



## **Ventura County Transportation Commission**

### **Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies (SAFE) Incident Responder Grant Program Pre-Proposal Conference**

**March 29, 2024**



## SAFE & Motorist Aid

- California Legislature established Service Authorities for Freeway Emergencies (SAFE) to encourage development of motorist aid system comprised of multiple service elements and infrastructure along the Freeway and Freeway System to enable motorists in need of assistance to obtain aid
- Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC) serves as the SAFE for Ventura County
- Funding provided by a \$1 annual vehicle registration fee on all vehicles registered in Ventura County
- Ventura County SAFE programs include:
  - Roadside Emergency Call Boxes
  - Freeway Service Patrol
  - Incident Responder Grant Program





## Incident Responder Grant Program

- June 2019, SAFE Board Established the Incident Responder Grant Program.
- IRGP provides grant assistance to local first responders for equipment related to motorist incidents on SAFE network.
- Provide grant assistance only when the SAFE Fund Balance allows (Biennial review).
- IRGP Round 1: October 2019, SAFE Board approved \$905,000 in awards.
- IRGP Round 2: November 2021, SAFE Board approved \$500,000 in awards.





## IRGP Prior Award Highlights

	Agency	IRGP Funded Equipment Rounds 1 & 2
Police	Oxnard PD	Mobile Changeable Message Signs
	Ventura County Area CHP	Major Incident Response Trailer
	Ventura County Sheriff	UAVs for Accident Scene Investigations
	Ventura PD	Major Incident Response Vehicle (MIRV)
Fire	Fillmore FD	Battery-Powered Cutters & Spreaders
	Oxnard FD	Battery-Powered Cutters & Spreaders
	Ventura County FD	Traffic Signal Preemption Moorpark/Simi
	Ventura FD	Battery-Powered Cutters & Spreaders





## Incident Responder Grant Program: Example from Round 1

- The City of Ventura Police Department had the single largest application request at \$437,519.62
- Purchase major incident response vehicle to serve City of Ventura and West County through mutual aid



## Incident Responder Grant Program – Round 3

- **Approved Motorist Aid Budget for FY22/23 - \$500,000 for IRGP Round 3**
- **Round 3 program carries forward the grant eligibility criteria and follows the application process approved by the SAFE Board in June 2019:**
  - Minimum and maximum grant amounts to be \$5,000 and \$500,000 respectively;
  - Open to government agencies either singularly or working in collaboration;
  - Must demonstrate nexus to SAFE network as defined in SAFE statutes;
  - Grants to be for capital expenditures only;
  - Agencies must expend funds within two (2) years of receipt of funds;
- **Round 3 guideline modifications:**
  - Agencies reapplying must be in good standing with past awards;
  - One (1) year extension at VCTC/SAFE Executive Director's discretion;
  - Clarification of grant eligibility extending to suicide prevention efforts and related incident response on the SAFE network;



