

MEMORANDUM

To: Traffic Incident Management Group and Interested Parties

From: Myranda McGowan, Senior Transportation Planner

Date: September 14, 2010

RE: Meeting Notes from Traffic Incident Management Group from June 18, 2010

Those in attendance included: Chris Balcutini (York Fire Department); Paul Balentine (York Fire Department); Robert C. Bohlmann (York County EMA); John Cannell (MaineDOT); Sheena Connolly (NHDOT); Kevin P. Donovan (Maine State Police, Troop B - Turnpike); Mark Kirouac (NHDOT); Michael Lampert (Al's Automotive & Truck); Pam L'Heureux (York County EMA); Gardner Marshall (York Fire Department); Myranda McGowan (SMRPC); Daniel M. Moore (Wells Fire Department); Patrick S. Moulton (York Police Department); Louis Nyitray (Maine State Police, Troop A); Gary Peaton (Kittery Police Department); Ed Smith (Ogunquit Fire Department); Tom Reinauer (SMRPC); Gregory Stone (Maine Turnpike Authority)

Guests: Dave Wacker (Maine Bureau of Labor)

The meeting was held at the York Public Library.

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Discussion with David Wacker, Maine Bureau of Labor Standards

Dave Wacker was invited to speak at this meeting to clear up some concerns that some Fire Departments have since the Maine Department of Labor provided suggested ways for dealing with on-scene safety, vehicle placement, flagging at accident scenes. The Maine Department of Labor never intended for these standards to become required policies and procedures but rather a tool for Fire Departments to use. While the Maine Department of Labor approves Fire Department Training Plans, plans are not required to use the new provisions. Fire Departments are not required to use a Fire Truck to act a blocker at the scene of an accident. ***Dave Wacker will send a letter to each Town Manager to explain the Maine Department of Labor's position.***

The Maine Turnpike Authority would like to create a blocker policy for the turnpike system to use Police Cars as blockers instead of Fire Trucks. Police Cruisers are cheaper to replace than Fire trucks and many municipalities may not have enough money to replace damaged fire trucks due to a collision with vehicles at an accident scene.

The Maine Turnpike Authority also believes that Quick Clearances is important and should be used more often at the scene of an accident. Quick Clearance practices have been adopted in many

communities and as a result, accident scenes are cleared much faster and have the potential to reduce the risks of secondary crashes.

Other resources include:

- Flagger Training with Peter Coughlan, MaineDOT
- CERT (Community Emergency Response Teams) training
- I-95 Corridor Coalition, particularly fire fighter quick clearance training
- ICS (Incident Command Systems) training

3. Review of After Action Report for 4/30 truck fire on Maine Turnpike (attached)

- Tom provided a brief recap of May 10th meeting with responding agencies & depts.
- Endorsement of recommendations, and action items for staff
- It was decided that a meeting should be organized involving all municipal police and fire chiefs to discuss response to incidents on I-95/Maine Turnpike (meeting took place on August 17th)

4. Updates

MaineDOT Updates: The contract for the MaineDOT's MST (Maintenance Surface Treatment) program has ended.

Maine Turnpike Updates: The turnpike is being paved in York. 3 camera trailers and 11 message boards are available to be used at incident scenes, 20 message boards will be available in the future.

New Hampshire DOT Updates: Open Road Tolling at the Hampton Toll Booth opened on June 17th. The Traffic Management Center is now using Twitter, has implemented smart work zone practices at major construction sites this summer, and has a service patrol that patrols the highway to help minor incidents.

Call Tree – Patrick M. and Myranda M. will be presenting the call tree to the Police Chiefs Association in September. Please contact Patrick or Myranda with comments/questions/edits to the call tree. Can the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard be included on the Call Tree?

Next Meeting – September 10, 2010 (the Sept meeting was eventually postponed)