

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**

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**

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**

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**

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**



SAFEClear Program Segment Awards

Questions