

**Penobscot County  
Traffic Incident Management Group Agenda  
September 13th, 2023 at 1030  
State Police Barracks - 198 Maine Ave, Bangor and Via Zoom**

**1) Welcome and Introductions**

**2) Minutes from Joint Hancock/Penobscot Meeting- May 15th, 2023 (Attachment A)**

**3) Meeting Minutes - June 14th, 2023 (Attachment B)**

**4) Area Incidents / After Incident Reviews**

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

**5) Outreach**

BACTS Staff will lead discussion on outreach opportunities within the region.

**6) Technology**

BACTS Staff will lead discussion on various technology opportunities within the region.

**7) Construction Season**

For updates and discussion.

**8) Training Updates**

BACTS Staff will provide an update on TIM training opportunities.

**9) Other Business**

Discussion on other business.

**10) Upcoming Meetings**

Quarterly on 2nd Wednesday of the Month at 1030.

Tentative Date - December 13th, 2023; March 12th, 2024

**Joint Hancock County and Penobscot County  
Traffic Incident Management Group Agenda  
May 15th, 2023 at 1300  
via Zoom**

**1) Welcome and Introductions**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Bob Conary	HCRCC
Chris Fox	
Bradley Nuding	Penobscot EMA
Robert Webber	Winter Harbor Fire
Jason Stewart	Bangor PD
Andrew Emery	Bangor Fire
Andrew Sankey	Hancock County EMA
Jim Ellis	Penobscot County Sheriff's Office
Andrew Allen	
Alan Farrington	
Steve Thebarger	Maine DOT
Tracy Willette	City of Bangor
Oriana Fleming	Northern Light Medical Transport
Rob McGraw	East Millinocket Fire
Jeffery Ingemi	
Pete Michaud	Maine State Police
Patrick Adams	FHWA
Eric Pelletier	Bangor Fire
Henry D. Obrey	Hancock County EMA
Craig Shane	Dedham Fire
Jonathan (JR) Roebuck	Lifelight of Maine
Michelle Boucher	IBI Group
Mary O'Flaherty	BACTS

**2) Area Incidents / After Incident Reviews**

Milk Truck accident in Bangor occurred around 0600 at an on-ramp, Maine DOT and State police were able to clear the site well and closed the ramp in a timely manner.

Orland FD reports multiple vehicle incidents on Route 1, one required extrication, high crash intersection on schoolhouse road in Orland. One crash resulted in road reconstruction but responders were able to maintain two way traffic during other two crashes.

**3) Gran Fondo Hincapie Bike Race**

Tracy Willette was able to provide some information about the bike race.

The event is occurring on June 24th and will start and finish on the Bangor waterfront. As of the meeting on May 15th, they had not completed a permit with the City.

The race starts with a large group of cyclists, and there are expected to be 700 riders, they start at the waterfront then go across the Joshua Chamberlain bridge and then they make

their way to South Main Street in Brewer, and split off to their respective routes. Last year they held traffic on the bridge to get them from the waterfront to the bridge.

Peter Michaud stated that they will try to get someone near the 395 underpass to help with the riders. Orland Fire is planning on staffing the Route 1/Castine Road intersection for crossing at Sandy's Saloon.

Hancock is willing to make a comms plan with Penobscot. Jim Ellis will forward that to the sheriff's office in case they want to work together to create a communication plan with Penobscot County. As of now, they are not looking for any police details.

#### **4) Technology**

Technology Subcommittee will meet May 16th at 1500.

#### **5) Construction Season**

There will be construction North and Southbound through Bangor. There will also be a lot of paving on the island in Hancock and on the interstate. The contractor will be reaching out to State Police for detailing in the construction zones and will need to ensure protection. No known road closures, however there is some construction on the bridge in Stonnington.

There will be paving on the Northbound weigh station. DOT will be reaching out to State Police for detailing.

#### **6) Training Updates**

BACTS provided TIM training opportunities updates and modules will be updated this summer.

#### **7) Other Business**

No other business.

#### **8) Next Meeting**

Hancock County June 13th at 0930, Penobscot County June 14th at 1030.

