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“Emergency Scene Ahead” Signs Available

This maintenance advisory serves to inform maintenance personnel, who respond to traffic incidents, that a new rollup sign is available in the warehouse. The new advance warning sign, EMERGENCY SCENE AHEAD, is intended to be used for the management of traffic incidents. This sign should be deployed to advise motorists of an incident ahead when expected delays exceed 30 minutes.

Within 15 minutes of arriving at a traffic incident responders should estimate the expected time duration of the traffic incident and the expected traffic queue length. If the estimated time is greater than 30 minutes, the warning sign should be placed in advance of the emergency scene at a distance of at least 10 times the posted speed limit. If a long traffic queue is expected or observed the sign may be placed further upstream from the incident to better inform approaching traffic of the incident ahead.

On-scene responders working in or near traffic during an emergency situation should always use safe practices and procedures for accomplishing their role; this includes wearing proper Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

For more information regarding traffic control within incident management areas refer to Chapter 6I of the *2005 Michigan Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices* (MMUTCD).



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