

Penobscot County
Traffic Incident Management Group Agenda
September 11th, 2024 at 1330
State Police Barracks - 198 Maine Ave, Bangor and Via Zoom

1) Welcome and Introductions

2) Minutes from Penobscot Meeting - June 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 - December 11th, 2024, and March 12th, 2025

Attachment A
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MaineDOT Maintenance Facility - 219 Hogan Rd, Bangor and Via Zoom

1) Welcome and Introductions

Name	Organization
Joe Lacerda	Maine DOT
Oriana Fleming	Northern Light
Chris Fox	Penobscot EMA
Mike McCormick	Corinna FD
Eric Pelletier Andrew Emery	Bangor Fire
Patrick Adams	FHWA
Jacob Stein	BACTS

2) Minutes from Penobscot Meeting - March 13th, 2024 (Attachment A)

3) Area Incidents / After Incident Reviews

Bangor Fire did not see much Eclipse issues, the Penobscot region seemed to fare well.

Region Net works well for getting information back and forth between departments along the interstate for Bangor Fire. Helps the department know whether they need to get on 95 or not.

Pinch point occurring around Broadway Bridge construction.

Safety Patrol vehicle is very helpful and has assisted Bangor Fire with car fire.

However, they can't connect to the Patrol vehicle via radio channels. Vehicle can only be accessed via RCC in Augusta. Request for communication access between all agencies and disciplines shared but would need to go through OIT (Office of Information Technology)

BACTS discussed the timing and path of the windmill blades through Penobscot County: The hauling is beginning June 17th to July 31. 5 days a week and multiple times a day from Searsport to Moscow.

4) Outreach

BACTS is starting a group in northern Penobscot, Augusta, and Aroostook.

BACTS staff proposed attending meetings or gatherings of different agencies and disciplines (EMS Chief meeting, conferences, Fire or Sheriff association meetings) in order to share what TIMs is and why it matters.

5) Technology

BACTS Staff discussed the contracts that DOT has out to purchase more TIMs technology. Drones and message boards are a slower rollout but they are coming. Drones require someone to be trained before an agency can receive the device so that can make the rollout more difficult.

Communication upgrades to EMS vehicles are available for opt-in but that can result in more cost in future as agencies will need to pick up service costs after initial deployment subscription ends.

The 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.

BACTS did a short discussion about new lighting technology and guidance.

6) Construction Season

Broadway Bridge Bypass in a few weeks
Hogan Road Diverging Diamond starts in 2025.
Newport Rotary in 2026. Currently under design
Capital Paving in Corinth, Hudson, Bradford.
395 bridge work, ramp issues at 1A

7) Training Updates

Portland Training occurred June 20th and Augusta Train the Trainer was June 26th.

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.

8) Other Business

Gran Fondo bike race was June 22nd and BACTS was putting together an After Action Survey and meeting to gather post race feedback.

Bangor Marathon on June 23rd

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