Critical Infrastructure Recognition: Transportation

WHAT FIRST RESPONDERS SHOULD RECOGNIZE ON PATROL — AND WHY IT MATTERS

Roads, bridges, tunnels, freight and passenger rail, ports, airports, and freight hubs move people and goods. Each has recognizable signs and its own first-five-minutes risks. This free guide shows what to look for. The full manual and pocket card go deeper.

What transportation critical infrastructure looks like on patrol

Roads & Highways

- Interchanges, overhead gantries
- Weigh stations / inspection ramps
- Toll & HOV gantries, roadside electronics

Bridges & Tunnels

- Truss, arch, suspension, cable-stayed spans
- Load-post / low-clearance signs
- Tunnel portals & ventilation

Freight & Passenger Rail

- Grade crossings, signals, gates
- Freight yards, tank cars & placards
- Light rail / subway / commuter stations

Ports, Airports & Freight Hubs

- Container terminals & cranes
- Airport perimeter, fuel farms, ATC towers
- Intermodal yards & distribution centers

Why first responders should recognize it

The first five minutes change everything

You are often the first trained observer at a bridge strike, derailment, hazmat release, cargo-theft scene, port perimeter event, or transit evacuation. Reading the asset fast sets safe position, public protection, the right operator to call, and evidence preservation without making it worse.

A simple method you already know

Observe what you're looking at → **Assess** the hazard and exposure → **Decide** a safe action → **Teach** the next responder. Every entry in the manual follows this pattern so it holds up under stress.

Go deeper: the full **Transportation manual** ($19.99) covers 8 chapters, 34 field entries, recognition drills, and the communications/handoff card. The compact **Pocket Recognition Card** ($9.99) fits a duty bag for at-scene reference. Available at **patrolreferencepress.com**.