

**EVERY DRIVER MUST HAVE HIS/HER OWN TIMS CERTIFICATE, 16 HOUR DPS APPROVED COURSE or DOCUMENTED 2-YRS EXPERIENCE (within past 5 yrs) ON FILE WITH DPS.**

**ADDITIONALLY 4 HOURS OF ANNUAL CONTINUING EDUCATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL CLASS WRECKER OPERATORS.**

New drivers with less than two years' experience will need to attend a DPS approved 16-hour course or attend formal training such as WreckMaster or TRAA within their first thirty (30) days of hire and submit documentation to us.

Drivers with at least two years' previous experience, which can be documented through our records within the last five years, may be approved without the 16-hour wrecker operation training requirement. Every new driver must have his or her Traffic Incident Management certificate prior to being an approved driver/operator. This certificate is only required one time for each driver unless they feel the need to refresh their training in TIMS.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Instructor/Trainer must have at least ten (10) years of consecutive and current documented wrecker operation experience in law enforcement towing/recovery or at least five (5) years of consecutive and current documented wrecker operation experience in law enforcement towing/recovery with formalized training certifications. (Wrecker Master, TRAA, NATA). Be specific when listing 'Type of Training' (i.e., 4 Point Tie Down, Load/Unload, Vehicle Controls, Cables/Hooks/Chains, etc.)

**TRAFFIC INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TRAINING**

- 1) All drivers are required to have the Traffic Incident Management (TIM) certification in order to become an approved wrecker driver. A copy must be submitted to DPS in order to receive an approved driver card.
- 2) Oklahoma Traffic Incident Management Coalition (website: [www.oktim.org](http://www.oktim.org)) - TIM consists of a planned and coordinated multidisciplinary process to detect, respond to and clear traffic incidents so that traffic flow may be restored as safely and quickly as possible. Effective TIM reduces the duration and impacts of traffic incidents and improves the safety of motorists, crash victims and emergency responders. **\*\*NEW\*\*** Now offering online TIM course.
- 3) On-line course available through the National Highway Institute. (website: [www.nhi.fhwa.dot.gov](http://www.nhi.fhwa.dot.gov)) Certificate should be faxed (405-425-2031) or emailed ([wrecker@dps.ok.gov](mailto:wrecker@dps.ok.gov)) to DPS to receive training credit.
- 4) Another on-line TIM course can be found at [www.respondersafety.com](http://www.respondersafety.com)

Here you can find classes available for classroom or hands-on type training.

<https://oklahoma.gov/dps/wrecker-services/wrecker-services-training/training-opportunities.html>.

There is not any specific class requirement for the four (4) credit hours of continued education each approved driver must have each year. The continued education portion can be formal lectures, courses, seminars, webinars, videos, or any other similar type of educational program designed to educate an individual and give him or her further skills or knowledge to be applied in his or her line of work.

There are several different ways for each driver to receive training/continued education:

- Check with your nearest Technology Center for courses with subjects that could relate to the wrecker industry (defensive driving, safety management, etc.).
- Contact your local fire department for possible classes they may offer (TIMs, fire extinguisher training, extraction, or any other type of safety training they may offer.)
- Have a company training day. Give a description of the type of training viewed or demonstrated, name of the instructor (this can also be the owner and/or an experienced driver), date and time of the training and have all who attend sign in. Ensure that your DPS number is on the sheet as well. Our Skills Test form may be utilized for hands-on training and submitted for possible training credit(s) as well.
- Check on-line. Search for wrecker training or advanced wrecker skills that you believe your service may want to look into. Any online video that is related to wrecker services and/or roadway safety can possibly be used for training purposes.

Use the Student Info Sheet (<https://oklahoma.gov/content/dam/ok/en/dps/docs/ws-student-info-sheet.pdf>)

Complete section I & III to document independent training. For videos, please list the name, the web address, and the length of each video. You may use additional sheet of paper if necessary.

To receive credit for continuing education hours for any of the above or similar, be certain to send copies of any documentation in to DPS. You may fax, email, or mail documentation which show attendance, training hours and dates to:

Fax: 405-425-2031

Email: [wrecker@dps.ok.gov](mailto:wrecker@dps.ok.gov) (only accepted in PDF format)

Mail: Department of Public Safety, Wrecker Services, PO Box 53004, Oklahoma City, OK 73152-9998

If you have any other questions, please don't hesitate to contact us. Wrecker Services Division Phone: (405) 425-2312.