

Maine - New Hampshire TIMs Group
Traffic Incident Management Group Agenda
September 5th, 2024 at 1000
via Zoom

1) Welcome and Introductions

2) Meeting Minutes - May 16th 2024 (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 of other items not on today's agenda.

9) Upcoming Meetings

November 14th, 2024 and February 13th, 2025

Attachment A
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May 16th, 2024 at 1330
York Village Fire Department - 1 Firehouse Dr, York and via Zoom

1) Welcome and Introductions

Name	Representing
Dean Williams	SMPDC
Gregory Stone Jamie Tishim	Maine Turnpike
Daniel Garber	MaineDOT
Chris Balentine David Apgar	York FD
Jacob Stein	BACTS
Nick King	NHDOT
Jodell Wilkinson	MSP
Norma Griffiths	FRA
Mark Dupuis	Wells Fire

2) Meeting Minutes - January 25th 2024 (Attachment A)

Approved Minutes

3) Area Incidents / After Incident Reviews

Fatal crash between Wells/Kennebunk recently on Turnpike required closure of lanes for helicopter evacuation of a patient. Situation went as well as could be expected. Wells Fire was first on scene and then handed Incident Command to Kennebunk when they arrived as it was closer to their jurisdiction. State Police, Wells, Kennebunk, and Turnpike all feel the response was good despite the terrible circumstances.

Person jumped off High-Level Bridge.

4) Outreach

BACTS Staff discussed attending any meetings anywhere such as the fire chiefs meetings, police chiefs meetings. MTA meetings, anything that feels like it'd be worth having TIMs represented at. That could take the form of a presentation, or at least sit in on the meeting to do outreach and then try to boost the awareness of this program.

BACTS is working on trying to put together a group in the Augusta region. There will be one in Lewiston/Auburn at some point, but that kind of has been shifted away being focused on cities and more onto specific high crash corridors in the area (Rt 202 and Rt 4 for example)

5) Technology

BACTS shared that at the MidCoast meeting, a suggestion was made that creating a list of agencies that want to pilot technology so that when items are available, agencies can be invited to attend the TIMs meeting. This would replace the system of giving it away to whoever happens to attend a meeting.

Part Time Shoulder Use system for the High Level Bridge is in use and a complicated process but seems to be working alright.

DOT gave away a Variable Portable Message Board at this meeting.

6) Construction Season

Turnpike has decided to repave a 3 mile section around Mile marker 11-12 rather than do a microgrind to attempt to stop the higher than expected crash volume in the area.

7) Training Updates

BACTS Staff discussed training in Portland at GPCOG offices on June 20th. Mentioned original plan of MidCoast training the week of June 24th which was switched to a Train the Trainer in Augusta.

A topic also discussed was the issue of volunteer departments that can't send people to be training during the day. The counter suggestion of two hour night time sessions taught over two days or Saturday trainings in the fall/winter was mentioned.

Possible TIMs refresher training in the works from FHWA but timeline is very uncertain.

BACTS Staff discussed a CMP training and demonstration program for fire departments that want to reach out and request instruction. York Village Fire had taken the course in the past and found it to be a very helpful training.

8) Other Business

Turnpike is still working to get the electronic emergency access gates to work via radio frequency device and remote rather than just via a call to dispatch. Height of firetrucks seems to cause some issues but they are working on the process.

9) Upcoming Meetings

August 15th, 2024 and November 14th, 2024