

# Highway Safety for Emergency Responders



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## **Intended Audience:**

Law Enforcement - Fire Department - First Responder - EMT - Paramedic

## **Class Outline:**

### Incident Management Overview

- What is an incident?
- Incident management objective and priorities.
- Incident and congestion - shockwaves, the "brick wall", 1 to 4 rule.

### Responder Casualties

- Overview of Minnesota responder casualties.
- Debriefing of Esko and St. Cloud FF fatalities.
- Responder casualties - national trends.
- Concerns for volunteer departments.

### Traffic Flow and Secondary Crashes

- Breaking incident - congestion - secondary incident cycle.
- One crash leads to six more: Debriefing of multiple secondary crash on 35W.
- Balance scene safety vs. traffic flow.

### Highway Response Considerations

- Key survival points.
- Size up the scene.
- Elements of the work zone.
- Blocking lanes - Where to park?
- Are you making the scene more or less safe?
- Dress for the occasion! Class two vests and MN-OSHA requirements.
- Wrong way response.
- National recommendations - Accountability, scene/incident safety officer.
- Equipment design recommendations - Lighting, arrow bars and sticks.



**Date:** Wednesday, September 21, 2005 (Deadline for sign up is Friday, September 16)

**Time:** 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

**Where:** Northfield Community Resource Center (NCRC)  
1651 Jefferson Parkway, Northfield, MN 55057

**Credit Offered:** 4 CEUs

Please contact Rachel at (507)646-1378 or e-mail at [odetter@northfieldhospital.org](mailto:odetter@northfieldhospital.org) today to reserve your spot for this conference. Please be prepared to provide the following information: name, affiliation and phone number.

