

TRAFFIC INCIDENT MANAGEMENT FOR THE BALTIMORE REGION (TIMBR) COMMITTEE

Wednesday, December 7, 2022
10:00 A.M.

MINUTES

1. WELCOME AND SELF-INTRODUCTIONS

Ms. Eileen Singleton welcomed attendees and attendees introduced themselves.

2. REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 28, 2022

There were no comments on the minutes.

Cpt. Jason Pulliam provided an update on actions as a result of discussion at the last TIMBR Committee meeting. Committee Chair JJ Lynott convened a meeting with local fire chiefs, including from Baltimore County and Baltimore City, as well as state law enforcement staff, to discuss regional TIM coordination needs. The law enforcement members in attendance provided information on TIM coordination needs and provided information to the fire department representatives on desired measures to maintain evidence at traffic incident scenes. State law enforcement representatives will be involved in the fire department officer development program to provide the law enforcement perspective. This group will continue to work through the TIMBR Committee.

3. DUMP TRUCK CRASH ON I-695

F/Sgt. Brett Canfield provided an overview of a recent incident of a dump truck losing a load of stone on I-695. The incident occurred before the morning rush hour, and the incident began to impact I-83 south. The three middle lanes of I-695 were blocked, with only the two outside lanes clear for traffic.

One issue encountered is that the MDOT SHA Maintenance Shop staff do not start work until 7:30 AM, which delayed the deployment of heavy equipment from the shop. State Police worked with CHART staff and used small equipment (such as rakes, shovels, and blowers) in the patrol trucks to push the debris out of the road one lane at a time.

If needed, State Police motorcycle units are able to move more easily through the traffic to escort equipment to the scene.

4. TIM SELF-ASSESSMENT FOLLOW UP

Ms. Singleton highlighted two TIM self-assessment action items.

- Question 6 pertains to TIM training. Ms. Singleton noted there is still a need for more people who have taken the TIM training to teach TIM classes, ideally with another trainer from a different discipline. People should contact Mr. Pat Rooney at MDOT SHA with any questions about scheduling training or teaching a class.
- Questions 18 and 19 pertain to collecting and using data from secondary crashes. Ms. Singleton is working with Chair Lynott and Ms. Cindy Burch to identify an approach to capture data on secondary crashes. They recently met with the Traffic Records Coordinating Council (TRCC) Technical Committee to discuss options to capture this data. This is not a new topic for the TRCC; there are many issues involved with accessing accurate data which has been a hindrance to capturing secondary crash data. One option is adding a check box to the crash report form to identify a secondary crash; this has been discussed by the TRCC; however, it is sometimes difficult for responders at the scene to identify secondary crashes. Mr. Chris Correa has been doing work on this with the TRCC. F/Sgt. Canfield would be interested in working on this.

Mr. Andy Orr noted that the HAAS alert equipment has been installed on all CHART vehicles, and he is wondering if the HAAS equipment could be used to identify secondary crashes.

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5. STATE AND LOCAL TIM UPDATES

- TIM Training updates:
 - Number trained in Maryland is increasing slowly, up to 40.1% equating to 9,314 responders.
 - The number trained in each jurisdiction is provided by FHWA as is the number trained by discipline compared to the total per discipline that needs to be trained.

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6. OTHER BUSINESS

Future presentation: at the next meeting, Cpt. Pulliam will present on a crash that occurred in the summer; he will include a representative from the Baltimore Fire Department, who was also on the scene.

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ATTENDEES

Members:

Andrew Burke, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
F/Sgt. Brett Canfield, Maryland State Police
Sgt. Sara. Dorsey, Howard Co Police
Lt. Ryan Franks, Baltimore Co Police
Tanya King, Daniel Consultants
BC Lonnie Ledford, Baltimore Co Fire
Alvin Marquess, Jacobs
Lt Michael O'Brien, Maryland State Police
Andrew Orr, MDOT State Highway Administration OTMO
Cpt. Jason Pulliam, Maryland Transportation Authority Police
BC Michael Rudasill, Baltimore City Fire
Lt. David Ryan, Maryland State Police
Raj Sharma, MDOT State Highway Administration OTMO
Kristen Skogsberg, Maryland Department of Transportation
Patrick Smith, Howard Co Office of Transportation
Cpl. Mike Streett, Baltimore Co Police
Off. Jonathan Strickler, Baltimore Co Police
Phil Westcott, MDOT State Highway Administration, District 7

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