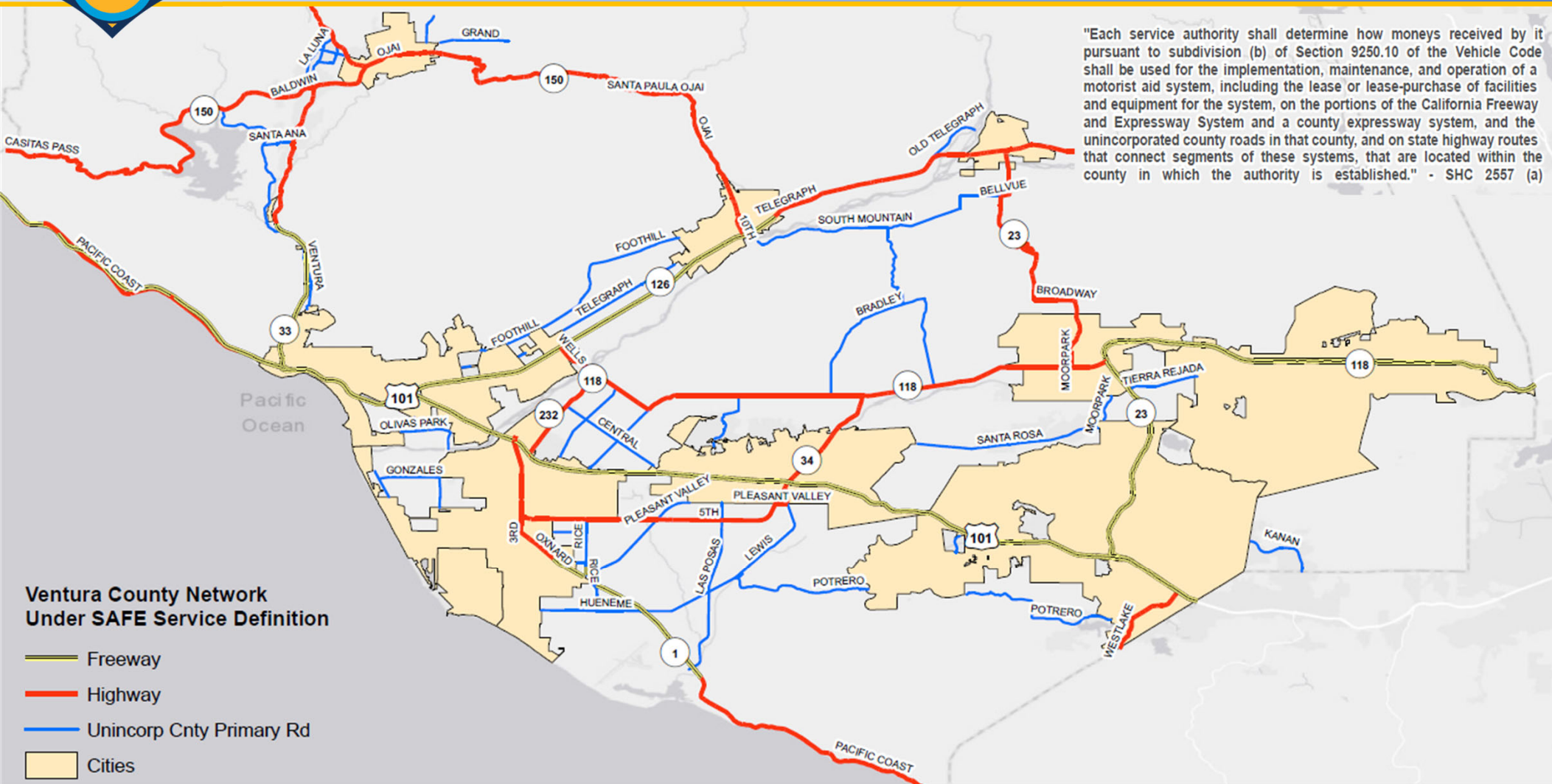
## Eligible Recipients

- Government agencies, either singularly or in collaboration, that provide roadway incident response on the portions of the California Freeway and Expressway System, and the unincorporated county roads of that county, and on state highway routes that connect segments of these systems, which are located within Ventura County.





