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Law Enforcement Officer – Motor Vehicle



Officer Struck While Assisting with Temporary Traffic Control on an Interstate— Texas (NIOSH LEO 2021-01)

Summary



Initial motor vehicle-pedestrian scene in the distance.
(Photo courtesy of the city police department)

- On February 25, 2018, a 63-year-old police officer was struck by a vehicle, while directing traffic on a three-lane interstate highway.
- The officer had responded to a motor vehicle versus pedestrian hit and run fatality on the interstate and was tasked to assist with traffic control.



Summary

- A vehicle that was driven by an individual under the influence of a prescription drug affecting the central nervous system, traveling at approximately 68 mph, approached the scene, and failed to funnel off the interstate exit lane, striking the officer.
- The officer was transported to the hospital in serious condition and succumbed to his injuries on April 27, 2018.



Incident scene. (Not to scale or exact placement of cones and vehicles)
(Photo courtesy of the city Police Department. Labels added by NIOSH
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Summary



Scene with Officer A's patrol unit in Lane 1-2 and the vehicle that struck him in lane 2 in the distance. (Photo courtesy of the city Police Department.)



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Contributing Factors

- Fire apparatus on scene for initial incident were not utilized for continued scene protection
- Law enforcement officer standing in an area exposed to moving traffic
- Impaired driver not following traffic patterns requiring heightened situational awareness



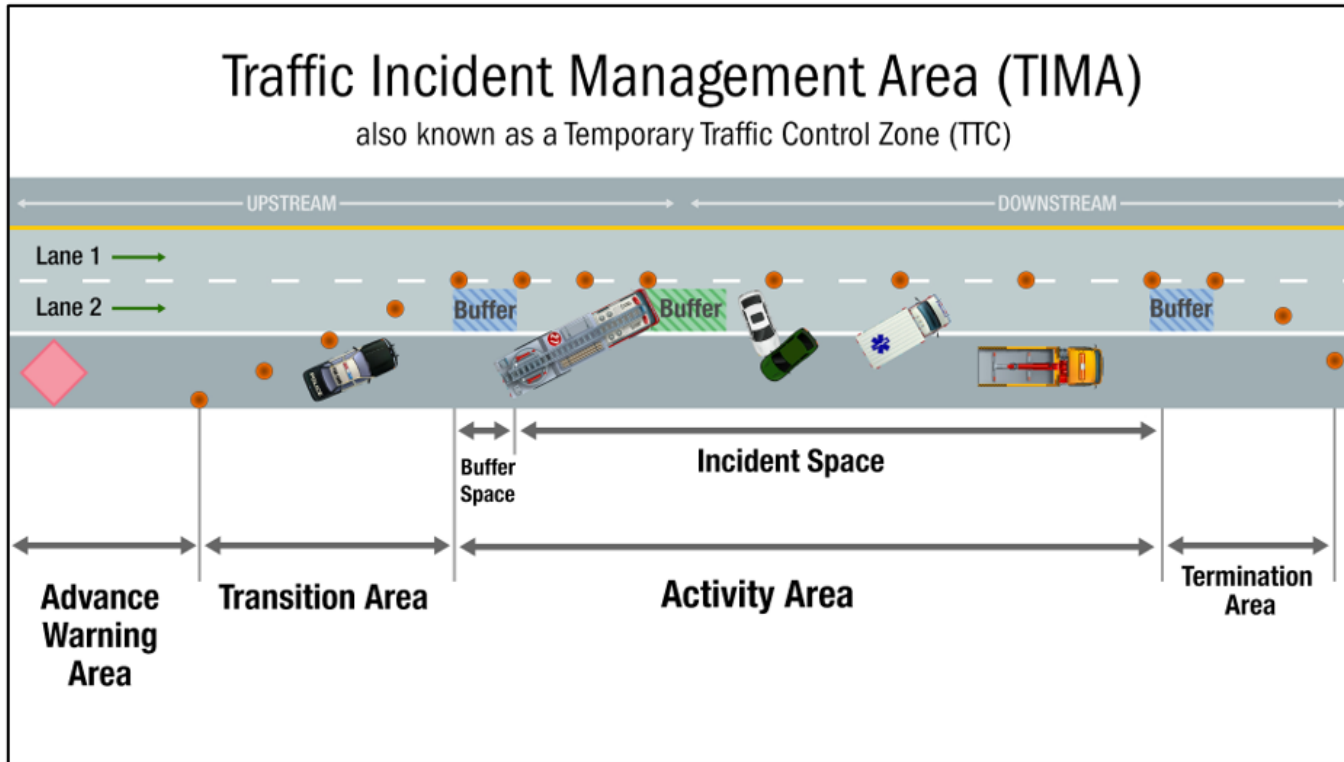
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Recommendations

- Emergency responders should position patrol units and other emergency vehicles as they arrive on-scene to maximize the protected work zone for the emergency responders.
- Law enforcement agencies should ensure their standard operating procedure (SOP) provides step-by-step guidance on how to properly establish a temporary traffic control plan, including advance warning and transition areas for highway/roadway emergency incidents.
- Law enforcement officers and other emergency responders should maintain situational awareness within the established temporary traffic control zone to ensure they minimize their exposure to oncoming traffic.



Recommendations



Traffic Incident Management Area (TIMA) Temporary Traffic Control Zone example.
Source: Emergency Responder Safety Institute: Responder Safety



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Recommendations

- State, county, and municipal agencies responding to roadway incidents are encouraged to use and practice the National Incident Management System Incident Command System to guide the shift change process during emergency events.
- State, county, and municipal authorities should consider promoting public awareness campaigns to inform motorists of the risks that law enforcement officers face while operating along the roadside and of the need to follow “Move Over” laws.
- State, county, and municipal authorities should consider promoting public awareness campaigns to educate motorists of the limitations that substances and/or medications may impose on safe operation of motor vehicles and the dangers that impaired driving imposes on motorists and others.



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REPORT#: L2021-01 **REPORT DATE: August 22, 2022**

INCIDENT HIGHLIGHTS

DATE: February 25, 2018

TIME: 6:44 a.m.

VICTIM: 63-year old patrol officer

INDUSTRY/NAICS CODE: Police Protection/92

LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY: City Police Department, 189 Officers

SAFETY & TRAINING: 18-year veteran with Master Peace Officer Certification

SCENE: Three lane interstate highway

LOCATION: Texas

EVENT TYPE: Struck by



SUMMARY

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CONTRIBUTING FACTORS

Key contributing factors...

- Fire apparatus on scene for initial incident were not utilized for continued scene protection
- Law enforcement officer standing in an area exposed to moving traffic... [LEARN MORE> \(p.8\)](#)

RECOMMENDATIONS

NIOSH investigators concluded that, to help prevent similar occurrences, emergency responders should:

- Position patrol units and other emergency vehicles as they arrive on-scene to maximize the protected work zone for the responders... [LEARN MORE> \(p.8\)](#)

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