Maine Statewide Traffic Incident Management Group Agenda
March 13th 2025
MaineDOT Headquarters and Via Zoom

1) **Welcome and Introductions**
2) **Review of Meeting Minutes from January 30th 2024 (Attachment A)**
3) **IBI Work Update**
4) **Training Materials Review / Update**
5) **TIM Self-Assessment**

   Discussion of reimplementing TIM Self-Assessments.

6) **Training Updates**
   a) Training Classes
   b) Train the Trainer
7) **Review of Major Incidents**
8) **Regional TIM Group Updates**

   Brief Overview of TIM Programs, Management, and Work to Date

   a) ME/NH
   b) Greater Portland
   c) Mid Coast
   d) Augusta / Capital Region
   e) Penobscot County
   f) Hancock County
   g) Aroostook County
9) **Discussion of Tools / Equipment / ITS**
10) **Next Steps**

    Scheduling for future meetings.

11) **Other**

Attachment A
Minutes
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January 30th, 2024 at
MaineDOT Headquarters and Via Zoom

1) **Welcome and Introductions**

Name	**Representing**
Dean Williams	SMPDC
Allen Farrington Steven Thebarge Steve Landry David Allen	MaineDOT
Jacob Stein	BACTS
Toby Watson	Statewide Towing Inc.
Stacey Downes	KDT Towing
Rand Maker	Lincoln County Sheriff's Office
Harold Spetla	GPCOG
Bernard Williams	ME Fire Chiefs Association
Greg Stone	Maine Turnpike Authority

2) **Review of Meeting Minutes from February 28th, 2023**

3) **IBI Work Update**

IBI is working on an extension to the contract, continuing with state guidelines. They have created an updated presentation and write up for training. A rural training will be put together with an ETA around March. BACTS will be looking into a new FHWA TIMs refresher course to conduct refresher training for people who have already had TIMs training. FHWA will release update amendments and indices concerning new technologies and BACTS will distribute this material to TIMs groups

4) **Training Materials Review / Update**

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5) TIMs Self Assessment

The group was interested in resuming self assessments. BACTS staff will look into HWA self-assessments and attempt to figure out how they can be reimplemented.

6) Training Updates

BACTS' training goals for the year are to conduct at least six training sessions including an overdue training for the trainers since the last one was in 2018.

7) Review of Major Incidents

A tractor-trailer carrying diesel fuel overturned on Interstate 395 on the Wilson Street on-ramp and broke through guardrail resulting in a crash with a Penobscot County Sheriff's Office cruiser. The Officer and Truck driver were taken to the hospital with non life threatening injuries. The crash was possibly caused by the truck driver experiencing a medical event.

Discussed issues with communication between teams clearing accidents and teams responsible for safely redirecting traffic. Example was an incident where the crew responsible for redirecting traffic continued to redirect for three hours despite the scene being cleared. Another common miscommunications included calls for the wrong equipment or the lack of requests for equipment altogether.

Discussed the improper use of emergency lights by tow trucks, plow trucks, oversized loads, and other applicable emergency responders. Solutions included overhaul of Maine's laws, increasing enforcement, and improved training and technology.

8) Regional TIM Group Updates

Brief Overview of TIM Programs, Management, and Work to Date

a) ME/NH

Southern Maine TIMs guidelines were approved. Attempts will be made to establish quarterly meetings for this group and entice more participation.

b) Greater Portland

Upcoming meetings have been scheduled but no updates for the moment.

c) Mid Coast

BACTS has new TIMs technology to incentivize more participation with the Mid Coast TIMs group. Upcoming meeting planned for February 12th.

d) Augusta / Capital Region

No Updates.

e) Penobscot County

Had a presentation from Life Flight concerning the proper setup of landing zones at emergency sites. Discussion on the routes for winter trucks on I-95 and I-395. Upcoming joint meeting with Penobscot and Hancock TIMs to plan for the Solar Eclipse traffic.

f) Hancock County

Working with TIMs in Penobscot and Northern Maine to address response to the upcoming Solar Eclipse traffic.

9) Discussion of Tools / Equipment / ITS

DOT shared some new equipment they had available to give away to interested parties.

10) Next Steps

Scheduling for future meetings.

11) Other

No other discussion