

# Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Fast Facts

## Miami - Dade Region

### National TIM Statistics

- In November 2011, AAA reported that the societal cost of traffic crashes was \$299.5 billion, more than three times the \$97.7 billion cost of congestion in that year.
- The TIM Self Assessment national score has increased from 48.0 in 2005 to 73.9 in 2013, indicating significant advancement of TIM programs nationwide.
- According to the 2013 TIM Performance Measures database, the average roadway clearance time was 73 minutes.
- Over 22,000 responders in 27 states have participated in the National TIM Responder Training.

### Miami - Dade Region TIM Strengths

<i>Miami - Dade scored well in:</i>		<b>Discussion</b>
<b>Procedures for Incident Clearance</b>	<b>High</b>	
<b>Traveler Information</b>	<b>High</b>	
<i>Most improved areas:</i>		
<b>TIM Performance Measures</b>	<b>High</b>	
<b>Data Collection/Integration/ Sharing</b>	<b>High</b>	

Miami - Dade scored in the top five nationally in the Strategic and Tactical section, suggesting a well-organized program and strong alignment with safe, quick clearance principles. The highest scoring sections indicate Miami - Dade's strengths are establishing proper incident response and clearance procedures and providing motorists with incident information. Compared to 2012, Miami - Dade has made its greatest improvement in scores for calculating TIM performance measures and sharing/integrating data with other agencies.

### Miami - Dade Region Opportunities for TIM Improvement

<i>Miami - Dade scored lowest in:</i>		<b>Discussion</b>
<b>Formal TIM Programs</b>	<b>High</b>	
<b>Responder and Motorist Safety</b>	<b>High</b>	
<b>TIM Performance Measures</b>	<b>High</b>	

The lowest scoring sections indicate Miami - Dade has the most room for improvement in formalizing TIM agreements among stakeholders. Additionally, Miami - Dade has the potential to increase scores in the area of ensuring responder and motorist safety during incident clearance. The region can also work to raise scores by focusing on calculating TIM performance measures.

### TIM Resources for the Miami - Dade Region

FHWA's Best Practices in Traffic Incident Management could provide Miami - Dade with ideas on how to improve traffic incident policies and procedures. <http://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/publications/fhwahop10050x/index.htm>

A general overview of safe, quick clearance laws can be found on the FHWA website at [http://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/publications/fhwahop10012/tim\\_sqc.pdf](http://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/publications/fhwahop10012/tim_sqc.pdf)

To learn more about TIM Performance Measures, visit FHWA's Performance Measures Knowledgebase at [http://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/eto\\_tim\\_pse/preparedness/tim/knowledgebase/](http://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/eto_tim_pse/preparedness/tim/knowledgebase/)

