

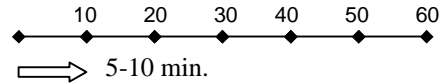
Traffic Incident Severity: 1

A Severity 1 incident represents the least obstructive classification of traffic incident. Vehicle or vehicles involved typically can be removed under their own power and may not require outside assistance. The typical duration of the incident is expected to last no longer than 5 to 10 minutes and has the following characteristics:

- Single or multiple car incident involving mechanical difficulties or slight vehicle damage
- Vehicles remain operational or can be pushed to the nearest exit without endangering life and property of those involved
- Very little debris, if any, is present
- No freeway towing response necessary to move vehicles
- Law enforcement involvement may or may not be necessary
- Agency involvement beyond law enforcement may not be necessary
- No injuries reported

Category Summary	Characteristic of Category
Type of Incident¹	
No damage	Yes
Functional damage	Yes
Disabling damage	No
Other motor vehicle damage	Yes
Debris Field	
Slight	Yes
Moderate	No
Heavy (<i>usually involves special equipment to clear</i>)	No
Injury Severity¹	
No injury	Yes
Non fatal injury	No
Fatal injury	No
Agency Response	
Law enforcement	Possible
Towing	No
EMS	No
Fire	No
Other (<i>Hazmat, Sweeper, etc.</i>)	No

Timeframe



Response



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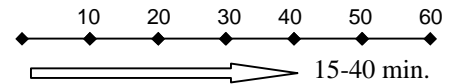
Traffic Incident Severity: 2

A Severity 2 incident represents a capacity constraining traffic incident that typically lasts from 15-40 minutes. The vehicle or vehicles involved typically require towing. Law enforcement is usually necessary. The severity 2 category is defined as having the following characteristics:

- Assistance is necessary in the form of towing and law enforcement
- Vehicles typically can not move from freeway to the nearest off ramp or crash investigation site under their own power
- Debris or fluid is seen
- No reported injuries

Category Summary	Characteristic of Category
Type of Incident¹	
No damage	No
Functional damage	Yes
Disabling damage	Yes
Other motor vehicle damage	No
Debris Field	
Slight	Yes
Moderate	Yes
Heavy (<i>usually involves special equipment to clear</i>)	No
Injury Severity¹	
No injury	Yes
Non fatal injury	No
Fatal injury	No
Agency Response	
Law enforcement	Yes
Towing	Yes
EMS	No
Fire	No
Other (<i>Hazmat, Sweeper, etc.</i>)	No

Timeframe



Response



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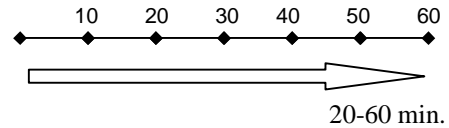
Traffic Incident Severity: 3

A Severity 3 incident represents a capacity constraining traffic incident that typically lasts 20 minutes to an hour or more. Characteristics between a 2 and 3 are similar. However, the major difference in 3 is the involvement of EMS and Fire agencies in the response. Beyond EMS and Fire the vehicle or vehicles involved typically require towing and outside assistance with law enforcement on site to assist. The severity 3 category is defined as having the following characteristics:

- Assistance is necessary in the form of towing and law enforcement fire and EMS
- Vehicles typically can not move from freeway without mechanical assistance
- Debris or fluid is seen with potential fire hazard
- Possible injuries or fatality

Category Summary	Characteristic of Category
Type of Incident¹	
No damage	No
Functional damage	Yes
Disabling damage	Yes
Other motor vehicle damage	No
Debris Field	
Slight	Yes
Moderate	Yes
Heavy (<i>usually involves special equipment to clear</i>)	Yes
Injury Severity¹	
No injury	No
Non fatal injury	Yes
Fatal injury	Yes
Agency Response	
Law enforcement	Yes
Towing	Yes
EMS	Yes
Fire	Yes
Other (<i>Hazmat, Sweeper, etc.</i>)	Possible

Timeframe



Response



Would require an additional operator or other TOC internal staff assistance.

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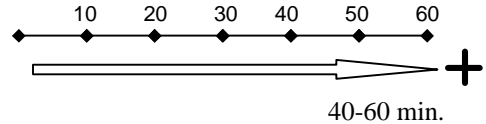
Traffic Incident Severity: 4

A Severity 4 represents a large-scale traffic incident that typically lasts longer than an hour. It also can involve several disabled vehicles and/or large trucks. The category shares characteristics similar to 2 and 3, however, the difference between them is the incident clearance time. For a large-scale incident it is possible to have several agencies respond and have possible injuries or fatalities. A severity 4 category is defined as having the following characteristics:

- Incident lasts longer than an hour and may involve multiple disable vehicles
- Possible need for EMS and Fire
- Possible need for Towing
- Debris may require special clean up or none at all
- Represents incidents that last longer than a type 2 or 3

Category Summary	Characteristic of Category
Type of Incident¹	
No damage	No
Functional damage	Yes
Disabling damage	Yes
Other motor vehicle damage	Yes
Debris Field	
Slight	Possible
Moderate	Yes
Heavy (<i>usually involves special equipment to clear</i>)	Yes
Injury Severity¹	
No injury	Possible
Non fatal injury	Yes
Fatal injury	Yes
Agency Response	
Law enforcement	Yes
Towing	Yes
EMS	Yes
Fire	Yes
Other (<i>Hazmat, Sweeper, etc.</i>)	Possible

Timeframe



Response



Would require an additional operator or other TOC internal staff assistance.

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