

## **TRAFFIC INCIDENT MANAGEMENT FOR THE BALTIMORE REGION COMMITTEE**

June 6, 2018

State Highway Administration, CHART

10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

### **MINUTES**

#### **1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the March 15, 2018, meeting were approved.

#### **2. TRAFFIC INCIDENT MANAGEMENT ENHANCEMENT (TIME) TASK FORCE ACTIVITIES IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION**

Mr. Andrew Meese and Mr. Daivamani Sivasailam provided an overview of the National Capital Region's recently created TIME Task Force. The chair is Joey Sagal, Director of the Office of CHART and ITS Development, and the vice chair is Mike Wood from VDOT. The goal of the TIME Task Force is to recommend enhancements to regional TIM practices and operations to safely shorten the incident duration. It was noted that providing public information to the National Capital Region is a priority.

The group held several meetings and a workshop; the TIM self-assessment was conducted at the workshop. The TIME Task Force started as a temporary group but will likely transition to be a permanent committee.

The TIME Task Force will also be promoting the SHRP 2 TIM Training to the region's responders. It was noted that they will be sure to include WMATA staff in the training since they have not had this type of training previously.

A set of recommendations for further discussion were identified:

- establish National Capital Region TIM
- promote SHRP2 TIM training
- existing TIM initiatives and tools
- TIM data and performance metrics
- include self-assessment and best practices aspects
- TIM for work zones
- regional consistency on TIM laws

The Task Force is preparing findings and recommendations that will be presented to the Council of Governments Board in the fall.

***[Handout: Traffic Incident Management Enhancement (TIME Task Force)]***

### **3. DISCUSS PLANS FOR OUTREACH TO LOCAL JURISDICTIONS**

A draft presentation was prepared to be used as a way to identify TIM needs of local jurisdictions and inform them of the need for TIM. The presentation provides information on why TIM is important and that we want to get information back from the local agencies on their TIM issues and needs.

There was a suggestion to include evacuation resource links in the presentation.

There was a question if the evacuation routes are included on RITIS. Subsequent to the meeting, Ms. Eileen Singleton found that evacuation routes for the Baltimore region are included as a layer on RITIS.

There was a suggestion to do after action reports (AAR) for incidents that went well to document why. It was noted that the MDTA AAR form includes a question about what went right. Another suggestion was to share lessons learned from AARs. A question raised was if there are positive actions that are taken by one agency that negatively impacts another agency.

***[Handout: Baltimore Regional Traffic Incident Management Outreach]***

### **4. DISCUSSION OF RECENT INCIDENTS AND PLANNED SPECIAL EVENTS**

Susquehanna River Running Festival: September 15, 2018; Hatem Bridge will be closed during this event

Fleet Week: October 3 – 9, 2018; planning meetings have been ongoing

Across the Bay 10k: November 4, 2018; eastbound span of Bay Bridge will be closed during this event.

Responder struck-by's: Recently MSP and CHART vehicles were hit by a truck when responding to an incident. The vehicles were on the side of the road when they were struck.

Legislation update: An updated Move Over Law recently passed to include service vehicles with yellow lights. Delaware has found that some vehicles are included in there similar law and they have started eliminating vehicles from their Move Over legislation. It was noted that there is confusion about when vehicles with yellow lights are allowed to use the yellow light; there is a national research study on vehicle lighting that is currently ongoing.

Responder Funeral Procession: The funeral procession for Officer Amy Caprio went smoothly despite being very long. There was a comment that there was a very long line of police vehicles staging on the shoulder of I-83. It was noted that vehicles driving on the inner loop stopped to view the procession.

***[Handout: Traffic Incident Management for the Baltimore Region (TIMBR)]***

## **5. STATE AND LOCAL TIM UPDATES**

TIM Training: Pat Rooney provided a TIM training update:

- The Eastern shore law enforcement training center now incorporates TIM training
- As of end of May, 2018: total responders trained:
  - 5,658 trained
  - 404 online
  - 259 Trainers trained
  - 27.2% of total responders have been trained
- MTA police get the TIM training in their academy

The link to upcoming TIM training courses is:

<https://sites.google.com/a/baltometro.org/maryland-tim-training-courses/>

Incentive Tow Program: CHART will call out the heavy-duty towers. The details of the program are still being worked out.

Connected Automated Vehicles: Maryland DOT has created an application for entities that want to test automated vehicles in Maryland. If any testing is planned for local facilities, Maryland DOT will inform local police and fire departments.

## **6. OTHER BUSINESS**

511 PA Connect: This application establishes 2-way communications with people stuck in a road closure or other emergency. It is being used in Pennsylvania. At the time of the event, the application pushes messages and opens dialogue with phones in a geographically targeted area. This tool was developed by Inrix and is called Highway Emergency Link Platform (HELP). It can be purchased and used by other agencies nationwide.

Map Layers: Ms. Singleton noted that she learned that the Philadelphia region has GIS map layers for standpipes, fire access, and emergency crossovers, and that this information would likely be useful in our region. It was noted that this information is likely already available for Maryland.

Upcoming meetings: September 5 and December 5.

## **ATTENDANCE**

### ***Members***

Amal Abid, Baltimore City DOT  
Keith Autry, Maryland Transportation Authority  
Steve Cohoon, Queen Anne's Co DPW  
Joe Davis, Maryland Transit Administration, Transit Operations Center  
Bill Johnson, State Highway Administration, OOM  
Darryl Kelly, State Highway Administration, CHART  
Tanya King, Daniel Consultants  
Chris Letnaunchyn, Carroll Co DPW  
JJ Lynott, Maryland Transit Administration  
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