



# Traffic Incident Management for the Baltimore Region (TIMBR) Committee

*December 1, 2021*



# Agenda

**1. WELCOME AND SELF-INTRODUCTIONS (5 min.)**

**2. REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 29, 2021 (5 min.)**

**3. TIM SELF-ASSESSMENT FOLLOW UP (30 min.)**

The group will discuss status of projects related to items identified during the 2021 TIM self-assessment.

**4. STATE AND LOCAL TIM UPDATES (30 min.)**

- Debrief: Virtual TIM Conference
- State TIM Updates
- Local TIM Updates
- TIM Training updates
- Upcoming planned and special events

**5. OTHER BUSINESS (5 min.)**

- 2022 meetings: March 2, June 1, September 7, December 7 (First Wednesday quarterly)

### 3. TIM Self-Assessment Follow-Up

- Q 6: TIM Training
  - Still looking for trainers

Question	Topic	2020 Score	2021 Score
18	Measure secondary crashes	3	2
19	Collect secondary crash data	3	2

- Q 18: Is the number of Secondary Crashes being measured and used?
- Q 19: How is data for the number of Secondary Crashes collected?

# 3. TIM Self-Assessment Follow-Up

- Q 24: What activities are in place to outreach to and educate responders and the public about the TIM laws in place?
  - Reminder: Emergency Responder Safety Institute continues to do public education. The pandemic has slowed down some public education opportunities. ERSI continues to create [public service announcements and other educational materials](#) that can be used by any agency.
- Q 27: Are temporary traffic control devices pre-staged in the region to facilitate timely response?
  - There was a suggestion to review the contents of SHA's Freeway Incident Traffic Management (FITM) trailers to see if any revisions are needed to them. Also suggested to consider the location of the trailers and how that might impact contents (i.e., do areas that get more snow need different supplies than other areas?).
    - There was a suggestion for a holistic evaluation of FITM trailer contents.

# 3. TIM Self-Assessment Follow-Up

- Q 33: Are there procedures in place for expedited crash investigations?
  - What are the differences across agencies for expedited clearance? Should this be reviewed? How will the MSP TIM Unit support expedited clearance across the state?
- Q 35: Do TIM responders routinely utilize traffic control procedures to provide back of queue warning?
  - No policies in place for back of queue notification. For very long events, SHA may stage a truck at the end of the queue but that resource is not always available. Nearby dynamic message signs are often used to alert drivers about incidents and queues ahead.
  - There was a question about what the national average is for this question.

# 3. TIM Self-Assessment Follow-Up

Question	Topic	2020 Score	2021 Score
39a	CAD integration w/TMC software	1	2

- Q39a: Level of public safety CAD integration with TMC/TOC
  - SHA Western Region has access to county police CAD.
  - There is a laptop inside the SOC with MSP CAD that can be accessed by the MSP trooper, who is on-duty during weekday peak periods (Monday – Friday, 5 AM to 9 AM and 3 PM to 7 PM). If there is a major incident outside these times, SHA will activate the EOC and MSP will send a trooper to the SOC.
  - There was a recommendation to discuss the benefits of integration at a future TIMBR Committee meeting.

# 3. TIM Self-Assessment Follow-Up

Question	Topic	2020 Score	2021 Score
40	Polices/procedures for signal timing changes	2	3

- Q40: Are there policies or procedures in place for signal timing changes to support traffic management during incident response?
  - A signal engineer is available in the SOC to adjust signal timing during large events. SOC operators can execute pre-saved timing plans in the Centrac system; however, there is a delay in creating the incident signal plans. SHA OTMO is focusing on developing plans for FITM corridors. Local coordination would be needed in some corridors.
    - The pre-saved timing plans have been used on route 50 for beach traffic and on MD99 around I-70.

