

Penobscot County
Traffic Incident Management Group Agenda
March 13th, 2024 at 1330
State Police Barracks - 198 Maine Ave, Bangor and Via Zoom

1) Welcome and Introductions

2) Minutes from Joint Hancock/Penobscot Meeting- December 12th, 2023 (Attachment A)

3) Area Incidents / After Incident Reviews

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

4) Outreach

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

5) Technology

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

6) Construction Season

For updates and discussion.

7) Training Updates

BACTS Staff will provide an update on TIM training opportunities.

8) Other Business

Discussion on other business.

9) Upcoming Meetings

Quarterly on 2nd Wednesday of the Month at 1330.

Tentative Date - June 12th, 2024; September 11, 2024

Attachment A
Joint Hancock County and Penobscot County
Traffic Incident Management Group Agenda
December 12th, 2023 at 1130
MaineDOT Maintenance Facility - 219 Hogan Rd, Bangor

1) Welcome and Introductions

Name	Organization
Robert Webber	Winter Harbor Fire
Andrew Sankey	Hancock County EMA
Thomas Fennell	Penobscot EMA
Joe Lacerda Joe Tedford Alan Farrington Steve Thebarga Victor Smith	Maine DOT
Rob Charette	Maine State Police
Eddie Moreside	Downeast EMS
Craig Shane	Dedham Fire
Nathan Bassett	Lifelight of Maine
Michelle Boucher	IBI Group
Jacob Stein Sara Devlin	BACTS

2) Minutes from Hancock Meeting- September 12th, 2023

3) Minutes from Penobscot Meeting- September 13th, 2023

4) Presentation from Lifelight of Maine

Lifelight staff discussed best practices for incident management when a helicopter is required.

5) Area Incidents / After Incident Reviews

Crash on 95 near Newport caused by light rain was responded to very well by the Plymouth DOT maintenance crews. Wrong way drivers are still an issue and back-lit signs are being tested as an option for addressing the issue as well as increasing physical barriers to entry.

DOT Safety patrol is driving a loop along 95 between exits 180 to 193 and on 395.

6) Outreach

BACTS Staff is adding Washington, Northern Penobscot, and Lewiston/Auburn. Restarting the Capitol region and Midcoast groups. Will put together Eclipse related group as communities need to be prepared for the thousands of visitors coming in early April. Increase outreach to Northern Maine communities (Aroostook, Washington, and northern Penobscot).

BACTS Staff will loop in TIMs groups with the upcoming Rt 1A/Rt 3 corridor study. Name of study is very important for community buy-in and outreach should include Rt 1 south of where it merges with 1A (Bucksport, Orland).

Evacuation of island communities was discussed as the topic was brought up by Bangor fire at September Penobscot TIMs meeting. Communities that are only accessible by boat first priority as well as pushing for clear communication between partners so that evacuation is as safe and coordinated as possible. If private partners and businesses ask what they should do in terms of cancellations and closing down, they should be pointed towards Parks Service's plans as a guide as EMA can not recommend evacuation without Governor declaration. TIMs partners need to train for these issues and make sure communication plans are created and agency staff are aware.

7) Technology

Drones, tethered as well as normal, were discussed extensively. Using different types of signage and messaging was discussed and access to those signs considered. Making use of the Road Weather Info Station was a topic of discussion.

Dedham/Lucerne took all cones and triangle lights, Hancock EMA took Pi-Lits

8) Construction Season

I-95 Broadway bridge will be replaced. 1A repaving in 2024 in Holden/Brewer.

9) Training Updates

BACTS Staff will hold training in Hancock in January. Plan is to have at least 6 trainings in 2024.

10) Year in Review Discussion

BACTS Staff led a discussion on TIM Meetings for 2023 and key takeaways for 2024.

11) Other Business

Discussion on other business.

12) Next Meeting

Tentative Dates - Hancock County March 11th, 2024; Penobscot County March 12th, 2024