

**Hancock County
Traffic Incident Management Group Agenda
September 13th, 2022 at 0930
Hancock County MaineDOT Crew Quarters and via Zoom**

1) Welcome and Introductions

2) Meeting Minutes - June 14th, 2022 (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) Maine TIM Website

BACTS Staff have been working with Maine DOT staff and consultants to prepare the Maine TIM website. The website is expected to be launched later this week and the address will be www.mainetim.org. Please note the website is not live yet.

6) Technology

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

7) Construction Season

For updates and discussion.

8) Training Updates

BACTS Staff will provide an update on TIM training opportunities.

9) Other Business

Discussion of other items not on today's agenda.

10) Upcoming Meetings

Quarterly on 2nd Tuesday of the Month at 0930.

Tentative Date - December 13th 2022

**Attachment A
Hancock County
Traffic Incident Management Group Minutes
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1) Welcome and Introductions

Name	Representing
Alan Farrington	MaineDOT
Rod Charette Gavin Endre	Maine State Police
Corey Bagley	Hancock County Sheriff's Department
Robert Webber	Winter Harbor Fire Department
John Sanders	Bar Harbor Fire Department
Andrew Sankey T Morris	Hancock County EMA
Oriana Flemming Kat Eaton Josh Carr	Northern Light Medical Transport
Sara Devlin Mary O'Flaherty	BACTS

2) Meeting Minutes - March 8th, 2022

No comments or amendments proposed to minutes as written.

3) Area Incidents / After Incident Reviews

There was a fatality on 179 in Waltham. The incident took about 3.5 hours and detoured easily. Responders used a drone which cut down on the incident event time and on manpower needed.

Along Route 9 there have been a number of incidents, including a few fatalities, involving motorcycles.

Not seeing any decrease in traffic levels given increases in gas prices. Also, given increased tourism and other factors, hotels on the island are fully booked so a number of tourists are booking more inland, causing increases in traffic levels.

Modular traffic out of Calais has slowed down but have seen other areas picking up.

Sargent Project - A number of closures that closed one lane in double lane areas, smooth project this year due to experience from prior years of project. Sargent and Maine State Police worked together through the project to ensure safe traffic flow. Authorized 40MPH speed zone reduction as well as police presence helped with safety.

4) Construction Season

Season is pretty much complete, there is a short windmill project coming up which will impact Route 9.

A few small paving projects on Route 9, minor traffic delays expected.

5) Training Updates

Sara Devlin provided an update. BACTS, the State, and a consultant (IBI) are working together to review training opportunities. A variety of opportunities is expected to be available starting around this fall. BACTS is working on outreach with the rural communities of Penobscot county about starting a TIMs group in Northern Penobscot County and are looking at performing this type of outreach in Washington County as well. Members of the group discussed the importance of involving fire in outreach efforts for training opportunities, preferably a short training module being developed for traffic safety that can be utilized as a review tool.

Members of the group discussed the rural training opportunities including the current course and different options to make the course more incentivized as well as the impact of TIM training (which is not a requirement for any roles) but would encourage participation from others in this training across the state.

6) Other Business

Drones - MaineDOT Steve Landry has money in the budget for better batteries for drones and drone technology including training and software. This region is looking for a tether that will allow for increased flight time. Members are interested in additional training if made available. Also discussed a need for additional individuals to have access to software, members in this area are working with members in the Bangor area for the software side currently.

Members of the group discussed the impact of staffing shortages, various safety protocols, and the impact on traffic incident management.

Discussion on new flashers to try out - lightweight and easy to use. Effective at scenes for lane shut downs, especially at night.

In phase 2 of posting a bridge in Addison as 22 ton which may impact traffic.

There will be some shifting of Maine State Police resources in the area, changes will be clearly communicated to members of the group, changes are expected to be effective next year.

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