

## **Hancock County**

### **Traffic Incident Management Group Notes**

October 7, 2020

0930

Meeting Via Zoom

- 1) Welcome
- 2) Introductions
- 3) Reverse Evacuation – The group jumped in on the concept of reverse evacuation. We discussed the potential framework of how something like this would work and kicked it around a bit. We decided to further discuss the matter at our next meeting with the hopes that a few of the key DOT decision makers will be in attendance. We also discussed the placement of the current Evacuation Route signs. These signs were a coastal initiative that were put in place as the result of a large tsunami that had occurred (I think in Japan or China) years ago. At the time the thinking was to get people away from the coast using any and all available roadways.
- 4) Detour Routes – We had discussion on some of the current detour routes that are in place or proposed. Andrew Allen sent out a map last month that contains some of these routes. It was forwarded to the group. At the end of the day the problem with detour routes is the fact that you either have one immediately available or you don't. If you do not the problem arises of how far out from the scene can you conceivably create a detour? At the present time if we have a major incident on Route 1A DOT is activating sign boards as far south as Augusta to help mitigate traffic flow. It was discussed that the size and projected duration of an incident dictates whether a detour will need to take place and where it will be located. Localities are encouraged to explore projected detour routes within their area of

operation. One solution to this may potentially be the ability to clear a scene and get traffic flowing within a short amount of time. At this time Trooper Josh Lander is taking training on drone operation and by the end of the year will have a drone assigned to him. Having Josh and a drone available to map scenes will drastically reduce the amount of time we need to keep a road closed.

- 5) Area incident discussions – The group discussed the rear end crash that occurred on the island and the Bucksport fatality.
- 6) Moving Forward:
  - a) Identification of potential stakeholders – I will be touching base with a few folks in the coming weeks.
  - b) Training needs and dates – big news here. In person training is moving forward and two Bangor sessions were held in October. I am in discussion with Diane, Joe, and Craig on getting a Hancock County training session set up – hopefully in November. If you have an interest in putting some of your folks through, please keep an eye out for any training announcements.
- 7) Next Meeting Dates – Our next meeting is scheduled for December 2 at 0930. This will be an in-person meeting at the DOT facility on the Thorsen Road in Hancock. We are planning to have enough space so that we can social distance and what not. There will also be virtual availability for those who wish to attend remotely. I will be sending out another meeting reminder as we get close and will likely be looking for a head count of those who plan on attending in person so we can plan accordingly for group size.
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