

## **TRAFFIC INCIDENT MANAGEMENT FOR THE BALTIMORE REGION (TIMBR) COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

10:00 A.M.

### **MINUTES**

#### **1. WELCOME AND SELF-INTRODUCTIONS**

Eileen Singleton welcomed attendees.

#### **2. REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 29, 2021**

There were no comments on the minutes.

#### **3. TIM SELF-ASSESSMENT FOLLOW UP**

The group discussed potential action items from the 2021 TIM Self-Assessment conducted in October.

- Q18/19: Measuring and collecting data on secondary crashes: There was a suggestion to submit a letter of support to MSP from BRTB, and perhaps TPB, on the importance of getting secondary crash data. Ms. Singleton will look into this and work with staff from MWCOG. It was noted that many states already collect data on secondary crashes.
- Q27: Pre-staged temporary traffic control devices: During the self-assessment, there was a discussion about reviewing the contents of Freeway Incident Traffic Management (FITM) trailers. Tim Peck noted that most SHA Maintenance Shops typically do not bring the FITM trailers in the field, other vehicles are used which are easier to access the equipment (signs, sign stands, cones) from. So at this time, there are no regional action items on this topic.
- Q33: Expedited crash investigations: No action for the committee at this time.
- Q35: Back of queue warning: Ms. Singleton is waiting to hear from FHWA about the average national score for this question.
- Q39a: Public safety CAD integration with TMC/TOC: SHA has access to Frederick City and County public safety CAD, and they are co-located with MSP, which helps with

coordination and communication. Tim Peck will check if there are lessons learned that could be shared with the TIMBR Committee.

- Q40: Policies and procedures for signal timing changes during incident response: There is now a signal engineer in the SOC during the morning and evening peak periods. They are on call during off peak periods. The state signal engineers communicate with the locals as needed.

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

##### Debrief: Virtual TIM Conference

- Event was held on November 9<sup>th</sup>, during Crash Responder Safety Week.
- There were almost 50 people who attended.

##### TIM Training Update – provided by Pat Rooney

- In Maryland, 8,896 people have been trained.
- The number of people taking the online course has increased significantly.
- The states that have required training for some responders have very high rates of responders being trained:
  - Texas requires law enforcement and fire/rescue to take the training.
  - Kentucky and Georgia require EMS to take the training.
  - Seven states (AZ, CA, IL, NJ, OK, TN, and VA) require towers to take the training in order to be included on the tow list.
- Mr. Rooney said that he is working with the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute on adding MFRI students that take the TIM training into the total trained in Maryland that is tracked on the Federal Highway Administrating trainer portal.
- Mr. Rooney is also working with towing companies to increase the number of towers that take the training.
  - The process to require towers to take the training varies by agency. The easiest way to ensure there is a uniform training requirement is if it becomes required by law for towers, and other responders, to take the TIM training.
- David Lewis noted that Maryland State Firefighters Association has included a message to its members encouraging them to take the training.

### Local and State TIM Updates

- This fall, Maryland Transportation Authority has observed higher traffic volumes than in past years of traffic across the Bay Bridge.
- MEMA is now the Maryland Department of Emergency Management, MDEM, and is still doing internal restructuring. John Dulina will provide an update on MDEM when the restructuring is done. There will be renovations to the MDEM building starting July 1, 2022, so staff will be housed elsewhere during renovations.

### Upcoming Planned and Special Events

- September 10 – 11, 2022, Baltimore City Fleet Week (with practice events on September 8 and 9). Maryland Department of Emergency Management (formerly MEMA) has been the lead coordinator; John Dulina will check if this is still the case.
- December 27, 2021, the military bowl will be played at the Navy stadium in Annapolis. Events that day begin with a parade in Annapolis in the morning followed by the game in the afternoon.

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## **5. OTHER BUSINESS**

2022 meetings: March 2, June 1, September 7, December 7 (First Wednesday quarterly)

### **ATTENDEES**

#### ***Members:***

T.J. Bathras, MDOT Maryland Transportation Authority, Operations

Will Clark, MDOT State Highway Administration

1/Sgt. Colin Bristow, Maryland State Police, CHART Liaison

Andrew Burke, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments

John Dulina, Maryland Department of Emergency Management

Sgt. Jerry Eaton, Harford Co Sheriff's Office

Dan Janousek, Maryland Dept. of Transportation

Mike Lane, Harford County Sheriff's Office

David Lewis, Maryland State Fireman's Association/Maryland Fire Chief's Association

Pat McElroy, Tim's Automotive and Towing/TRPM Board

Lt. David McGill, Annapolis Fire Department

Andrew Orr, MDOT State Highway Administration OTMO

Timothy Peck, MDOT State Highway Administration OTMO

Patrick Rooney, MDOT State Highway Administration OTMO

Kristen Skogsberg, Maryland Dept. of Transportation

Off. Jonathan Strickler, Baltimore Co Police

**Staff**

Cindy Burch, Baltimore Metropolitan Council

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