



WHEREAS, the Nevada Open Roads Policy (ORP), signed on October 20, 2021, by the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT), the Nevada Department of Public Safety (DPS), and the Governor of Nevada is the policy that suggests a continued benchmark and standard for traffic incident response on Nevada roadways; and

WHEREAS, the Nevada Open Roads Policy states, in pertinent part, that public safety remains the highest priority during a traffic incident and that public safety agencies and traffic incident responders shall re-open the roadway as soon as possible on an urgent basis; and

WHEREAS, the Sparks Fire Department will participate in the Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Steering Committee as a core champion, participating in TIM Coalition Meetings, completing training, and performing duties including notification, establishing scene safety, assisting the injured, providing emergency traffic control, and investigating crashes in a manner to support safe, quick clearance policies. The Sparks Fire Department, *when requested*, will make every effort to participate in multiagency crash debriefings, to support the practice of ongoing multi-discipline learning.

WHEREAS, NDOT, DPS - the Nevada Highway Patrol (NHP), and the Nevada TIM Coalitions (TIM) provide training for Nevada first responders that is consistent with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), SHRP2 TIM training. The TIM Coalition(s) develop ongoing Nevada Traffic Incident Management TIM Plans for each region that provide guidelines as state-of-practice for traffic incident response, management, and clearance for Nevada roadways. And that these guidelines complement the Nevada ORP.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sparks Fire Department agrees that clearing the travel portion of a roadway is a high priority and that roadways will not be closed or restricted any longer than is absolutely necessary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sparks Fire Department will promote and advocate, where appropriate, the safe, quick clearance principles and practices recommended by the 2018 Nevada Traffic Incident Management Guidelines, before, during, and after a traffic incident; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sparks Fire Department is committed to participating in continuous collaboration with other state and local agencies concerning intra and inter-disciplinary matters relevant to traffic incident management and safe, quick clearance, including but not limited to training, research, evaluation, and education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sparks Fire Department hereby endorses and now becomes an Official Party to the Nevada Open Roads Policy.

Jim Kindness Division Chief, OPS
Sparks Fire Department

DATE: 5/4/22