

## **TRAFFIC INCIDENT MANAGEMENT FOR THE BALTIMORE REGION (TIMBR) COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, September 6, 2023  
10:00 A.M.

### **MINUTES**

#### **1. WELCOME AND SELF-INTRODUCTIONS**

Mr. J.J. Lynott, Chair, welcomed attendees and attendees introduced themselves.

#### **2. REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM MARCH 1, 2023**

There were no comments on the minutes.

#### **3. STATE AND LOCAL TIM UPDATES**

- TIM Training updates:
  - Mr. Kevin Fox is the new Training Manager at MDOT SHA.
  - Number trained in Maryland as of July 17, 2023, is increasing slowly, up to 42.5% equating to 9,862 responders.
  - In response to a question about where the total number of responders to be trained came from, Mr. Breck Jeffers responded that he met with Ms. Eileen Singleton and Mr. Scott Yinger (formerly with MDOT SHA) in about 2014 when the training was being rolled out. They looked at job categories from the Bureau of Labor Statistics and identified responder categories, then estimated the portion of responders that would be TIM responders. Each state calculated their own total number of responders to be trained. It was noted that volunteer firefighters are not included in the BLS categories and the total responder number is almost 10 years old. However, the total is used as a target; there is no funding tied to percent trained. Another note about the responder number is that in Maryland, most EMS responders are also Fire so while the data shows only 15% of EMS responders have been trained, other EMS responders may be listed under Fire.
  - It is unknown if Train-the-Trainer courses are coming up.
  - Training is not required for towers. To require it may require changing legislation.
- State TIM Update:
  - The MSP TIM unit have been in place since July 2021.

- Maryland Cycling Classic was held over Labor Day weekend, and it went well. It will take place at least one more year.
- Upcoming events:
  - Susquehanna Running Festival is coming up on September 23.
  - Bay Bridge Run is November 12.
  - National Crash Responder Safety Week is November 13 – 17.
  - Is anyone from MDOT SHA doing anything to support? Ms. Singleton can ask Mr. Fox if anything is being planned.
  - Fleet Week will be June 12 – 18, 2024.

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#### **4. TIM SELF-ASSESSMENT**

The group discussed the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) TIM self-assessment questions. The self-assessment is targeted at metropolitan areas. Due to time constraints, the group was not able to complete all of the questions; the remaining questions will be discussed at the December meeting.

Mr. Lynott offered the suggestion to work through a portion of the self-assessment at each meeting rather than all at one time. No decisions have been made about this approach.

The self-assessment scores are submitted to the FHWA, and FHWA compiles the scores from all metropolitan areas to assess the whole country; scores for individual areas are not shared.

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#### **5. OTHER BUSINESS**

The next meeting is December 6<sup>th</sup> and it will be hybrid.

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#### **ATTENDEES**

##### ***Members:***

Golnaz Askari, MDOT State Highway Administration OTMO  
F/Sgt. Brett Canfield, Maryland State Police  
Breck Jeffers, Federal Highway Administration Maryland Division  
Bill Johnson, MDOT State Highway Administration  
Tanya King, Daniel Consultants

F/Sgt. John Langenfelder, Maryland State Police  
David Larsen, MDOT  
David Lewis, Maryland Fire Chief's Association/Cumberland Valley Firemen's Association  
JJ Lynott, MDOT Maryland Transit Administration  
Alvin Marquess, Jacobs  
Roxane Mukai, Maryland Transportation Authority  
Andrew Orr, MDOT State Highway Administration OTMO  
F/Sgt. John Pietanza, Maryland State Police/SHA Liaison  
Jason Pulliam, Maryland Transportation Authority  
Raj Sharma, MDOT State Highway Administration OTMO  
Patrick Smith, Howard Co Office of Transportation  
Sgt. Mike Smith, Baltimore County Police  
Cpt. Ariane Warren, MDTA Police  
Jennifer Woo, Howard County Dept. of Public Works

***Staff and Guests***

Cindy Burch, Baltimore Metropolitan Council (BMC)  
Blake Fisher, BMC  
Eileen Singleton, BMC