

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

Wednesday, December 6, 2023  
10:00 A.M.

### **MINUTES**

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

Mr. J.J. Lynott, Chair, welcomed attendees and attendees introduced themselves.

#### **2. REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 6, 2023**

There were no comments on the minutes.

#### **3. TIM TRAINING UPDATE**

Ms. Eileen Singleton presented an update on TIM training numbers in Maryland:

- The total responders trained in Maryland as of November 6, 2023, is up to 44.7% equating to 10,384 responders.
- The total trained in Baltimore City increased significantly since the last meeting. Chief Knight noted that this is due to the push on training in the Fire Department to train almost all personnel, including fire communications staff.

Mr. Kevin Fox is the new Training Manager at MDOT SHA.

- He is looking to offer more training in the western, northeastern, southern, and eastern parts of Maryland, and is looking for contacts in these areas to work with.
- Mr. Fox said that when he was with Frederick County Fire, the department pushed to get all staff trained, and this push resulted in improved relationships and operational capabilities
- Mr. Fox noted that the number of responders trained includes people who were trained multiple times over the years and the total may be high, or may be low; however, he is focusing on outreach and training to as many agencies as possible
- FHWA is working on an update to the four hour TIM class. Version 4 is expected to be introduced soon with updated videos and information. Mr. Fox plans to develop some customized slides for Maryland for the new training.
- Mr. Fox is trying to get a list of all instructors trained to teach the four hour course. He is hoping to receive this information from FHWA. For those who have been trained,

Mr. Fox offered to teach a course with them, especially with someone from a different discipline.

- Responder Safety is a great partner for training, and multiple modules of their training classes are used for some staff, like the Emergency Response Truck drivers.
- Responders are continuing to getting struck and responders are encouraged to add any data to the struck-by database maintained by Responder Safety (<https://www.respondersafety.com/struck-by-near-miss/report-a-struck-by-incident/>).
- Mr. Fox would like to start planning for Crash Responder Safety Week early and to work to educate the public about the need to improve responder safety by reducing responder strikes at incident scenes and work zones.
- Mr. Fox noted that he has held a train the trainer class at MDTA with Mr. Jason Pulliam, and the class went well.
- Mr. Bob Cumberland said that he has grant to do public education at welcome centers; he has been doing this training for 12 years. It started in Pennsylvania centers.
- Mr. Pulliam is working to put together a TIM class for MDTA approved towers and will include towers from MSP also. He will work on adding future classes for responding agencies along the I-95 corridor.

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#### **4. TIM SELF-ASSESSMENT**

The group discussed the remaining questions of the TIM self-assessment that were not completed at the September meeting. Ms. Singleton will submit the answers to the FHWA portal.

Follow up items from the discussion:

- Use of and regulations related to green emergency lights
- New requirements in updated work zone rules. The comment period closed in November. The key points are available [here](#) and include:
  - Incorporation of a requirement in a State's Work Zone Safety and Mobility Policy to define the safety and mobility performance measures that the State will monitor and report;
  - Reframing the requirement for bi-annual work zone process reviews as work zone programmatic reviews to be performed every 5 years, along with additional information on what is to be included in such reviews;
  - Revising the definition of what constitutes a “significant project”; and
  - Simplifying the language describing the components of a transportation management plan (TMP).

## 5. STATE AND LOCAL TIM UPDATES

- State TIM Update:
  - The MSP TIM unit have been in place since July 2021.
  - Maryland Cycling Classic was held over Labor Day weekend, and it went well. It will take place at least one more year.
- Upcoming events:
  - January: Polar Bear Plunge planning is starting.
  - New Year's Eve: no word yet on fireworks in Baltimore City.
- Local TIM Update:
  - Anne Arundel County has a new special event permitting process for events expected to have over 500 people. The process took effect at the end of the summer. Participating agencies include public works, police, fire, liquor control board, and other potentially affected agencies. If an event will affect a state roadway, the organizer must contact MDOT SHA to notify them. The permit must be requested at least one month in advance.

Ms. Singleton thanked everyone for their participation on the TIMBR Committee.

Jeremy Lanning is new MDOT SHA OTMO staff person in the Baltimore Region.

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## 6. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Dave Lewis noted that the Maryland Connected and Automated Vehicle (CAV) Working Group will be meeting the following day. It is important for responders to be aware of CAVs since there will be impacts on emergency responders.

Ms. Roxane Mukai suggested that, at the end of 2024, the group should start to be alert for plans for USA's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

2024 meetings: March 6, June 5, September 4, December 4

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## ATTENDEES

### ***Members:***

Golnaz Askari, MDOT State Highway Administration OTMO  
Andrew Burke, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments/TPB  
F/Sgt. Brett Canfield, Maryland State Police  
Bob Cumberland, Emergency Responder Safety Institute  
Sgt. Jerry Eaton, Harford Co Sheriff, Traffic Unit

Eric Fogle, MDOT State Highway Administration OTMO  
Kevin Fox, MDOT State Highway Administration OTMO  
Breck Jeffers, Federal Highway Administration, Maryland Division  
Bill Johnson, MDOT State Highway Administration  
Tanya King, Daniel Consultants  
Deputy Chief Carl Knight, Baltimore City Fire  
Jeremy Lanning, MDOT State Highway Administration OTMO  
David Larsen, MDOT  
Brian Lawrence, Maryland Transportation Authority  
David Lewis, Maryland Fire Chief's Association/Cumberland Valley Firemen's Association  
JJ Lynott, MDOT Maryland Transit Administration  
Sgt. S. Martin, Howard Co Police, Crash Reconstruction  
Andrew Meese, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments/TPB  
Roxane Mukai, Maryland Transportation Authority  
Tim Peck, MDOT State Highway Administration OTMO  
Jason Pulliam, Maryland Transportation Authority  
Lt. David Ryan, Maryland State Police  
Patrick Smith, Howard Co Office of Transportation  
Eric Tabacek, Anne Arundel Co Dept. of Public Works  
Lt. Chris Valentine, Howard Co Police

***Staff and Guests***

Eileen Singleton, Baltimore Metropolitan Council