

Regional Notification Guidelines

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Major (Level 1)

Incident

Events with a duration of over 2 hours and widespread, severe traffic impact or safety risk such as:

Closure of a major highway or bridge facility, excluding construction or maintenance work or typical weather-related closures (for interstate highways could be closure in one or both directions)

Crash or event involving injuries or deaths of 10 or more people

Crash involving 20 or more vehicles

Event involving major media attention such as a multi-vehicle crash, railroad crossing, bridge collapse, evacuation, border crossing, etc.

Event involving serious injury to a major public figure such as a member of congress, diplomat, etc

School bus incident resulting in **SERIOUS INJURY/FATALITY**

Event involving DOT-owned building such as fire, flood, bomb threat

Death of a DOT employee or DOT contractor employee on the job

Intermediate (Level 2)

Incident

Events with a duration of 30 minutes to 2 hours with widespread, high traffic impact or safety risk such as:

Major impacts to the transportation system caused by:

▶ Road or lane closure that has a high traffic impact (may require a detour)

▶ Major planned events such as marathons or parades with road closures or detours

▶ Weather (or threat of ...) causing disruptions to traffic and/or poor visibility - blizzard, ice, high wind, flooding, landslide, earthquake

▶ Bus/Plane/Train/Ferry crash

▶ Transit strike or transit interruption with widespread disruption

Potential Safety Hazards Requiring Notification:

Bridge Hit or structural failure

Significant HazMat Spill

Major Police or Fire Department Activity

Threat of terrorism or Bomb scare

Work Zone vehicle intrusion, injury/fatal crash, or worker injury/death (Note: may be Major - Level 1)

Bus Incident (Note: school bus may be Major - Level 1)

Train, Aircraft, or Ferry incident (including security issues)

Theft of aircraft, train, ferry, or state vehicle

Request by Local Jurisdiction for NYSDOT Assistance

Amber Alerts

Other significant Event which in your professional judgement warrants notification or coordination with MO program areas.

→ Any widespread high level safety risk.

→ An event with an element of high visibility that will cause motorists to be seriously distracted (visible flames, a standoff with police, a suicidal person, etc).

Regions determine which Minor (Level 3) and Low (Level 4) events warrant notification to Regional staff.

Minor (Level 3)

Incident

Events with a duration of less than 30 minutes and result in moderate traffic impact or safety risk such as:

Minor impacts to the transportation system caused by:

▶ Traffic incident in the travel lane that may involve minor injuries that is cleared quickly

▶ Traffic incident that may involve minor injuries but not blocking traffic

▶ Weather conditions that are impacting travel speeds (black ice) and/or public safety

▶ Minor planned events such as Travers weekend, Belmont Stakes, etc.

▶ Temporary construction or maintenance lane closure or detour lasting less than one day

▶ Bridge posting/flag

▶ Events on major highways or arteries during rush hour

Low (Level 4)

Incident

Events with little or no impact on the public such as:

Disabled vehicle

Signal maintenance issues/activities

Roadkill

Weather such as rain, snow flurries, etc.

Highway maintenance issues/activities such as mowing, debris removal, etc.

Scheduled Construction Activities

Routine congestion and recurring volume delays

Traffic incident with minor property damage but not blocking traffic