

**Hancock County
Traffic Incident Management Group Minutes
December 7th, 2021 at 0930
Hancock County MaineDOT Crew Quarters and via Zoom**

1) Welcome and Introductions

Joe Lacerda Steven Theborge	MaineDOT
Rod Charette	Maine State Police
Robert Webber	Winter Harbor Fire Department
Barbara MacPike	MDI Hospital
Craig Shane	Dedham/Lucerne Fire Department
Dale Rowley	Waldo County, EMA Director
Tommy Morris	Brooklin Fire Department
Andrew Sankey	Hancock County FMA
Oriana Flemming	Northern Light Medical Transport
Sara Devlin Paige Nadeau	BACTS

2) Meeting Minutes - September 15th, 2021

No comments or amendments proposed to minutes as written.

3) Area Incidents / After Incident Reviews

MRI Building - Update was provided. Primary causes of the traffic delays and issues with building moving were the following: Equipment used, driver unfamiliar with the area, poor route mapping. Additional issues arose when going through Sommesville, particularly at a sharp corner. Multiple crews were needed to be called in including a representative from Versant. Suggestions for improvement include increased communication and thorough route mapping by contractors going forward.

House/Camp Movings - Nearly done for the season, most construction is finishing up. A number of prefab houses have been moved in the past few months. Discussion ensued regarding responsibility for route mapping, responsibility falls on the driver company who requests the moving permit. These companies should track routes with a pilot vehicle to ensure feasibility. One recent move was adjusted accordingly when a route was mapped

and the pilot driver had suggested changes, changes were communicated to the police escort in a timely manner.

1A - Continues to be a high traffic road. Route 102 will have some shut downs shortly for trees getting taken down for maintenance.

Windmill / Turbines - Large turbine project is being started in Washington County. May cause some traffic delays, will expect increased coordination to assist with escorts when turbines are being moved.

4) Statewide TIM Updates - Strategic Plan Recommendations

Sara Devlin provided an update on the Statewide Strategic Plan. Recommendations were developed by the consultant, MaineDOT, and MPO's of the State. The following were identified as key focus areas - Identify a leader for TIM work in Maine, increase outreach, expand program to new areas, uniform collection of data, define formal policies and guidelines for after action review (AAR) and trainings, monitor and research new TIM technology (including drones and message boards), develop a TIM website that will have an overview of information needed for trainers and participants. Discussion ensued regarding the rural outreach component specifically including adapting and tailoring the program for rural areas to increase outreach and participation.

5) Training Updates

Sara Devlin provided an update. BACTS is working with the State and consultant to find best training format options, including virtual options. Looking at scheduling and discussing training opportunities at the March meeting.

A number of individuals need one more training class to become trainers. Discussion ensued with the consensus being that training will move to in person training in the future. Please let the group know if you are interested and if you have a training location that may be used.

6) Other Business

Wreaths Across America - Event is relatively self contained, multi jurisdictional effort. Similar route to prior years. Expecting 60+ vehicles to participate.

MaineDOT Staffing - MaineDOT is understaffed but will continue working to meet levels of service they have historically, especially with priority one roads. Typically there are 175 plow drivers, currently around 150. Also having an issue with parts needed for vehicles.

7) Upcoming Meetings

Due to scheduling conflicts - Discussion for quarterly meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month at 0930.

Tentative Dates - March 8th, June 14th, September 13th , and December 13th, 2022.