

## **Greater Portland Traffic Incident Management Group**

### **July 26th Meeting Notes**

#### **Location – Remote Meeting on Zoom**

In attendance: Harold Spetla (GPCOG), Greg Stone (MTA), Dean Williams (SMPDC), Randy Ilian (MaineDOT), Rocco Navarro (South Portland PD), Sara Devlin (BACTS), Peter Michaud (MSP), Jodell Wilkinson (MSP), Albert Goslant (MaineDOT), Michelle Boucher (IBI Group),

#### **1. Welcome**

#### **2. Review of recent incidents/events**

- **Portland Half Marathon – 6/10/2023**
  - MSP recommend no longer allowing exit closures for non-emergencies
    - Portland will need to develop alternatives for October Marathon
- **Wrong way incidents - Multiple**
  - Averaging 4 wrong way incidents per month on I-295
  - The worst incidents involve intoxicated and elderly individuals
  - Most incidents resolve before police contact, when alcohol and age are not a contributing factor
  - Not a lot of safe tools for police to stop drivers once it's happening
  - Message boards alert drivers on Turnpike
- **Falmouth extrication – 5/3/2023**
  - Minimal traffic impact due to the time of the crash
  - Unfortunate outcome due to injuries sustained in the crash
- **Stolen vehicle pursuit and subsequent crash – 7/14/2023**
  - Trooper cancelled pursuit due to public risk
  - Erratic driver crashed in Portland area, fled to a commercial building
  - Rapidly evolving situation does not allow for updating message boards, best approach is to keep it very simple, such as “Erratic Driver”
- **Try for a Cure – 7/16/2023**
  - Traffic control went okay—used barricades/cones for racer safety

#### **3. Review of any upcoming/planned events**

- **Maine Marathon (10/1/2023, Portland)**
  - Portland will need to avoid exit closures
- **Beach to Beacon (8/5/2023, Cape Elizabeth)**
  - Staffing to work events has been a challenge
  - MSP reiterated that staffing was a challenge

#### **4. Training Updates**

- Updated training modules. Training coordinators will reach out to existing TIM groups in August/September.
- Updating photos for training presentations—cruisers and safety vests.
  - Please send any pictures of recent incidents to Sara Devlin or Michelle Boucher.

#### **5. Agency/Department updates**

- There is a new Planner at BACTS – Andrew Farquhar

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