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Transportation Cabinet employees receive national incident management instructor certification

Eight Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) employees were recently certified as [National Traffic Incident Management \(TIM\) Responder course](#) instructors. The course, developed through the [Federal Highway Administration](#), teaches a response effort that protects motorists and responders while minimizing the impact on traffic flow.

Traffic incidents, including crashes, disabled vehicles and road debris, create unsafe driving conditions for motorists and responders, and account for approximately 25 percent of all traffic delays.

As of March 2, more than 800 responders have been trained, with 350 from the KYTC. Other attendees include local law enforcement, fire and rescue, emergency management and towing personnel.

Click [here](#) for the Kentucky class schedule, registration and contact information.

TIM training at the National Responder Training Center in Greenville held in September.

KYTC TIM Trainers

Shane Ratliff-Central Office
Bill Hayes-Central Office
Jay Postlewaite-Central Office
Jerame Brown-Central Office
Herb Hendrickson-District 1
Tom Wright-District 5
Robert Hill-District 6
Allen Ravenscraft-District 9
Arch Sebastian-District 10

Traffic Incident Management is a planned and coordinated program process to detect, respond to, and remove traffic incidents and restore traffic capacity as safely and quickly as possible.



Shane Ratliff, Incident Management Coordinator for Central Kentucky, instructs the National TIM Responder training course in August at the Regional Fire Training Center in Bowling Green.



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The case for booster seat legislation

I recently had the pleasure of meeting with former highway safety employee and current Lexington Police Department Officer Brandon Muravchick. I have actually met him at a few award luncheons and given him plaques for writing record numbers of seat belt and child seat citations. On this day, we talked about his family's traumatic crash that happened when he was 8.

The crash happened in Frankfort on Aug. 4, 1989, at the bottom of Louisville Road near Second Street School. He was in a lap belt but it was riding up on his stomach because he was too little. There were no booster seats back then.

All of Muravchick's injuries were internal. He had holes in his bowels and his abdominal organs were mashed together. These organs had to be separated, removed, cleaned, then put back in. They didn't close the wound. They wanted it to heal from the inside out which required cleaning his stomach every hour throughout his three-month hospital stay. In total, he had nine surgeries.

Years later Muravchick began having stomach pains that frequently landed him in the emergency room. In 2008, while Muravchick was in the police academy, he was in the hospital for three days. The doctor saw scar tissue was building up around his intestines and causing blockage. He was told he would continue to have problems until he had another surgery. Muravchick had always dreamed of following in his father's footsteps becoming a police officer, so he postponed the surgery in order to graduate from the academy. When he had the surgery in 2012, doctors removed two feet of his intestines.

Some people see this legislation as government intrusion. As a father of four kids, I see it as erring on the side of safety. How many Brandon Muravchicks will we have to hear about before we bring our law in line with federal standards and 32 other states?

Click [here](#) to view the episode of Rescue 911 that featured this incident.



Due to internal injuries sustained in a crash from an "ill-fitting" seat belt, then 8-year-old Brandon Muravchick had his stomach cleaned every hour during his three-month hospital stay.



Muravchick was in the back seat of this vehicle when it was hit by a garbage truck on August 4, 1989.



Muravchick, with 148 citations, received top honors for his agency and third place in his division (composed of agencies with more than 150 officers) at the Governor's Occupant Protection Awards ceremony in August 2013. Awards were presented to officers with the most occupant protection citations.

SafetySpotlight ≡

Kentucky Transportation Cabinet launches 'DataMart' Web portal



Unprecedented transparency puts trove of information at public's fingertips

Where are Kentucky's state-maintained bridges? How many electric vehicles are registered in Kentucky? What is Kentucky's five-year trend in highway crashes? How much was spent last year on highway projects, by county?

Answers to these and countless other questions are a click or two away with a new Web portal – [Kentucky Transportation Cabinet DataMart](#) – that for the first time puts a wealth of information about Kentucky's transportation system at the public's fingertips.

With the click of a mouse, the KYTC DataMart delivers details of road and bridge projects, traffic counts, highway crash data and organization performance measures – to name but a few.

"We're excited to launch our DataMart," said [Transportation Secretary Mike Hancock](#). "People want to know about transportation projects in their area, and the DataMart gives everyone the opportunity to view real-time data.

"The information has always been publicly available, but we have created a single portal through which to access it. We believe this is unprecedented among state transportation agencies in terms of transparency and ease of access," Secretary Hancock said.

KYTC DataMart, developed by the cabinet's Office of

Information Technology, gives the public direct access to many of the tools used by KYTC engineers.

"Parts of the DataMart are highly specialized, but the portal is evolving and will become progressively easier for public use," Secretary Hancock said. "We welcome the public's feedback to help us improve the site."

The DataMart was designed to be a one-stop shop for customers and consumers of KYTC data. It was built to achieve the following Cabinet objectives:

- Provide a central portal to obtain access to transportation data.
- Automate and display regularly scheduled reporting.
- Provide transparency into and public accountability for the Cabinet's management and stewardship of public funds.

One of the financial transparency and accountability objectives of the DataMart is to provide reporting as mandated by the federal transportation law known as [MAP-21 \(Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century\)](#). Through a simple scorecard, the [Federal Highway Administration \(FHWA\)](#) and the people of the Commonwealth can see how KYTC's performance compares to FHWA expectation.

View the [KYTC Minute](#) featuring the DataMart. Access the DataMart at <http://datamart.business.transportation.ky.gov>.

Break in snow, ice allows time for pothole patching

Highway crews are using the current break from snow and ice duty to fix another nuisance created by the snow, ice and freezing temperatures: potholes. The public is asked to help by reporting potholes along state routes by calling 1-877-FOR-KYTC or by going [online](#).

Potholes begin with water seeping into roadway cracks. Freezing and thawing temperatures cause pavement

to expand and break apart. Combine these elements with plowing, salting and sheer volume of traffic over broken pavement, and small cracks can quickly become potholes.

Please pay attention, drive carefully and remember to be patient. Crews will be working each day that weather permits to make our roads better and safer for everyone.



Your Letters

On the morning of Feb. 8, my sister and I were traveling west on Interstate 64 outside Morehead when we received a flat tire. SAFE Patrol driver Mr. Moody came to our rescue. He was the kindest ever. Mr. Moody took us to Major Brands Tire, waited on us to get a new tire, drove us back and traded out our tire. It was a true pleasure to meet such a kind-hearted man. We would like to commend Mr. Moody for his exceptional service.

Thanks for employing Mr. Moody.
Sharon and Cheryl Beasley
Charleston, W.Va.



Event Calendar

An up-to-date and detailed listing will be on our [Events Facebook page](#)

Did you know?

AT&T launches texting program for small businesses

AT&T's new It Can Wait program, [My Business Cares Sweepstakes](#), allows small business owners who take the pledge to never text and drive to nominate a local school to win \$1,000.

Older drivers' crash rates continue to drop

According to a [study by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety](#), today's older drivers are not only less likely to be involved in crashes than prior generations, they are less likely to be killed or seriously injured if they do crash.

GHSA addresses marijuana use related to driver impairment

Governor's Highway Safety Association [Executive Director Jonathan Atkins](#) believes [driver impairment due to marijuana](#) is the next big issue as legalization of marijuana gains support.

AAA releases 2013 Traffic Safety Culture Index

The American Automobile Association's [2013 Traffic Safety Culture Index](#) includes the latest data on distracted, drowsy and drunken driving in the U.S. New questions look at marijuana use and driving, as well as cognitive distraction.



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