



# COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

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To: All VSP Rotational Wrecker Services

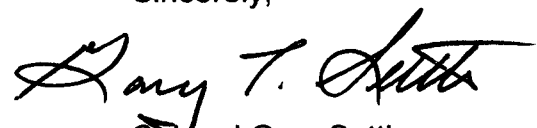
As you are aware, the Virginia State Police (VSP) requires all towing/wrecker company personnel who are on VSP rotational towing lists, and respond to highway incident scenes, to attend a four (4) hour Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Course. I truly believe this ongoing training has increased safety at traffic incident scenes in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

I am providing the following information on how we will proceed with the TIM training mandate during the remainder of the COVID 19 pandemic. Currently, all TIM training has been postponed as directed by Governor's Executive Orders 53 and 55. With the suspension of this training, and no established timeframe for resumption, the TIM training requirement has been temporarily suspended.

New employees of towing/wrecker companies on VSP rotational towing lists (not including companies that are under a local wrecker ordinance or contract) and those still in need of TIM training, will be temporarily exempted from showing proof of attendance at a TIM class prior to taking VSP towing calls. Once the Governor's Orders are lifted and training resumes, full compliance will be expected within 90 days. Any complaints of non-compliance or violations of this policy will be referred to your respective Virginia State Police Division Headquarters and could result in suspension from the VSP tow list until compliant with this policy. In addition, any new company applying to be placed on any VSP rotational towing/wrecker list will be temporarily exempt from showing proof of attendance at a TIM class during their initial application process. Once the Governor's Orders are lifted and training resumes, the company must achieve full compliance within 90 days.

The Virginia Traffic Incident Management Training Committee Chair is First Sergeant Michele R. Ticho. You can contact her directly at [michele.ticho@vsp.virginia.gov](mailto:michele.ticho@vsp.virginia.gov) if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your continued cooperation and participation in Traffic Incident Management Training.

Sincerely,

  
Colonel Gary Settle