

## JUNE 24, 2011 Bartow County TIM Team Meeting

### **Ray King** – Welcome and introduction

- Introductions around the room
- Talk about this Vest video, how many have seen it and its impact
- ORP – statewide policy – Governor to sign, possible future press release
- NIMS training

### **Chief Carter** – Unified Command presentation

*“Its all about the attitude”*

N Ga commander of IMT – disasters, as IC I have to build relationships. The Cartersville Porter St. incident proved it helps to know others before hand. Same with the Oklahoma city bombing and disaster. Plan, we plan a lot. Plan for the expected is what we do; planning for unexpected is hard. I-75 will make us comfortable handling larger incidences. But we have to prepare for the unexpected. What if 75 were locked down for days?

Unified command history:

- NYC didn't have IM Teams prior to 9/11
- Unified Command began in California under Firescope – “all hazard” approach
- Fundamentals are the same no matter the problem
- Presidential directive – NIMS made this a national effort

Definition of Unified Command – a structure that brings together the ‘Incident Commanders’ of all major organizations involved in the incident in order to coordinate an effective response while at the same time carrying out their own jurisdictional responsibilities.

Who has stuff to play in the game?

- Law Enforcement
- Fire
- Recovery
- Haz Mat
- EMS
- EPA
- EPD
- DOT

Initial > Mitigate > Recovery

Am I a member of the Unified Command?

- Jurisdictional authority or functional responsibility under a law or ordinance.
- Have an area of responsibility that is affected by the incident or response operations
- Be specifically charged with commanding, coordinating, or managing a major aspect of the response
- Have the resources to support participation in the response organization.

The makeup of the UC may change as an incident progresses; in order to account for changes in the situation.

The primary objectives are to minimize loss, enhance life safety, and live to play another day.

Attitude – It is amazing what you can accomplish if you don't care who gets the credit – Harry S Truman

Disaster is any incident that overwhelms your resources

Communications – importance, interpersonal kind is what made the OK City disaster a success.

**Ray –**

**Chief Bradley** on emergency response drill at the new Cass High School

Active shooter drill – comprised of an IED on school bus, secondary offsite @ White elementary in dumpster

The scenario included multiple active shooters, ROTC 'victims', response from BCSO. SWAT was called and responded.

Command structure set up from BCSO, safety officer, EMS.

Cartersville Fire, Euharlee PD, Cartersville PD were the participants.

Issues: Communications was an issue

Ray – The Sheriff's Office ran command structure. Fire usually does that...but depending on the incident, that may change and fire would need to provide a supporting instead of leading role.

Break

Towers – raising the bar.

**Jeremy and Rodney Martin** discussion on towing and Communication

Rodney - We're never really SURE of what equipment is needed on scene. If we could communicate prior to deploying, we could bring the correct equipment. Attitude has been great on scene.

Jeremy – we'll need to know if we need to set up traffic control. Paint a picture of the scene.

Safety –

First responders – we all need to know what each others' capabilities are...

Yellow lights – discussion

Questions about haz-mat and who pays. Chief Carter says he has a checklist to go over w/haz-mat company. DISCUSSION. The scene changes to a planned event at some point.

**Incident review** – Sunday June 19 – single MVA 8 occupants 2 ejections. Celebration @ Redtop. Vehicle impacted guardrail. **Lt. Teems** – weekend, unique call. 515pm. Very disorganized scene. IC : EMS, Fire, station 6. Requested multiple units. People coming up ramp the wrong way, called for BCSO for assist. Single incident, lots of people at the scene. Discrepancy in story regarding victims, etc. 5 occupants didn't have seatbelt, the driver overcorrected and hit guardrail. 2 were ejected out back window of SUV. Walking wounded with family members that arrived on scene in separate vehicles. Repeatedly had to tell family to keep off scene. Outside and middle lane were blocked. EMS arrived. Shut down 75 NB prior to air lift. Secured vehicle, patient care...other family members making scene unstable. One flown to Scottish Rite, 2 to Kennestone others to Floyd. 6 EMS on scene. Concern about secondary incidents. Called wreckers once life flight left, staged until helicopter lifts off.

**Chief Stan Bradley** – communication

Radio system has worked many years but we're reaching the point where we need to update our radio system. Going to narrow-banding which reduces distances covered. Bartow County is looking @ the P25 digital 800 system. This system should hold for 100 years technologically. The system is so different from current system. Not looking for a stand-alone system. We need to be able to have cross-agency communications. We're looking into grants for interoperability. SPLOST request for \$15M for this upgrade in Bartow County. Lake Point is coming and will put a strain on the current system. P25 is a Fantastic system. It works with communications groups. Cobb has master site along w/5-6 other counties/cities. We would hub from Cobb for better inter-agency/jurisdiction communication vs. a stand-alone system which would limit interoperability; it would be possible through switching. The

current system cannot grow with upcoming challenges. The digital system is large enough to grow almost infinitely.

**Lt Duncan** – EMS - 20 year veteran of Bartow County. Video from 2008 – “Last Date”

18 minute video. Huge impact. Bartow – ZERO deaths since video, two prior (maybe 3). Positive impact. Proposing another video. Asking for volunteers to help w/new video. “Last Date” is on the Bartow TIM page of [www.timetaskforce.com](http://www.timetaskforce.com)

**Ray** – upcoming meeting topic – Complacency.

Adjournment at noon.

