

Wisconsin Gateway Patrols

Gateway Patrols are specially equipped trucks dedicated to handling and clearing incidents, especially collisions and disabled vehicles in Kenosha, Racine and Waukesha counties in Wisconsin. The patrols increase freeway safety, help reduce congestion, and increase freeway efficiency.

The patrols are modeled after the Enhanced Freeway Patrols in Milwaukee County. While the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Department operates the Milwaukee area patrols, Gateway Patrols involve four vehicles that are under contract with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. Gateway Patrols look like standard tow vehicles, but they are painted bright lime green for higher visibility at night and in bad weather.



Gateway Patrols operate on the I-94 north-south corridor in Racine and Kenosha counties. Patrols are currently on duty Monday through Thursday from 7-10 a.m. and from 4-7 p.m., and Friday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Additional service has been added to the I-94 east-west corridor in Waukesha County between WIS 83 and the county line (124th Street). Patrols are on duty for the morning rush from 6-9 a.m. and the afternoon rush from 3-7 p.m., Saturday 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 3-7 p.m. There are no fees charged to motorists for patrol services.

Gateway Patrols relocate disabled vehicles from the highway to safer areas, provide small amounts of fuel, handle minor repairs such as changing flat tires and taping hoses, call law enforcement officers to the scene of crashes, remove debris from the freeway and aid law officers and other responders by blocking lanes when necessary. The patrols will relocate a disabled vehicle from the freeway to safe location, or crash investigation site, where the motorist can contact a private towing service for further help.

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