

**Rural Penobscot
Traffic Incident Management Group Agenda
January 15th 2025 at 1100
Millinocket Fire - 222 Aroostook Ave, Millinocket and Via Zoom**

1) Welcome and Introductions

1) Minutes from Penobscot Meeting - August 14th, 2024 (Attachment A)

2) Area Incidents / After Incident Reviews

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

3) Outreach

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

4) Technology

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

5) Construction Season

For updates and discussion.

6) Training Updates

BACTS Staff will provide an update on TIM training opportunities.

7) Other Business

Discussion on other business.

8) Upcoming Meetings

Quarterly schedule to be decided on.

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1) Welcome and Introductions

Name	Organization
Jonathan Cote	Millinocket Fire
Bryan Duprey Thomas Malcolm	Town of Millinocket
Kevin McAdam	East Millinocket Fire
Mike Coombs	Mattawamkeag Fire
Patrick Adams	FHWA
Jacob Stein	BACTS

2) What is TIMs?

BACTS Staff gave a brief overview of the TIMs program and how meetings and trainings are organized

3) Area Incidents / After Incident Reviews

Two fatal crashes occurred in the month or so before the meeting. One on Rt 11 heading towards Brownville. All departments in the room have a need for signage to assist with public awareness for long lasting incidents. Request for DOT to potentially assist with getting this signage. There may be a need for more communication between local responders and DOT as Fire feels like DOT isn't able to assist them if they need help with scene management.

Millinocket usually has about 4 incidents a year that require a road to be closed while the scene is processed.

4) Outreach

BACTS is starting this group in northern Penobscot as well as one in Aroostook County.

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.

6) Construction Season

Construction workers working on the Interstate bridge are causing traffic issues as well as making passage of fire trucks difficult. Fire has had conversations with the foreman but more coordination might be needed.

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

Firstly, there was concern about how plowing will be handled if we have a snow event before the contract DOT signed with a plow company starts. It sounds like last year the contract started in early November but there was a snow storm in October and there was some confusion about who was responsible for plowing out of the contract period.

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