

**Hancock County
Traffic Incident Management Group Agenda
December 10th, 2024 at 1330
Hancock County MaineDOT Crew Quarters and via Zoom**

1) Welcome and Introductions

2) Minutes from Hancock Meeting - September 10th, 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

BACTS will discuss creating goals and objectives for group.

Discussion on other business.

9) Upcoming Meetings

Quarterly on 2nd Tuesday of the Month at 1330.

Tentative Date - March 11th, 2025 and June 10th, 2025

Attachment A

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1) Welcome and Introductions

Name	Organization
Steve Therborge Joe Lacerda Dan Garber	MaineDOT
Andrew Sankey	Hancock EMA
Bob Conary	HCRCC/Orland Fire
Justin Cooper	Castine Fire
Bill Malcolm	Trenton Fire
Norma Griffiths	FRA
David Kerns Chris Wharff	Bar Harbor PD
Oriana Fleming	Northern Light
Jacob Stein	BACTS

2) Minutes from Hancock Meeting - June 11th, 2024 (Attachment A)

3) Area Incidents / After Incident Reviews

Bar Harbor expressed concern about not being warned about milling on Rt 3. DOT did not know the contractor was doing the work during the day and stopped it as soon as they found out. Better communication going forward is planned by both sides.

The Hancock Bike race After Action meetings resulted in race operators deciding to not come back next year and to potentially do an off-road race in 2026. This result comes as a result of the Hancock stakeholders not being in favor of the race coming back again unless massive changes to how the race is run occur.

Evening of September 10th, a wind farm transformer will be moved down Rt 1A and Rt 1 to Columbia. This will require several bridges to be closed temporarily so that the transformer is the only vehicle on the bridge. State Police are overseeing the move and will handle the traffic control but will cause some delays as it slowly moves along the road.

4) Outreach

BACTS is starting a group in rural 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.

6) Construction Season

Rt 172 from Ellsworth to Surrey will start paving Week of September 9th
Rt 3 on MDI from Jackson Lab to Otter Creek also will be mid-September
Ellsworth to Orland between Bridge street and Rt 15

7) Training Updates

Bangor training in October and two Crash Responder Safety Week trainings

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.

Potential online self-guided training desired by Steve Landry but may not occur soon

8) Other Business

See Tracks? Think Train® Week is Sept. 23-29, 2024.

This event is a concentrated week of rail safety education focusing attention on the importance of making safe choices when driving or walking near railroad tracks and trains.

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