helper Safety Service Patrol, sponsored by GEICO, is a program offered by INDOT to assist stranded motorists on Indiana interstates. This group of dedicated individuals work out of posts in Indianapolis, Gary, and Falls City.

Hoosier Helpers are an integral part of the traffic incident management process. Services they perform include tire changes, fixing vehicle mechanical problems, and providing fuel. Hoosier Helpers are trained in First Aid, CPR, and AED use. They may also assist at incident scenes with directing traffic, debris removal, and relaying real time camera information from their vehicles back to the TMC.

Thank you to our Hoosier Helpers for keeping Indiana's motoring public safe!



Source: www.in.gov/indot/current-programs/hoosier-helpers/

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