## IRGP Nexus to SAFE Network





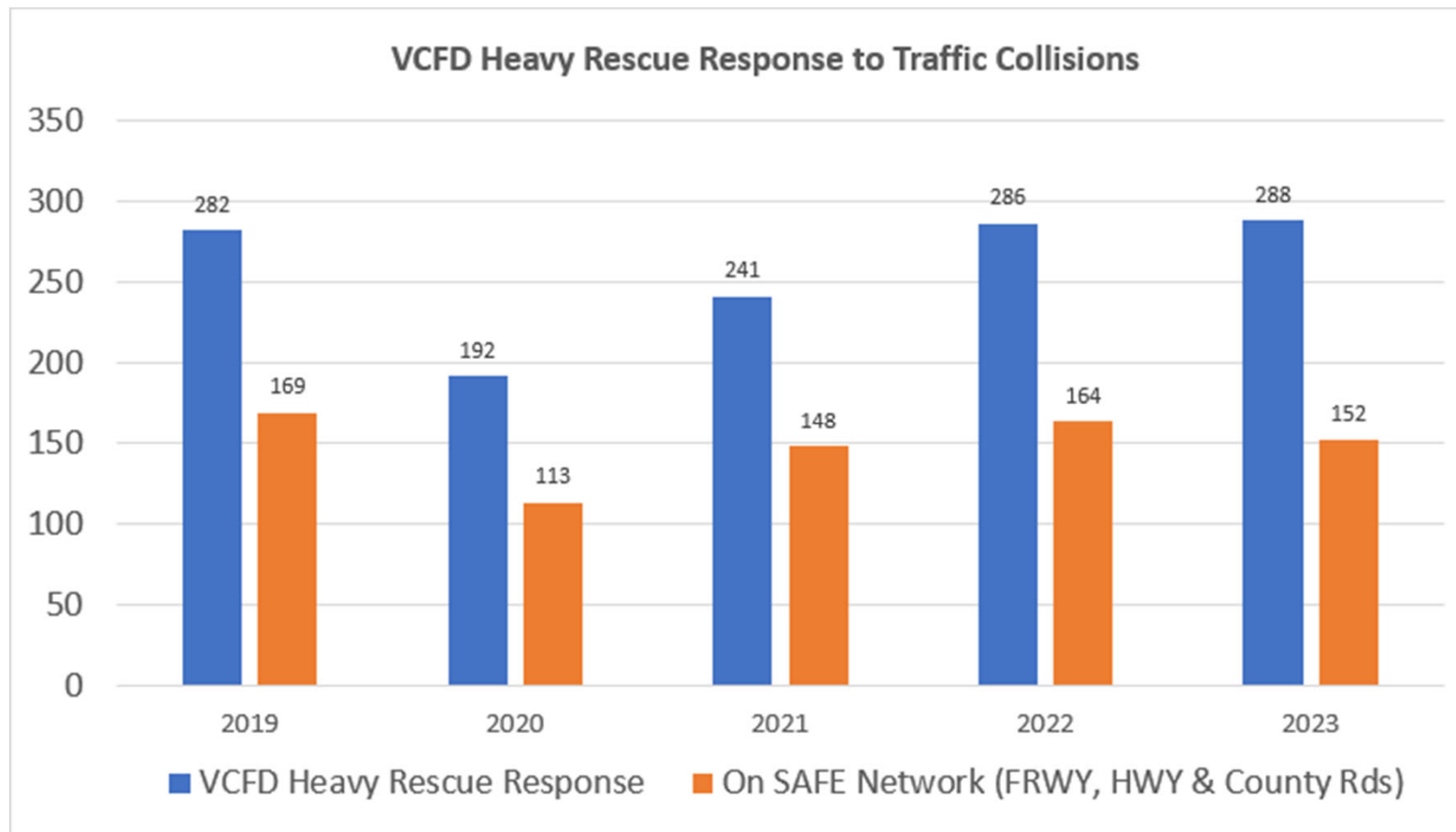


## Eligible Expenditures

- Capital assets including computer hardware and software, and equipment used to clear, manage, analyze, and prevent roadway incidents on the SAFE roadways
  - (Sorry, No Ballistic Shields)
- Grant funds may not be used for personnel costs or ongoing operational costs
- Capital assets must remain with the grant recipient for the reasonable life cycle of the asset (may not be sold, transferred, or assigned to other agencies or entities)

