

TRAFFIC INCIDENT MANAGEMENT FOR THE BALTIMORE REGION (TIMBR)

March 2, 2016

SHA State Highway Administration SOC Training Room

10 A.M. to 12 P.M.

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Chris Letnaunchyn. There were several new representatives from local agencies.

Handout: Agenda and Meeting Presentation

1. REVIEW OF MINUTES

The December 2, 2015, minutes were approved. The minutes will be posted on the BMC web page.

2. UPDATE ON HAZMAT RESPONSE ACTIVITIES FROM MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT

Due to an emergency the representative from the Department of Environment was not able to make it to this meeting but would like to provide an update at a future TIMBR meeting.

3. DISCUSSION OF RECENT EVENTS

There were many events that took place since the last meeting

Funeral Procession

There were two line of duty deaths recently in Harford County. To pay respect to the fallen officers, there were two funerals that were attended by a large number of people. A lot of planning was involved to ensure the safety of the procession participants and road users. The Harford County Sherriff's office led the planning effort with support from other agencies (i.e., MSP, MDTA, Baltimore County Police, and SHA).

The first funeral was held on a Wednesday and remained in the Bel Air area. The second funeral was held on a Saturday morning and the procession extended from Bel Air to Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens in Timonium. There were 163 color guards and 961 vehicles in the procession. The procession was 18 miles long; there were 40 traffic post along the route, which included closing ramps on I-95.

It was noted that the large number of color guards that preceded the funeral procession created some traffic congestion along the route and some of the roads were closed earlier than planned. The SOC was monitoring the route and was able to communicate congestion to the lead car and incident responders set up at the different traffic posts.

The public was aware of the funeral and many also came to see the funeral processions. Portable Dynamic Message Signs (PDMS) were set up to warn the traveling public of road congestion/closures prior to the event. MEMA was also partially activated at the Harford County EOC. The Harford County EOC had access to view the cameras along the route.

Winter Snow Storms

The region was hit with a record snowfall in one event, and in general did well with removing the snow; however, there were some areas that did not go as smoothly as desired.

- Towing was an issue in some areas:
- The typical snow removal operations in the region was not designed for the snow storm that we had
- Snow Emergency Plans

4. TIM MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Eileen Singleton noted that SHA developed a TIM MOU which has been signed by SHA and MSP. Other incident response agencies are being encouraged to sign the MOU.

The MOU is a conceptual MOU that does not require resources or statistical follow up. The MOU identifies the roles of the different agencies involved with responding to traffic incidents and also provides guidelines on coordinating all the agencies so that all agencies are working safely and efficiently. The MOU includes multiple agencies (e.g., Office of Chief Medical Examiner (OCME), Towing and Recovery, etc.).

All Agencies are encouraged to sign the MOU. If your agency is interested in signing the MOU, contact Scott Yinger. SHA continues outreach to various agencies; they recently attended the Traffic Safety Sub Committee for the Maryland Chiefs of Police Association. The Association is asking that SHA generate a resolution that can be provided to its members to encourage agencies to sign the memo. Upcoming outreach activities include presentations at the Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association Meetings in the Baltimore and DC regions.

Ms. Singleton is working to get the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board elected officials to sign the MOU.

The goal is to obtain statewide approval.

5. UPDATE ON PLANNING FOR BALTIMORE REGION TIM CONFERENCE

Eileen Singleton noted that the TIM Conference has been scheduled for April 20, 2016 at the Maritime Institute. A grant from the State Transportation Innovation Councils (STIC) was obtained. The grant requires a match of 20%, which is being covered by SHA, resulting in a conference that is free to incident responders in the region.

The focus of the conference is TIM Training and Safety and encouraging more TIM trainers to schedule training sessions. The audience for the conference is leadership from emergency response agencies that respond to traffic incidents and others in these organizations who have as part of their job duties agency personnel safety.

6. AGENCY UPDATES

TIM TRAINING UPDATE

Patrick Rooney noted that 11% of the incident responders in Maryland have taken the SHRP 2 training Class, just missing the 12% goal. SHA is offering several training opportunities for all incident responders, contact Pat Rooney, SHA Training and Certification Manager (prooney@sha.state.md.us) for more information. Information on the training is sent to MEMA for distribution.

One of the scheduled classes will be held in conjunction with the DelMarva Safety Association Spring Safety Conference in Ocean City Maryland.

If you are a Trainer and can help set up a TIM class, please contact Pat Rooney.

7. TIMBR TASK FORCE UPDATE

The Funeral Procession contact list continues to be distributed quarterly.

The Escorted Motor Rides Task Force is on hold now.

The Performance Measures task force is focusing on fatal incidents.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

The next meeting will be held on June 1, 2016, at the SOC in Hanover Maryland. The meetings will be held quarterly, but will remain the first Wednesday of the Month. Below is the 2016 Meeting Schedule:

- June 1, 2016
- September 7, 2016
- December 7, 2016

The DC region will be having a TIM Conference on April 27, 2016 in College Park.

The meeting adjourned at 12 P.M.

Members

Mark Conklin – Anne Arundel County Police
John Dulina – Maryland Emergency Management Agency
John Griffin - Maryland State Police – CVE Div
Taran Hutchinson - MATOC
Breck Jeffers – Federal Highway Administration
Tanya King – Daniel Consultants, Inc.
Michael Lane – Harford County Sheriff, Traffic Unit
Brian Lawrence – Maryland Transportation Authority Police
Chris Letnaunchyn – Carroll County DPW, Bureau of Eng.
John Malinowski – Baltimore City Department of Transportation
Eric Morris – Maryland Transportation Authority, Vehicle Recovery Unity
Patty Murawski – State Highway Administration – CHART
Patrick Rooney – State Highway Administration – CHART
Jeff Specht – Howard County Police
Michael Tagliaferri – Maryland State Police
John Warren – Maryland Transportation Authority – Vehicle Recovery

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Eileen Singleton – Baltimore Metropolitan Council