



A National Unified Goal for Traffic Incident Management (TIM):

What is it, and why is it needed?

Overview

- Why Traffic Incident Management?
 - The National TIM Coalition: A **Voice**
 - A National Unified Goal (NUG) for TIM: A **Vision**
 - The **Value** of the NUG
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Why TIM?

■ Congestion Management

- Expected Congestion
- Unexpected Congestion



■ Safety

- Traveler Safety
- Responder Safety



Preparedness for crisis
is a byproduct
of collaboration &
cooperation
in the routine



TIM Benefits

- Reduced Incident Duration – up to 65%
- Reductions in Secondary Crashes – 30 to 50%
- Freeway Safety Patrols – Benefit/Cost of 2:1 to 36:1
- “ITS for TIM: Deployment Benefits & Lessons Learned” (www.its.dot.gov/jpdocs/repts_te/14288.htm)
- “Benefits of TIM” Technical Paper (www.timcoalition.org)

Member Organizations

- Transportation (AASHTO, ATA/ATRI, ATSSA, FHWA, ITE, ITSA, I-95 CC, TRB, AMPO)
- Fire & Rescue (Emergency Responder Safety Institute, IAFC, IAFF, IFSTA, NFPA, NVFC, USFA)
- Emergency Medical Services (NASEMSO)
- Public Safety Communications (APCO, NENA)
- Towing & Recovery (TRAA, AAA)
- Law Enforcement (IACP)

NTIMC – A National **Voice**
for TIM



European TIM Scan Tour: Locations Visited

□ Countries & cities

Two weeks in April 2005

- England
 - Birmingham
- Germany
 - Ahrweiler, Cologne, Bergisch-Gladbach
- The Netherlands
 - Delft, Arnhem
- Sweden
 - Stockholm





Concept of a “National Unified Goal”: A National **Vision** for TIM

- **Consensus document** vs Federal policy mandate
 - **Field-up** vs Top-down
 - **Fundamental “20-80”** vs Comprehensive vision
 - **Actionable** vs Idealistically constitutional
 - **Flexible & incremental** vs Rigid “all or nothing”
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NUG Development Process

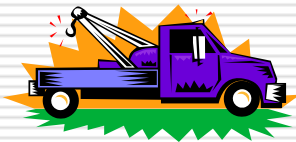
1. **Listening** Sessions – Summer, 2006
 2. Topical TIM Expert **White Papers** – Fall, 2006
 3. **“Strawman”** Draft NUG – Fall, 2006
 4. NUG Development **Conference** – November, 2006
 5. NUG **Finalization** – January-February, 2006
 6. NTIMC Release of Proposed NUG - March, 2007
 7. NUG **Ratification** by Coalition Organizations - Underway
 8. **Release** of Final NUG at Joint Press Event- November, 2007
 9. Immediate **Implementation**– 2008
 10. Nationwide **Regional Outreach & Networks** – 2008
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What is the **National Unified Goal** Traffic Incident Management?

The Traffic Incident Management
National Unified **GOAL** is:



Responder Safety;

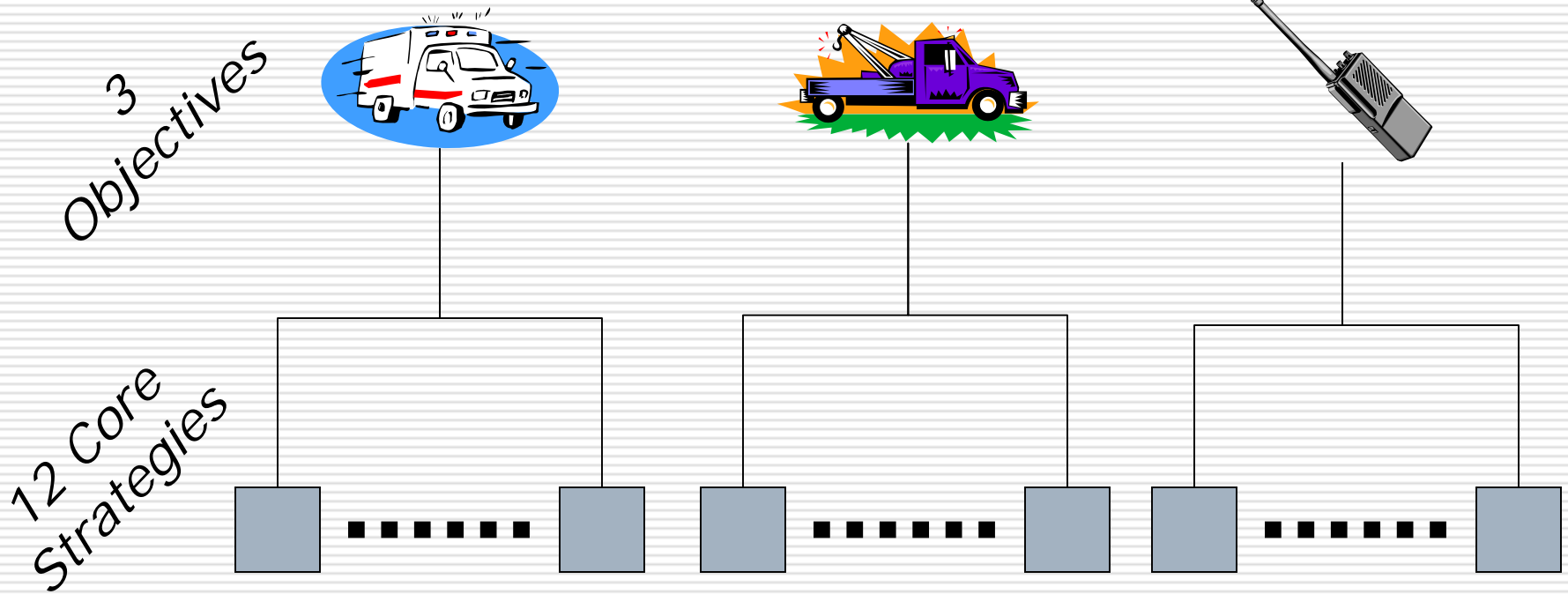


Safe, Quick Clearance; and




Prompt, Reliable, Interoperable
Communications.