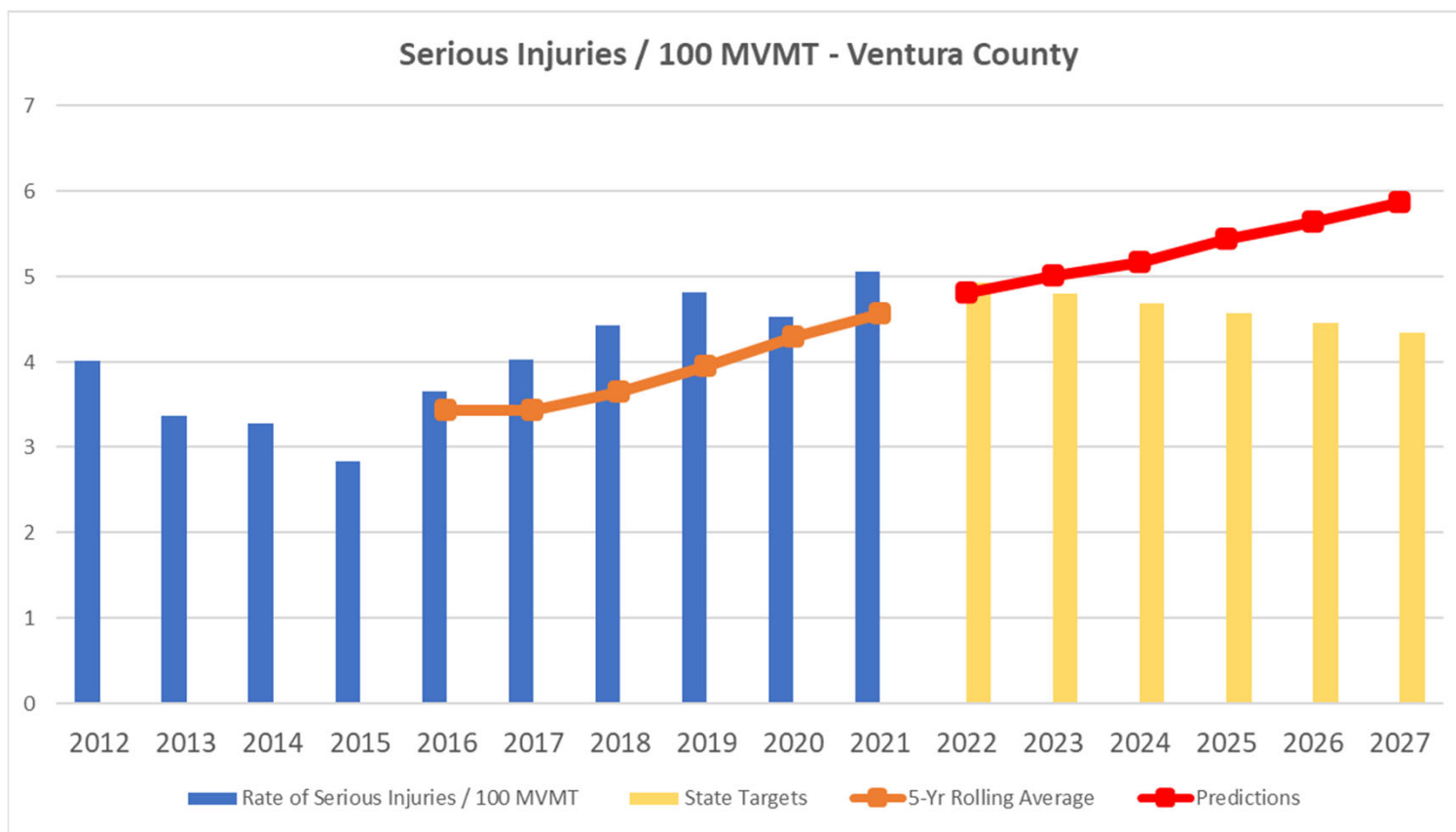


## VCFD “Heavy Rescue” Responses on SAFE Network





## TIMS Safety Trends & Projections: Serious Injuries

