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FPP Completes First Phase of TIMS Project with USFA

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IFSTA/FPP recently completed the first phase of a cooperative research project with the United States Fire Administration (USFA) on Traffic Incident Management Systems (TIMS). The two primary components of this project were to familiarize fire service personnel with the traffic management requirements contained in the United States Department of Transportation's "Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD)" and to allow them to better utilize the concepts of unified command during traffic incidents.

IFSTA/FPP has turned over the final report to the USFA, and it is being readied for release to the public at this time. It should be available early in 2008 and will be downloadable on the USFA website.

As a result of the initial effort, the USFA awarded IFSTA/FPP an add-on project to do research on the effectiveness of reflective markings on emergency vehicles. The project is limited to add-on reflective markings and will not review paint color issues. Research on the add-on project has begun and is expected to be complete in late 2008.