**Attachment B**  
**Penobscot County**  
**Traffic Incident Management Group Agenda**  
**June 14th, 2023 at 1030**  
**State Police Barracks - 198 Maine Ave, Bangor and Via Zoom**

**1) Welcome and Introductions**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Representing</b>
Alan Farrington Steve Landry	Maine DOT
Kevin Foggarty	DEP
Norma Griffiths	FHWA
Eric Pelletier	Bangor Fire Department
Jim Ellis	Penobscot County Sheriff's Office
Pete Michaud	Maine State Police
Rob Mcgraw	East Millinocket Fire
Bradley Nuding	PTEMA

**2) Meeting Minutes - March 14th, 2023**

**3) Area Incidents / After Incident Reviews**

There was a gasoline truck rollover and they had a hard time getting Maine DOT out to assist because it was a Sunday.

In general, State police are short staffed but will be using a new model such as 24 hr staffing of cruisers along the interstate with no call outs, so that there are people who are available in order to reduce response times. Pete Michaud has been working on this new initiative along with other members of state police.

**4) Bike Race Update**

At the time of the meeting, Maine DOT has not received a plan yet. Tracy was supposed to send it out but it has still not been sent. Unsure if police details have been scheduled and members are unsure of the route plan as well. In the past details have been paid but many of the rural communities aren't sure if they will be compensated for their help.

Bangor is only involved at the start and the end of the race but their worry is that the race is possibly clogging up 395. They are trying to get in touch with the people who are organizing this.

Bradley Nuding talked to Andrew Emery and asked if the local agencies had a contract with them since they wanted to be financially compensated. This was discussed with Tracy but they have yet to hear back.

They will have a mobile command working on communication but incident communicated will revert back to dispatch centers and mass casualty protocol.

If Bradley gets a final plan he will send that to Peter Michaud, and then Sara will also get that to the two TIM groups.

The bike race is being organized by a for profit entity. In the race, there are a wide array of capabilities of riders from beginner to expert.

Orland is planning on staffing the intersection near the Saloon, which is an area that has been a concern

## **5) Outreach**

BACTS has been working on an outreach plan and has been analyzing regions where they want to expand to. This should be finalized in the upcoming months.

## **6) Technology**

Maine DOT has purchased technology and wants state police to use these items to provide DOT with feedback. Patrick Adams processed the funding request.

Steve Landry provided a brief description of how the cone lights are used. When the lights of the cones are turned on, it sends a message to waze and it will notify waze that those are in use.

The road commanders can be seen for over a mile and can use whatever color they want, but they need to be in protocol. Make sure not to use red or blue if not permitted to do so.

The new pucks are only one color.

Maine DOT wants rural departments to be able to use these items if they don't have funding to do so. If people continue to use them and respond well to them, they will be sent out. If they aren't being used, DOT will stop sending out and try something else. Feedback is important so that DOT knows what is working for the communities.

## **7) Construction Season**

There has been a lot of construction on the interstate including the Broadway bridge. In the next year or two, the diverging diamond near the mall at Hogan Road, there will be a pedestrian median walkway going from light to light, protected by barriers. The bridge will have two new lanes on either side. The new bridge will help lower traffic on the interstate and it has worked well for communities in the past.

Missouri DOT has videos that will be able to convey what this looks like.

There is re-servicing of route 2 from the Bangor town line to Newport. Possibly going to push traffic to the main line "interstate".

## **8) Training Updates**

BACTS stated that they have finished training modules and hope to have a couple training sessions available later this summer. Virtual Train the Trainer has also been completed and if anyone is interested they can reach out to Sara Devlin for access.

## **9) Other Business**

State police are starting to collect data on wrong way driver reports, as well as pedestrians traveling on the interstate system. For the data they are looking at location, time and date. If anyone is interested in this research they can reach out to Peter Michaud.

Bangor is a popular area for pedestrians second to Portland. BACTS is working on a Vision 0 plan and Maine DOT will also like to see the data produced from the research.

Steve Landry has funds available to look into wrong way signs, and using cameras to show that the driver is facing the wrong way. Signs would flash lights and the words, "Wrong Way" or "Do Not Enter". Most wrong way drivers are elderly or impaired and more research is being done to see what can grab their attention.

The idea of Gates along the entrance of the interstate has been thought of in the past but they require a lot of maintenance. Some of the gates did not work very well and got damaged easily. Spikes have also been thought of but it is not allowed.

The idea of possibly conveying a message to the display boards along the highway to alert traffic of wrong way drivers has been thought of. It is complicated though because it is difficult to measure which exits to display these messages or the distance. DOT is called immediately in the 911 tree, but it is important to not cause panic if the driver has self-corrected. If there are a lot of calls, DOT is deployed immediately.

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