

**Hancock County
Traffic Incident Management Group Agenda
December 7th, 2021 at 0930
Hancock County MaineDOT Crew Quarters and via Zoom**

1) Welcome and Introductions

2) Meeting Minutes - September 15th, 2021 (Attachment A)

3) Area Incidents / After Incident Reviews

Meeting attendees are encouraged to discuss recent area incidents and after incident reviews.

4) Statewide TIM Updates - Strategic Plan Recommendations

5) Training Updates

BACTS Staff will provide an update on TIM training opportunities.

6) Other Business

Discussion of other items not on today's agenda.

7) Upcoming Meetings

Quarterly on 2nd Wednesday of the Month at 0930.

Tentative Dates - March 9th, June 8th, September 14th , and December 14th, 2022.

**Attachment A
Hancock County
Traffic Incident Management Group Minutes
September 15th, 2021 @ 0930
Hancock Maine DOT Lot Crew Quarters and via Zoom**

Welcome

Dianne welcomed the group to the Quarterly Hancock TIM Group meeting. Lt Rod Charette was not able to make the meeting due to a conflict.

Introductions In Attendance

Joe Lacerda- Maine DOT
Bob Conary - Hancock Regional Communications Center and Orland Fire
Tim Cote - Hancock County Sheriff's Office
Robert Webber - Winter Harbor Fire Department
Steve Thebarger - Maine DOT
Alan Farrington - Maine DOT
Steve Hunnewell - Maine DOT
David Kerns - Bar Harbor and Mount Desert Police Department
Steve Landry - Maine DOT
Barbara MacPike - MDI Hospital
John Saunders - Bar Harbor Fire Department
Oriana Flemming - Northern Light Transport
Dianne Rice-Hansen - BACT

Guest Speaker: Steve Hunnewell - Maine DOT

Presentation on the Maine Traffic Management Center (TMC). Several years ago the TMC was only a small room with one person manning it. The TMC is now much larger and has a full wall of monitors for anyone who is coming into the center to see what is going on. There are 3 dispatchers that work the center at any given time. Each station has multiple monitors to allow them to see everything they need to see.

The TMC oversees over 8,000 miles of roads. This is also the central communication hub for Maine DOT personnel. There is a command center next to the TMC where the necessary personnel can meet during a weather or other emergency event.

The TMC communicates with Maine DOT, Police, and the general public.

Area Incident Reviews

Route 1A Dump Truck Rollover - Driver had a medical issue. Signs were put up and two open travel lanes remained open using the shoulder. The first tow truck was not sufficient to right the truck on its own and they had to call in a second truck. Hancock County SO said there was a delay in MaineDOT arriving on scene although they did call.

Route 9 Amherst Fatality - Driver lost control of the vehicle in a rain storm and went off the road. Driver was injured, passenger was killed. Road was shut down. Police flew the drone. Extrication was very difficult due to the position of the vehicle down the embankment.

MaineDOT helped EMS get access to the vehicle. There was some confusion in the beginning mostly due to lack of personnel for the time of day, overall the scene went well.

An MRI building was moved to Bar Harbor. The truck moving the trailer which was very low to the ground got stuck on the approach to the Penobscot Narrows Bridge. A wrecker was called to pull it back so they could make the corner. Traffic was rerouted for around 3 hours until the road was cleared. The truck went down 174 instead of 1A. There were meetings prior to the move with transport but there was not clear information. They were told not to go in from the back side of the Island but they did anyway. A few signs needed to be removed that day, but the crown in the road was really what got them hung up along the way.

Other Business

Traffic on 1A is still very high but there have been less personal injury crashes then in past years. Traffic has been lighter on Route 3 and 230.

Concerns were discussed regarding the merge where traffic splits on 3 or 102 then merges back into 1 lane with an alternate merge on Route 3. Seems although the two lanes coming off the Island are helping to move traffic when it gets to the merge point it becomes dangerous as people do not know what alternate merge means and they fight for the lane.

Next Meeting Dates:Current December Meeting Scheduled for December 15, 2021 @ 0930 in person/virtual

- Changing the December meeting date due to scheduling conflicts
- Setting dates for 2022 - March, June, September and December
 - What is a better day of the week - week of the month

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