## 4. TIM Updates

- Local and State TIM Updates
- Upcoming planned and special events
- Debrief: Virtual TIM Conference
- TIM Training updates



# Debrief: Virtual TIM Conference

## 1:00 Welcome

Gerald (JJ) Lynott Jr., Deputy Chief Safety Officer, MDOT Maryland Transit Administration & Co-Chair, Traffic Incident Management for the Baltimore Region Committee

Assistant Chief Jennifer Aubert-Utz, Baltimore County Fire Department

## 1:15 How the Reconstructed CHART Statewide Operations Center Supports Responders in the Field

Jason Dicembre, Director – MDOT State Highway Administration, Office of Transportation Mobility and Operations

The Statewide Operations Center has been an integral part of Maryland's TIM efforts for 25 years. It has recently been reconstructed to update its capabilities. Jason Dicembre will provide a virtual tour of the new SOC and discuss what it does and its critical role in TIM.

## 1:45 Maryland State Police TIM Unit

1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Colin Bristow, Maryland State Police/CHART Liaison

The Maryland State Police has recently created a TIM Unit; 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Colin Bristow will present an overview of how it works and new abilities it offers the state.

## 2:00 Availability of TIM Training in Maryland

Patrick Rooney, Training Manager, MDOT SHA Office of Transportation Mobility and Operations

Pat Rooney will provide an update on TIM training opportunities and how you can attend a course or become an instructor.

## 2:15 MDOT Move Over Public Outreach Initiative

Anna Levendusky, Communications Manager, Maryland Highway Safety Office  
Maryland Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Administration

MDOT has recently introduced a department-wide initiative to educate drivers about the Move Over law. Anna Levendusky will provide an overview of the initiative and how it supports responder safety. She will also provide an overview of MDOT's new Roadside Safety project.

- Held November 9<sup>th</sup>
- Attended by almost 50 people

## 2:30 A Message from the Towing Community: What They Want You To Know

Pat McElroy, Co-Owner, Tim's Towing

Pat McElroy will present important reminders about the towing industry's critical role in efficient and safe traffic incident response.

## 2:45 Connected/Automated Vehicle Resources for Emergency Responders

Eileen Singleton, Principal Transportation Engineer, Baltimore Metropolitan Council

The Emergency Responder Subgroup of the MDOT Connected and Automated Vehicle Work Group is developing a resource for emergency responders that compiles useful links related to connected and automated vehicles. Eileen Singleton will provide a demonstration of the site.

## 2:55 Open Discussion/Questions

Facilitated by Eileen Singleton

Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions of any speakers or about any TIM-related topics.

## 3:10 Closing Remarks

Raj Sharma, Electronic Engineer, Traffic Division, Baltimore City Department of Transportation & Co-Chair, Traffic Incident Management for the Baltimore Region Committee

# TIM Training Update – Pat Rooney



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Office of Transportation Mobility and Operations

## Baltimore Metropolitan Council

### Traffic Incident Management for the Baltimore Region Committee

**Pat Rooney**

**Training and Certification Manager**

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## Traffic Incident Management Responder Training Update

- As of November 8, 2021, there have been 7,382 responders in Maryland trained in classroom sessions. Another 1,206 completed the on-line version of the courses with another 308 completing the Train-the-Trainer course. This makes a grand total of 8,896 responders trained in Maryland. This does not include those classes conducted during the Crash Responder Awareness Week. Nationally, 551,983 responders have completed the training.

