

TRAFFIC INCIDENT MANAGEMENT FOR THE BALTIMORE REGION (TIMBR)

December 4, 2013

10 A.M. to 12 P.M.

SHA State Highway Administration, Statewide Operations Center (SOC) Meeting Room

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by the Chair, Chris Letnaunchyn.

1. REVIEW OF MINUTES

The October 2, 2013 minutes were approved.

2. TIM TRAINING IN THE REGION

Eileen Singleton sent an email to the people that attended the Train the Trainer class and obtained information to start pairing trainers based on their location. Ms. Singleton will begin to schedule training classes for the spring. Ms. Singleton will also contact the University of Maryland T2 center about assisting with the logistics for the training classes. It was noted that the Baltimore Agriculture Center in Oregon Ridge is a facility that is free for county departments to use and Baltimore County could arrange to have a room for training.

3. NEWSLETTER

Eileen Singleton asked the group if they were interested in having an eNewsletter that would be distributed to the Baltimore Region TIM community. The BMC currently creates several eNewsletters. The TIM eNewsletter would be designed to provide TIM information to the region, serve as reminder of TIM resources, provide upcoming events in the area that may impact traffic, and provide upcoming TIM training classes, etc. Content for the eNewsletter is needed, if you would like to provide some input, please contact Eileen Singleton.

4. DISCUSSION ON RECENT INCIDENTS

It was noted that the intent of the Move Over law may not be clear to motorists; they may believe that the law means they should move over and slow down to let an emergency vehicle pass them on

the road to get to an incident scene. There was a comment that additional education about the law is also needed for judges, and this could be done at the annual judicial retreat.

It was noted that there are PSAs available for the state to clarify the Move Over law. Using available PSAs would minimize the cost to produce a commercial. Public outreach funds may be available through the Highway Safety Office or Responder Safety.

Towers should also have a law that would encourage motorists to move over or slow down for them. A bill for this may be introduced in the upcoming General Assembly session. If the committee would like to show support for this bill, it can testify, writing a letter of support, etc.

5. TIMBR TASK FORCE UPDATE

The Funeral Procession contact list continues to be updated and distributed quarterly. The Maryland State Funeral Directors Association Newsletter, the Courier, recently printed the funeral procession guidelines developed by the Task Force.

The Escorted Motor Rides Task Force is still waiting for a response from the Attorney General.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

The next meeting will be held on February 5, 2014, at the SHA SOC in Hanover, Maryland.

The meeting adjourned at 11 A.M. for all committee members. The meeting continued with a sub-committee to discuss Performance Measures.

Members

T.J. Bathras – Maryland Transportation Authority
Mark Crump – Baltimore Co. Police
Craig Fetzer – State Highway Administration – OOM
Tom Jacobs – University of Maryland, CATT
Shelly Kellam – State Highway Administration – CHART
Tanya King – Daniel Consultants, Inc.
Michael Lane – Howard Co. Sheriff, Traffic Unit
Chris Letnaunchyn – Carroll County DPW, Bureau of Engineering
Alvin Marquess – Jacobs
Patty Murawski – State Highway Administration – CHART
Kathie Raynor – Maryland Transportation Authority
Deanna Reed – State Highway Administration – OOM
Michael Tagliaferri – Maryland State Police
Stephen Troutman – Baltimore County Police

Todd Walker – Baltimore County PD
Scott Yinger – State Highway Administration – CHART

Staff

Eileen Singleton – Baltimore Metropolitan Council