

**Greater Portland Traffic Incident Management Committee**

**Wednesday May 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 AM**

Remote Meeting

Meeting Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88058875402?pwd=NjZhZEkwRDIMbUJ1aEhGaE9BVUlldz09>

**AGENDA**

**1. Welcome**

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

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

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

**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. Next Greater Portland TIM Group Meeting date: Wednesday July 31<sup>st</sup>, 9:00 a.m.; location Zoom**

## Greater Portland Traffic Incident Management Group

### January 31 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

- Tukey's Bridge
  - Minimal traffic stoppage due to vehicle fully leaving the roadway and access points being located away from I-295.
- Trailer detachment in Yarmouth
  - Traffic diversion was minimal as the crash took place between the off- and on-ramps at Exit 17.
  - All-day clean up due to the nature of the material being hauled.
- Yarmouth electric car fire
  - Yarmouth Fire Dept. attempted to use fire/foam with minimal success.
  - Advice from experts: Clear people, let the car burn.
  - Had to close the road due to smoke covering both lanes.
- MaineDOT Safety Patrol Truck noticed EV increase
  - Possibly related to rental companies offering EV and renters not knowing where to charge.
  - Adding a portable fast charger to the truck. But, it's still possible that below 3% charge needs to be returned to the dealership. Battery manufacturers may have built in kill switch for motors to shut off before 3%.

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

- Addition of Truck 16 for Bangor area response.
- Agencies are planning for the eclipse in April
  - Anticipating influx of traffic to Jackman and Houlton
    - Primary goal is to maintain avenue of egress
  - MaineDOT is working to bring all towns together for public safety for a coordinated effort
    - One approach is to encourage people to stay in the state so there isn't a mass exodus after the eclipse.

#### 4. Outreach

- BACTS staff will be working on restarting the Midcoast and Capital Regional groups and starting a Northern Maine group.
- FHWA putting out new National TIMS groups in March, supplementary materials in April
  - Includes Rural Guidelines

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- Includes Guide to Technologies
- If you have a need and can justify your need MaineDOT can help meet the need for supplies and materials.
- Assistance for Firefighters Grant has been an option for drone purchase.

## **5. Technology**

- Small, truck-based variable message boards are available from MaineDOT.

## **6. Construction Season**

- Bridge projects are upcoming along I-295.
- Encourage using New England 511 for project and road condition updates.
- Responders should have electric gate access to Maine Turnpike with radio codes from the MTA TMC.
  - There will be signs at the gate with phone numbers if unable to access radio codes.
  - Additionally, the MTA radio frequency will have the code.

## **7. Training Updates**

- BACTS staff have been working on organizing training in Hancock County, as well as training for Troop I and Maine Turnpike.
- BACTS wants to have 6 trainings per year
- There is a possible need for Train the Trainer.