

4C. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION RECONIZING CRASH RESPONDER SAFETY WEEK (#CRSW)
NOVEMBER 13-17, 2023

BACKGROUND

Crash Responder Safety Week (CRSW) initiative, recognizing all traffic incident management (TIM) response communities, will take place this year from November 13-17, 2023.

This week affords a unique opportunity for every Traffic Incident Management (TIM) community to make a difference individually and jointly for roadway safety during traffic incidents. TIM communities across the nation come together this week by teaching each other and the motoring public about our common goal and responsibility for safe, quick roadway clearance.

Every minute of every day, law enforcement, fire and rescue, emergency medical services, public works, transportation, towing, and other responders work roadside to make roadways safe for all road users. Unfortunately, these traffic incident responders put their lives at risk when clearing each of the nearly 7-million annual motor vehicle crashes or the broader range of incidents such as stalled vehicles or roadway debris. CRSW is an opportunity to promote road user awareness and adherence to Move Over laws and Traffic Incident Management (TIM) training for all traffic incident responders.

CURRENT SITUATION

In recognition of first responders and their agencies, both career and volunteer, police, fire, and emergency medical service departments, hazmat companies, safety service patrol/courtesy patrol, vehicle towing and recovery companies, public agency safety and maintenance personnel, and other organizations in public safety, come together as first responders to aid the public in the event of an emergency or traffic incident.

In recognition of Crash Responder Safety Week, H-GAC staff is requesting recognizing the week of November 13-17, 2023 as Crash Responder Safety Week in support of all men and women who provide for safe, quick roadway clearance.

ACTION REQUESTED

TAC recommendation for TPC approval of Resolution No. 2023-33.



Resolution

NO. 2023-33

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING CRASH RESPONDER SAFETY WEEK (#CRSW) NOVEMBER 13-17, 2023

WHEREAS, first responders and their agencies, both career and volunteer, police, fire, & EMS departments, hazmat companies, Safety Service Patrol/Courtesy Patrol, Vehicle Towing & Recovery Companies, Public agencies safety and maintenance personnel, and other organizations in public safety, come together as first responders to aid the public in the event of an emergency or traffic incident; and

WHEREAS, first responders risk their own safety in the execution of their duties to protect each other and the motoring public; and

WHEREAS, first responders and their agencies are essential and indispensable members of our communities, always ready, in any conditions, to respond to and resolve roadway incidents and emergencies:

WHEREAS, the Transportation Policy Council supports all men and women who provide for safe, quick roadway clearance.

WHEREAS, November 13-17, 2023, is “Crash Responder Safety Week”.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Transportation Policy Council of the Houston-Galveston Area Council that:

1. The Transportation Policy Council hereby recognizes November 13-17, 2023, as “Crash Responder Safety Week” encouraging all communities to observe this week with recognition programs and activities.
2. This resolution is effective immediately upon passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 27th day of October 2023, at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Transportation Policy Council.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Hon. David Robinson, Chairman
Transportation Policy Council

Hon. Nancy Arnold, Secretary
Transportation Policy Council