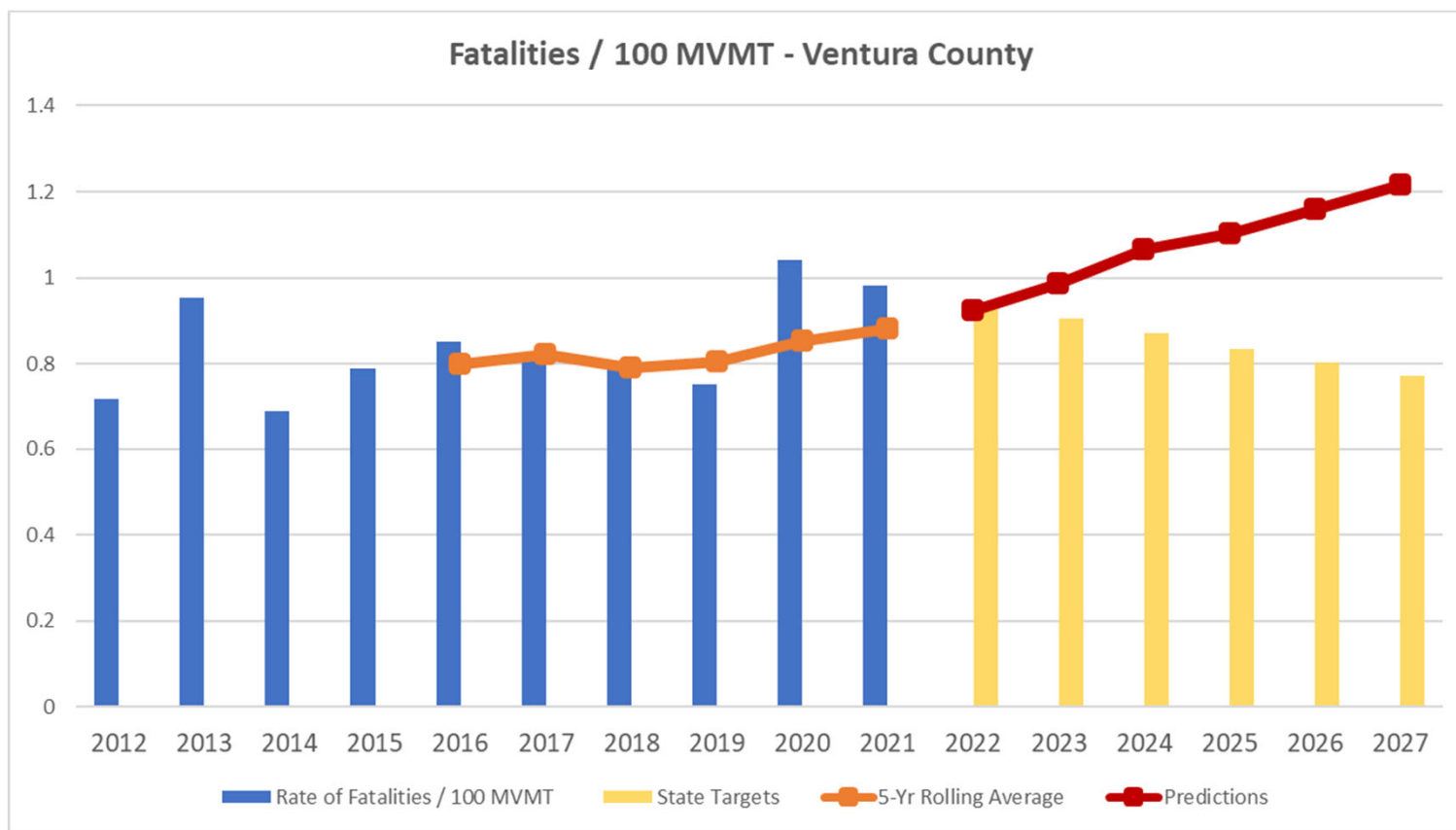


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## TIMS Safety Trends & Projections: Fatalities