# TIM Training Program Implementation Progress

## Responder Training: In-Person & WBT

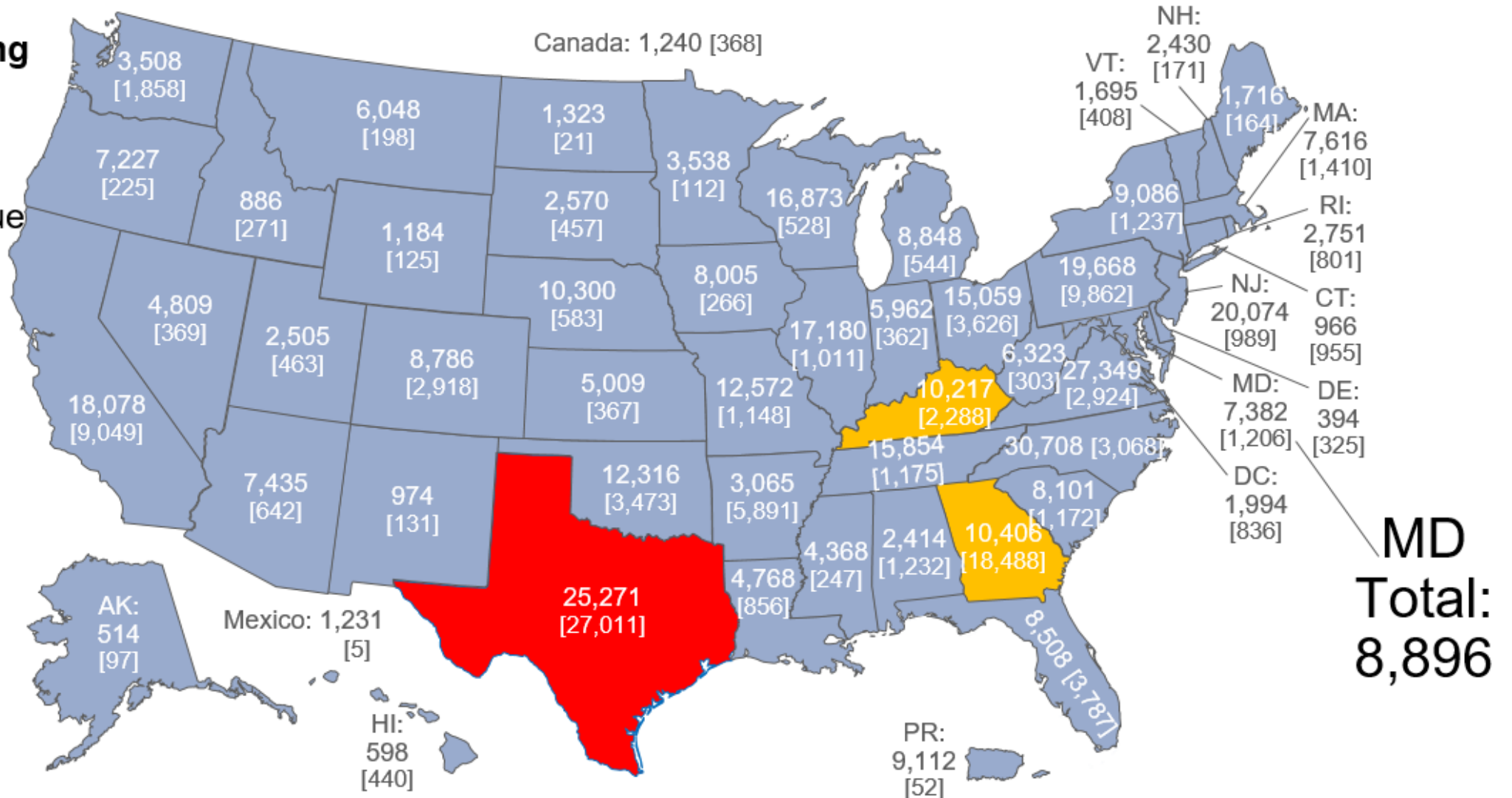
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### States Mandating TIM Training:

- TX – LE
- Fire / Rescue
- Ky – EMS
- GA – EMS

### LE Tow LIST

- TN
- VA
- NJ
- CA
- AZ
- OK
- IL



**MD Total: 8,896**

Number of Responders Trained: In-Person - **426,814** Web-Based Training (WBT) - **[116,515]**

# TIMBR Committee 12/01/2021

## Recent Training & Events

- September 1, 2021: CHART provided a 4-hour Traffic Incident Management Responder Class at the Hanover Complex.
- September 12, 2021: The CHART Training Manager completed the training of two new TIM Instructors for the Maryland State Police.
- September 22, 2021: CHART provided a 4-hour Traffic Incident Management Responder Class at the Hanover Complex.
- In conjunction with the Crash Responder Safety Week, TIM Responder Classes were conducted at the Hanover Complex on November 8<sup>th</sup> , 9<sup>th</sup> , 10<sup>th</sup> , and 12<sup>th</sup> .
- November 16, 2021, CHART provided a TIM Responder Class at the MSP Hagerstown Barracks which included troopers and other responders from the surrounding area.

***The End***

***Questions?***

## 5. Other Business

- Suggestions for presentations/discussions at future meetings
- 2022 meetings:
  - March 2, June 1, September 7, December 7