

Hancock TIM Group Meeting
February 23, 2021
0930 -VIA Zoom

Welcome

Lt Rod Charette welcomed the group

Introductions

Attending:

Lt Rod Charette-Maine State Police

Joe Lacerda -Maine DOT

Barbara MacPike - MDI Hospital

David Kerns - Bar Harbor Police

Gary Saunders - Ellsworth Fire

Andrew Allen - Maine DOT

Oriana Fleming - Northern LightMedical Transport.

Bob Conary - Hancock County RCC Director

Dale Rowley -Waldo County EMA

Andrew Braley - Hancock County EMA

Patrick Hood - Maine State Police

John Sanders - Bar Harbor Fire

Andrew Sankey - Hancock County EMA

Tommy Morris -Brooklin Fire and President of County Fire Association

Steve Thebarga - Maine DOT

Craig Shane -Dedham Fire

Dianne Rice-Hansen - BACTS

Review of Notes from last meeting

Rod and Dianne gave an overview of the notes. Last meeting we talked about evacuation routes and reverse evacuation. Dale Rowley mentioned a study/report that MEMA had completed. Dianne had requested a copy of the Maine vulnerability study. She gave an overview of what it was about. She noted that the appendices were missing and the study indicated an Evacuation plan was anticipated to be completed. She requested the documents missing from the Vulnerability Study and asked where things stood with the Evacuation plan. Dianne said it would be good to see what they have done so we were not duplicating efforts. Dale Rowley said following a study done back in 2007 they were supposed to develop a plan, so far that one has never been done. He noted what is missing is the implementation planning process. The emergency operations plan is supposed to be updated every two years it has now been

4 years. He suggested this group continue to move forward with their efforts to develop that implementation plan for the Penobscot, Hancock and Waldo counties.

Reverse Evacuation Wrap Up – Decision on where to go with topic

A small group will be assigned to follow through and develop an evacuation plan/route and how to implement that plan in Penobscot, Hancock and Waldo Counties. That group will be well represented by Dale Rowley, Andy Sankey, Tommy Morris, Joe Lacerda, David Kerns, Rod Charette and Dianne Rice-Hansen. Andrew Allen will help with any mapping needs. Dianne will send out a doodle poll to this group to set up the first meeting. If additional information is needed from others in the group that information will be requested.

Detour Routes – Review of signage

Andrew Allen shared some signage with the group at the last meeting. The maps with sign placement are attached at the end of these notes. The pink on black signs would be permanent on a pole. They would be closed until needed and would only need to have someone come and open them to provide detour directions and close them back up when the scene was cleared. Once an incident is reported if a detour is needed a report back to the command center can also get the variable message boards on the interstate and nearby roadways to say similar information. Rod recapped the fact that two volunteer firefighters spent 8 hours with no compensation blocking the road during the Crawford incident. He noted that that was not fair as there were plenty of other paid personnel. Having these signs would prevent things like that happening in the future.

Update on RFP for the Statewide TIM strategic plan/training

Dianne Reported to the group where the RFP process is. Steve Landry is in negotiations with the only consultant that submitted a proposal. The proposal was far more extensive than what we were looking for. If they cannot negotiate a price/scope change we would have to put the RFP back out. Steve Thebarger also commended Rod and the group's efforts to take this program off the highways and grow it more in the rural area. Rod will continue his outreach to the Washington County area.

Area incident discussions

Jackson Lab Route 3, crosswalk pedestrian fatality

Incident happened involving 2 Jackson Lab employees. Victim was dropped off at 5:45 in the morning at the crosswalk. She did not activate the newly installed RRFB. It was very dark, the victim stepped into the crosswalk and was not seen by the driver of the approaching vehicle. The victim was struck and killed. The town is looking at a housing development near the location and may eventually put in a sky bridge or underground tunnel.

There were some initial issues with the drone that flew the scene, because the location is both on public and federal land, because of the Park. As long as the drone took off from and landed back on public land it was fine. It can't land on Federal land without permission. There were cameras owned by Jackson lab nearby that recorded the whole incident.

Route 1A in Dedham

Route 1A was shut down for about an hour. EB traffic was at a stand still. But westbound traffic was able to reroute through a small side road.

Fatality on Route 1 in Gouldsboro

A 3 person fatality happened late at night. The Gouldsboro Fire and Washington County Fire/EMS handled the call and the Hancock Sheriff's office reconstructed the accident. Traffic was diverted/rerouted around the bay area. Not many other details about the incident are known.

Training

Dianne updated the group on where we stand with training. It was decided at the State meeting to look at options for virtual training for the entire state. Dianne has been having conversations with other state representatives who do this training or run the TIM programs in their areas. She will be monitoring a couple of training sessions for other states and sit in on a few other meetings. The feedback so far has been very helpful and she hopes to have a report ready to report back to the state group by the next meeting.

In person training is still at a standstill due to COVID. We will continue to look at options on how we can get the in person training started up again.

Next Meeting Dates -

Please mark your calendars for the following dates. We set up our next four meetings. EVITES will come in a separate email. Agendas will be sent a week prior to the meeting. If anyone has any agenda items they want to discuss please let Dianne know.

April 7, 2021 - 1730/5:30PM -Via Zoom - to include those who may not be able to attend a morning meeting.

May 25, 2021 -0930 -Via Zoom

July 13, 2021 -0930 Via Zoom or potentially in person

August 24, 2021 -0930 - potentially in person, location will be determined closer to the date.

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