

# Rhode Island Department of Transportation

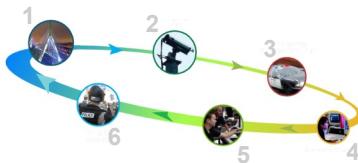


## Traffic Incident Management Planning

**STATUS:** Completed

**LOCATION:** Rhode Island

### FORTRESS Security and Emergency Preparedness System™



1. Threat & Vulnerability Assessments
2. Mitigation Planning
- ✓ 3. Emergency Management Planning
- ✓ 4. Standard Operating Procedures
- ✓ 5. Training
- ✓ 6. Drills & Exercises

Seeking to improve their traffic incident management plans, RIDOT called on Fortress' Albert Samano for assistance. Mr. Samano updated the RIDOT Traffic Incident Unified Response Manual, facilitated Traffic Incident Management Task Force meetings, and developed a hurricane-scenario tabletop exercise.

Mr. Samano began improvements to RIDOT's traffic incident planning by undertaking the coordination and facilitation of the monthly RI DOT Traffic Incident Management Task Force meetings. In this manner, the Task Force was able to focus its efforts in the specific areas that would produce the greatest and most beneficial changes to the traffic incident plans.

Building upon this new focus, Mr. Samano revised and updated RIDOT's Traffic Incident Unified Response Manual, a **response plan** which consists of implementation guidance and **procedures** outlining the actions of all Rhode Island public safety and transportation agencies in response to traffic incidents. Throughout this process, Mr. Samano involved all appropriate Fire, Police, municipal, and state agencies. Additionally, Mr. Samano conducted incident command system **training** and developed and conducted a discussion-based hurricane **tabletop exercise** for the Traffic Incident Management Task Force. This exercise elicited numerous traffic management discussions from the players and stakeholders regarding evacuation routes.



As a result of Mr. Samano's assistance, RIDOT now implements traffic incident management with an updated and revised Traffic Incident Unified Response Manual and benefits from the incident command system training that was conducted and the lessons learned from the discussion-based tabletop exercise.