NUG Framework



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Cross-cutting



Foundational Strategies

How Will We Achieve the **National Unified Goal ?**

NTIMC will achieve the **3 objectives** of the National Unified Goal by implementing **18 strategies** through the following **Immediate Actions**:

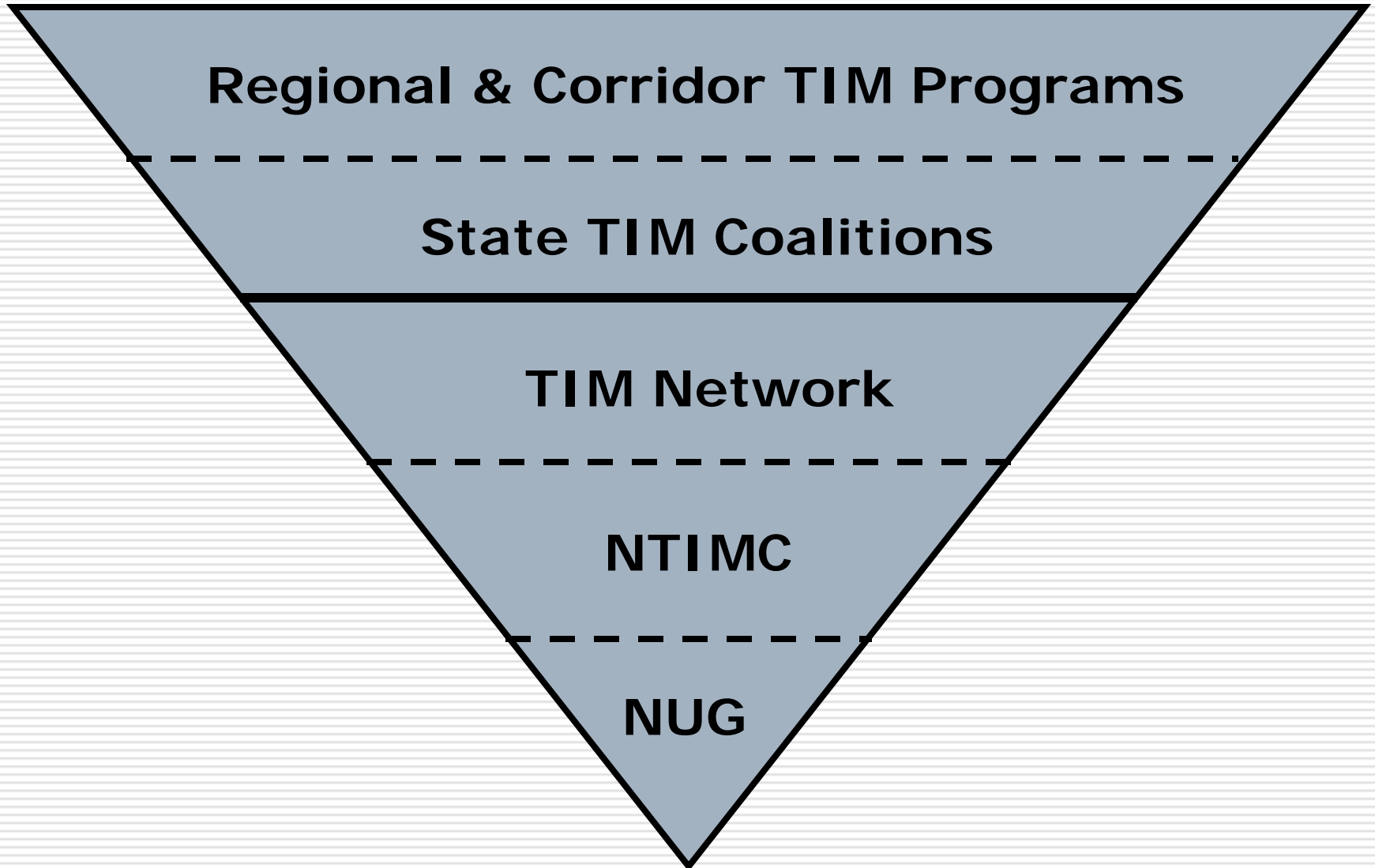
- Partner for Public Awareness
 - Example: AAA/NASCAR, November 16**
 - Early Action Implementation Task Forces
 - Recommended Practices & Procedures Document
 - Multidisciplinary Training Program
 - Support USDOT Public Safety Advisory Group
 - Reauthorization Implications
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NUG Value to TIM Programs

- Less costly program development, avoid reinventing the wheel
- More efficient & consistent training
- Framework for comparing efforts & practices
- Common tools for TIM program promotion
- Leveraged national opportunities for driver awareness



Context for the NUG



FOR MORE INFORMATION

- NTIMC Web Site

<http://timcoalition.org>

- NUG – Summary & Detail
- NUG Technical Papers
- Implementation Status
- FHWA “Community of Practice”

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