

Penobscot County
Traffic Incident Management Group Agenda
September 14th, 2022 at 1030
State Police Barracks - 198 Maine Ave, Bangor and Via Zoom

1) Welcome and Introductions

2) Meeting Minutes - June 7th, 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 Wednesday of the Month at 1030.

Tentative Date - December 14th

Attachment A
Penobscot County
Traffic Incident Management Group Minutes
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1) Welcome

Aaron Turcotte called the meeting to order at 1035.

Introductions

Name	Representing
Aaron Turcotte Michael Johnston	Maine State Police
James Ellis	Penobscot Sheriff
Steven Theborge Joe Lacerda Paul Nichols Stephen Landry	MaineDOT
Eric Pelletier Andrew Emery	Bangor Fire Department
Bradley Nuding Thomas Fennell	Penobscot EMA
Oriana Flemming	Northern Light Medical Transport
Sara Devlin	BACTS

2) Meeting Minutes - March 9th, 2022

No comments on minutes as written.

3) Area Incidents / After Incident Reviews

Members discussed a tractor trailer incident on the interstate. Notes from the discussion included; better controlling of traffic with detours, relying on local PD, increasing communication, and keeping traffic flowing. Members of the group also discussed how a lot of intersections on major corridors will have adaptive equipment upgraded in the coming years, so coordination on signal timings to public works. Discussion also included that for incidents in the city, individuals should notify FD, PD and even public works crew as soon as possible. Early notification helps with detouring traffic and resuming normal traffic flow earlier.

Other incidents were discussed, group comments included; overall good responses, minimal traffic delays. Individuals are encouraged to communicate with dispatch early on regarding detours.

Sheriff's office provided an overview of the season so far - Two motorcycle crashes, one in Hermon and one in Holden, no fatalities. A number of deer crashes have been happening in Orrington. Drone work is new but crews are learning and gaining experience for reconstructions and mappings. Members of the group are encouraged to request assistance any time the drone crew can be of assistance to please contact the sheriff's office.

A crash on I-95 SB occurred earlier in the year involving a tractor trailer and cables. The tractor trailer truck went through and pulled the guardrails tight, needing Bouchard's heavy wrecker to move and relieve pressure. The group was reminded to not ever cut the cables due to high tension. This is the first time seeing a vehicle go through those and into another lane. MaineDOT is happy to provide training for these types of situations.

4) Construction Season

Bids came in way over on Stillwater bridges, the bridges will be posted to 30 tons for this summer. There is expected to be potentially more traffic on Route 2 and Kelley road. Also on Route 2 in Orono for about six weeks, a portion will be shut down for a culvert replacement, the detour will be the interstate, Stillwater to Kelley road.

Ramps are being repaved, but is night time work, members will communicate with Bangor fire for these closures as well.

Route 15 is having some paving from Bangor though to Kenduskeag (Abbot to Lily Bay is in the works for LCP down the road).

The Department has rented a paver and is looking for roads to be shimmed, the plan is to pave 143 next year, and will be spot shimming parts of 143 and Route 7 from Etna to Brooks.

Concert series is coming up, be mindful of traffic implications.

The group had a discussion regarding Penobscot EMA ArgGIS maps including potentially updating these maps or adding new ones down the road to show detours and incident reports. Members also discussed the benefits of including a map such as these on the TIM website being developed to communicate work zones and detours.

5) Training Updates

Sara Devlin provided an update - BACTS is working with the State for training opportunities. BACTS has reached out to northern Penobscot county about starting up a northern penobscot county TIMS group. BACTS is currently working on scheduling training opportunities with Newport. Members of the group recommend holding a train the trainer opportunity to get a group set up in northern Penobscot county as well as one near Newport / Corinna / Corinth.

6) Other Business

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

Also received fold up message boards - will try out in the area, will train up on how to use them.

Safety patrol - hoping to get expanded to Bangor in 2024, will be put on hold for the time being.

MaineDOT purchasing more drones for sheriffs departments. Hoping to expand to FD's down the road. Discussion on batteries needed for drones as well as the software needed to fully utilize the drones effectively.

Training through wreck master - gauging groups interested if MaineDOT sponsored these types of training opportunities.

395 Extension - Estimated completion is in 2025. Group discussed the impact on municipalities. Communicate timelines and laydown yards so PD's can keep an eye out for potential theft opportunities. Members also discussed how this will impact response plans. The group also discussed keeping situational awareness for any potential individuals in the area who may oppose the project.

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