

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 47

BY SENATOR ERDEY

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request public agencies to require its first responders to participate in the traffic incident management process and training program.

WHEREAS, traffic incidents, including crashes, disabled vehicles, and debris on the roadway, create unsafe conditions; put motorists' and first responders' lives at risk; and account for approximately twenty-five percent of all traffic delays; and

WHEREAS, for each minute that a freeway travel lane is blocked during peak use, an estimated four minutes of delay result after the incident is cleared; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration, through the Department of Transportation and Development in consultation with the office of state police, is offering the first national and multidisciplinary traffic incident management (TIM) process and training program; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation and Development partners with the office of state police to customize the TIM process and training to meet the needs of Louisiana's first responders, and to provide leadership and support in offering the training to first responders; and

WHEREAS, the TIM training for first responders promotes a shared understanding of the requirements for the safe and quick clearance at traffic incident scenes; prompt, reliable, and open communications; and motorist and first responder safeguards; and

WHEREAS, the TIM training is unique because it was created by first responders for first responders; and

WHEREAS, the comprehensive curriculum utilizes a common set of practices and engages all first responder disciplines from law enforcement, fire services, and emergency medical services to transportation agencies and towing companies; and

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon the state and its agencies, local governmental subdivisions, political subdivisions, and other public agencies to provide education and training to prepare its first responders in the traffic incident management process and training program.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request public agencies to require its first responders to participate in the traffic incident management process and training program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the governor and the commissioner of administration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Louisiana Municipal Association, the Police Jury Association of Louisiana, the Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police, the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association, the Louisiana Fire Chief's Association, and the Louisiana City Marshals and City Constables Association, and that each such association disseminate the Resolution to its membership.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES