



Meeting Notes

Traffic Incident Management in the Mid Coast Region

Thursday May 23, 2019 at 10:00 AM

Lincoln County Regional Planning Commission

297 Bath Road, Wiscasset

In Attendance:

Tom Reinauer, Southern Maine Planning & Development Commission

Tom Garrepy, Brunswick Police Department

Don Koslosky, Brunswick Fire Department

Chris Young, Rockland Fire Department

Mike Field, Bath Police Department

Brett Strout, Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Office

Jason Warlick, Damariscotta Police Department

John Lash, Waldoboro Police Department

Paul Smeltzer, Waldoboro Fire Department

Eric Sanderson, Southern Maine Planning & Development Commission

Ken Desmond, Lincoln County EMA

Larry Hesseltine, Wiscasset Police Department

Chris Farley, Camden Fire Department

Casey Stevens, Lincoln County EMA

Brendan Kane, Lincoln County Sheriff's Office

Todd Brackett, Lincoln County Sheriff's Office

Rand Maker, Lincoln County Sheriff's Office

Rob Betz, MaineDOT

Stephen Landry, MaineDOT

Mary Ellen Barnes, Lincoln County Regional Planning Commission

Wayne Emington, Federal Highway Admin.

1. Welcome/Introductions

2. Brief Presentation: Background on TIM efforts in Maine

Tom gave a brief overview of TIM efforts currently underway in Maine, including the ME/NH group, Statewide TIM Committee, call tree edits, post incident review, performance measurement and training (including for the trainers). Other committees in the state have done

tabletop exercise for extreme scenarios and closures. SHRP2 Course is a 4 hour course that can be arranged by contacting Tom (treinauer@smpdc.org).

3. Question and answer session on current TIM activities

Q: What types of roadways need to be covered in the Midcoast Region, and what are other departments doing?

A: For now, Route 1, and any other corridors identified by local and County officials. Other departments typically send crews, first responders and management to the SHRP2 trainings offered throughout the state.

Q: Is there the ability to train trainers locally?

A: Yes, Tom is willing to set this up with those interested. Having someone local teaching local responders may be more effective than having someone not from the area teaching the course in the Midcoast area. MaineDOT/Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) offer up to a \$200 reimbursement for instructors teaching the course.

4. General discussion and next steps

Next Capitol Region TIM meeting scheduled for June 13th at Washington camp. There was discussion of turning this into a training instead of a meeting in the evening.

Lincoln County EMA and fire chiefs are very interested in this effort. Many local police departments have new officers who are the first on scene – vehicle positioning in these instances is key in setting up an incident. Many Committee members felt there would be a benefit from having local responders meet and develop relationships over the trainings.

SMPDC is planning to hold a mini “train the trainer” meeting in the next several months for those interested in being TIM trainers. FHWA has a list of about 80 trainers statewide, but many of these have retired or may no longer be interested in teaching. Tom and Wayne said they have tried to update the list to reflect the active trainers.

State training for fire/ems does incorporate TIM training for about 45 minutes out of a sixteen hour course. Crews are trained on how to drive vehicles, but not on vehicle placement during an incident. There will be a “train the trainer” course on June 15th at the Maine Fire Service Institute.

The Committee is still in need of representation from Maine State Police (including instructors), which is constrained by scheduling of courses in the evenings. The Committee discussed offering evening and weekend courses if it really wants to train as many people as possible in the region.

Any trainings should be shared with MaineDOT, as they train all crew, supervisors and staff members, including in Region 2. Trainings can be continuous, and discussed at bi-monthly

meetings. Tom explained that once a date and location are confirmed, SMPDC produces a flyer for the class that gets widely distributed.

Lincoln County fire chiefs are on board, have an instructor and law enforcement ready to go. Still lacking an instructor. Locations for trainings already set include Jefferson, Boothbay and Damariscotta. Hopefully 20-30 people will show up for each training.

The Committee would like to involve communications officers and dispatchers in the region. Knox county is very interested in TIM efforts as well.

If the Committee can come up with concrete training dates, Steve Landry can reach out to Lt. Scott and Sergeant Keaton at Maine State Police. Meeting spaces that are large enough will be hard to come by, but there are several that could be used, including the Waldoboro High School and Fire Station.

Tom will work with LCSO and others to set up a TIM class in June – will discuss dates and time after the meeting.

5. Possible next meeting and agenda items

The next meeting was scheduled for 9AM on Thursday, August 15th at the Waldoboro Town Office. Tom will provide Committee members with TIM operating guidelines and a sample After Action Review for their viewing.