



**TIME Task Force Meeting Minutes**  
**GDOT Transportation Management Center**  
**November 6, 2003**  
**10:00 am - 12:00 pm**

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**I. Welcome: Gary Millsaps**

Gary welcomed everyone and briefly mentioned the I-75 HERO incident that occurred that same morning. Two trucks were lost, but everyone was okay. Everyone pulled together to make the situation safer and remove themselves quickly.

**II. Tabletop/Mock Incident: Scott Malcolm**

Scott spoke on behalf of Larry Siebolt concerning the “Mock Incident” that will occur on November 12<sup>th</sup>, 10 am – 3pm, at Remtech Offices. Representatives from Gwinnett Fire and Police, Cobb County Fire and Police, Remtech-Engineering, and Towing and Recovery will come together to simulate a major disaster. The purpose of this activity is to experience working in a controlled environment to determine needs and resources needed when an event occurs. This is a good way to address issues in a controlled environment and for obtaining good information for future training. All agencies are invited to participate – please contact Scott Malcolm.

**III. Annual Meeting Feedback: Daniel Fodera**

Daniel led the group in self introductions and requested feedback from the annual meeting.

**Positive Feedback:**

- Food and Fellowship
- Opportunity to build relationships with different agencies
- Jeff Lindley’s “Top 5” lists
- Leadership support
- Broader base of support
- Recognition from Governor – Proclamation
- Interaction with Committee Tables
- Appropriate Length – 2 hours
- Good location
- Good start time – 10 am

**Improvements:**

- Food – menu
- Lack of elected officials
- No representatives from the Department of Natural Resources
- Lack of various city/county participation
- More media presence needed
- Bad date – October 1<sup>st</sup>
- Committees needed to discuss more concrete issues and successes
- Early planning needed
- “Best Practices” were not showcased
- No Incident Management education materials

**Suggestions:**

- Organize forum for elected officials only

- Agencies needed: USFS, coronary office, GEMA, All Centers across the area
- Use media as vehicle for special traffic reporting. Media is willing, but needs access [COMMITTEE'S WILL ADDRESS]

**IV Gwinnett Steering Meeting Update: Dan Bruno**

Gwinnett County has a steering committee that comes together with other Gwinnett County emergency responders to discuss issues related to Incident Management on the interstates. Please see attached [meeting minutes](#) from last steering committee meeting.

- Carla displayed examples of mock incidents and their economic impact. As little as 5 minutes of improved incident management can have a big impact.

**VI. Debriefing: Steve Goodyear**

Steve discussed the “Big Wreck” that occurred on September 30<sup>th</sup> on I-75. 8 car accident, 16 people injured, no fatalities. I-75 NB just south of I-575: 6 lanes wide with 2 right lanes designated as exit ramps for I-575 and on-merge lanes for HWY 5 and HWY 5 connector. GDOT had set up a closure on far right lane of I-75 for a construction project, which caused traffic in the far right lane to slow down and merge. This slow down created a chain reaction where a big truck was on top of a little truck, which hit several vehicles. One car hit an 18 wheeler hauling concrete which caused the rear axles to pop off which caused the concrete to fly 600 feet down the interstate. The following were positive responding events:

- GDOT was on the scene
- Steve’s unit was working close and responded quickly in full force. 8-9 crash investigators, 15 motor officers were there quickly.
- Jurisdiction issues (city limits Marietta/Cobb County) – everyone responded quickly (Marietta Fire & Police and Cobb Fire & Police) therefore jurisdiction was determined quickly.
- HERO created a detour at the HWY 5 connector.
- GSP volunteered to direct the traffic after it got off the HWY 5 corridor.
- Marietta Police directed the HWY 41 corridor.
- HERO created a zigzag cone lane through the crash scene.
- 17<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Project construction contractors donated a crane and flat bed to pick up the concrete from the interstate.
- 2 wrecking companies worked together to load the concrete onto the flat bed and remove it from the scene.
- Everybody worked together to respond and clear the incident quickly.
- Prime example of responding quickly: All lanes open and all evidence cleared in **3 hours 49 minutes.**
- Thank you GDOT, HERO, Cobb County, Marietta County, GSP, Towing and recovery – No Fatalities!!

**Lessons Learned:**

- Central Incident Command Post with someone there is needed – with a 1000 ft long wreck, a lot of time was spent walking and looking for people.

**Questions:**

Q: Was the clearance quicker because there were no fatalities?

A: No, the incident was treated as a fatality.

Q: Could the motorists see the injured parties?

A: There were so many people around the incident that nothing could be seen; however, cars were not directed through the scene until the injured were removed.

Q: Was a photo modeler used for photographs?

A: No, the scene was too big. Usually only works for small scenes of around 100 ft.

**VII . Subcommittee Announcements:**

**Vicki (Communications Committee):**

Vicki asked the group to consider the following question: The Governor is now talking about transportation week, how long does TIME wait before we put ourselves in the spot light?

**Charlene (Announcements):**

- 1) The technology committee and the communication committee will be split. The idea is to have MITSI under the technology committee. Please sign up with Charlene if you would like to be on a committee.
- 2) Volunteers are needed to host the next TIME meeting – space should be able to occupy a minimum of 50 people.
- 3) Volunteers are needed for the planning committee – Planning for the next annual meeting is starting.
- 4) Calendars will be set for the entire year (or perhaps quarterly) for all TIME meetings.

**Words of Wisdom:**

**Learn to cheat, steal and lie.**

**Cheat death and stay safe.**

**Steal time to be with your family.**

**Lie down next to the person you love.**

**VII. Adjourn**