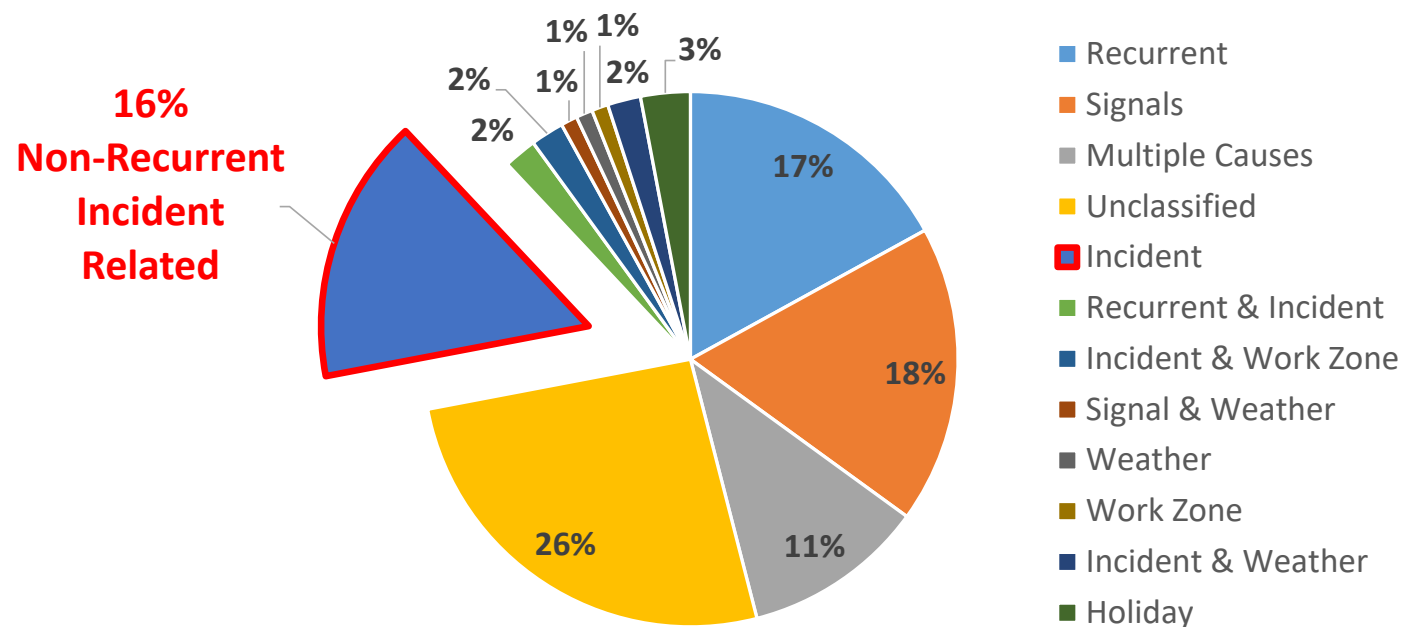


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# Ventura County FRWY/HWY Congestion

Causes of Delay on Ventura County Highways - TDADS 2019



4,300,000 Hours of Annual Vehicle Delay  
\$112,640,000 Annual User Cost of Vehicle Delay



- Please complete application form with signatures
- Attachments are allowed

**Ventura County Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies (SAFE)  
Incident Responder Grant Program  
Application Questionnaire**

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Please answer the questions below with as much specificity as needed to fully answer the questions. If additional space is required it is allowable to attached additional sheets to this application.

**5. Please describe how other agencies might benefit from your agency's proposal**

**6. Please describe in detail how grant funds are proposed to be expended. Include a draft budget and timeline for expenditures.**

**7. How will your agency measure the outcomes and impacts of that result from the capital asset funded with the Ventura County SAFE grant funds? If available, please share any evidence or research that supports your agency's proposal and expected outcomes.**

The representative below has read and agrees to the Ventura County SAFE guidelines and is authorized to submit grant applications and accept funds for the agency named above.

**Agency Director (please Print)**

**Agency Director Signature and Date**



# Application Review & Selection Process

- Scoring Committee comprised of one Ventura County SAFE staff member, two experts in incident response, and one local jurisdiction representative
- Applications scored and ranked according to selection criteria
- Final grant allocations are subject to approval by the SAFE Board

**Incident Responder Grant Program Scoring Rubric**

Rating Factor	Point Range	Percent of Total Value	Maximum Points
<b>1</b> Qualifications	1-5	20%	20
<b>2</b> Project description, goals and objectives	1-5	25%	25
<b>3</b> Collaboration	1-5	20%	20
<b>4</b> Capability and Qualifications to provide services	1-5	15%	15
<b>5</b> Proposal Budget: Cost effectiveness and budget review.	1-5	20%	20
<b>Total</b>		<b>100%</b>	<b>100</b>



## Application Process

- Four (4) hard copies, including one (1) original with wet signatures and three copies, plus one electronic copy of the application package
- All grant submittals must be delivered to:  
  
Ventura County SAFE Grant Program  
751 E. Daily Drive, Suite 420  
Camarillo, CA 93010
- Proposals due **March 29, 2024 no later than 4:00 PM**
- Proposals received after the application deadline will not be considered

		2024					
TASK	DATE	February	March	April	May	June	July
Grant Information Packages Distrubuted	5-Feb						
Pre-Proposal Conference	15-Feb						
Proposals Submission Deadline (4:00pm)	29-Mar						
Proposals Scored by Grant Committee	15-Apr						
VC SAFE Board Grant Award Approval	10-May						
Awards Disctributed	1-Jul						



## Incident Responder Grant Program

**QUESTIONS?**

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