Houston Police Department

SAFEClear Program

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Purpose of SAFEClear

- Clear wrecks and stalled vehicles from freeways
- Help improve mobility on freeways
- Reduce secondary accidents and traffic jams
- Reduce number of wreckers on freeway
- Reduce wrecker “Chasing”
History of SAFEClear

- SafeClear began in January 2005
- 11 vendors covering 29 freeway segments
- March 2010 increase to 13 vendors
- SafeClear contract extension July 2010

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How SAFEClear Works

- Tow companies service designated freeway segments
- Coordination at scene and at Transtar to clear freeway incidents
- Disabled vehicles towed off freeway/roadside assistance provided

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Program Benefits

2014 SafeClear Performance Report *indicates:

- Response times contributed to the reduction in collisions
- Civilian dispatchers at Transtar beneficial to the reduction of response times
- Probability of secondary collisions increases with higher duration times
- Law enforcement officers at incidents reduce duration time

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SAFEClear Updates

- Fee changed from $50 to $60
- No additional charge for roadside service
- Steps in place for inability to pay at time of tow
- HOV lanes included

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Request for Qualifications

- April 17, 2015 - Request for Qualifications
- 25 companies submitted proposals
- SafeClear Evaluation Committee: personnel from HPD, HCSO, PWE, and HGAC.
Implications of Awarding SAFEClear Contracts

- Continue to improve public safety
- Continued monitoring of the program
- Continued compliance of wrecker companies
- Preliminary planning for similar program in the county
- Future Rice University response study

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SAFE Clear Program Segment Awards

Questions