

News from the Traffic Incident Management Enhancement (TIME) Task Force

Endorsements Grow for Georgia Open Roads Policy

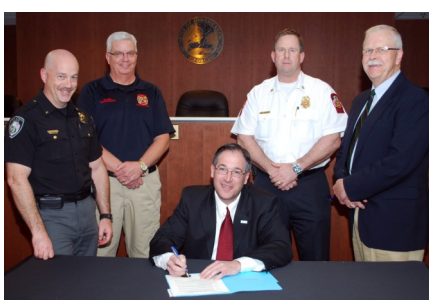
The Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) recently passed a resolution supporting the Georgia Open Roads Policy, encouraging other governmental agencies to join in support.

The ARC is the latest organization signing off on the Georgia Open Roads Policy. Other endorsing entities include the following:

- City of Dunwoody Police
- City of College Park Police
- City of Johns Creek
- Gwinnett County Police
- Towing Recovery Association of Georgia
- Metro Atlanta Fire Chiefs Association
- Northwest Georgia Fire Chiefs Association
- Georgia Coroners Association

The Georgia Open Roads Policy affirms that after an incident occurs, clearing the travel portion of a roadway is a high priority. Roadways will not be closed or restricted any longer than is absolutely necessary.

For information about adopting the Open Roads Policy in your area, contact Kofi Wakhisi of the Atlanta Regional Commission at 404-463-3173 or KWakhisi@atlantaregional.com.



Johns Creek Mayor Mike Bodker signs the Open Roads policy with Police Chief Ed Densmore, Dep. Fire Marshal Emory Ramey, Fire Chief Jeff Hogan and Rory Howe of Delcan.

TIME Task Force: Chairman's Corner



Mark Hambert
Georgia State Patrol Troop C Commander
Co-Chairman, TIME Task Force

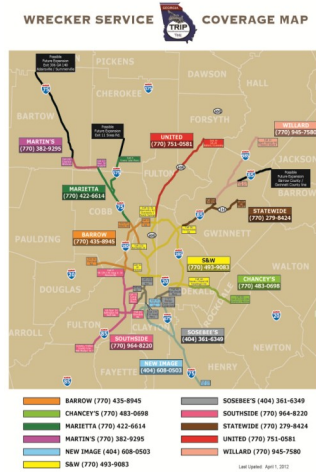
The Georgia State Patrol is preparing to start working the majority of crashes on the I-75 corridor in Cobb County. Preparation is in progress as the entire 90th Georgia State Patrol Trooper School will come to the Atlanta metro area after graduation.

The majority of these Troopers will be placed in Post 9 Marietta. These new additions will bring the total number of Troopers at Post 9 to 35, with their primary responsibility being to work the high crash corridor of I-75 in Cobb County.

Some preliminary meetings have taken place, and my department looks forward to partnering with other agencies to focus on alleviating traffic congestion due to crashes. The 90th Trooper School is scheduled to graduate on Oct. 19, 2012, and shortly afterwards the implementation of our plans will be operational.

New TRIP Routes Begin April 1

New revised routes went into effect April 1 for Georgia's Towing and Recovery Incentive Program (TRIP).



Territorial boundaries were updated following a careful review and negotiation process.

The new TRIP routes reflect the program's growth with the addition of Chancey's Wrecker

Service on I-20 east of Atlanta and United Towing on Ga. 400. Future possible expansions are being evaluated along I-75 North, I-85 North and I-575.

All of the latest TRIP information is available online from the TIME Task Force site. [Click this link for more details](#), and click the map image to download a copy.

TRIP Spotlight: Barrow Wrecker Service



Barrow Wrecker Service has provided heavy- and light-duty towing and recovery services throughout metro Atlanta since 1968.

Barrow Wrecker was selected as one of the original TRIP companies in 2008. Since that time, Barrow personnel have responded to approximately 55 TRIP incidents.

Barrow owner Paris Blaylock said TRIP has emphasized quick roadway clearance as a need for all incidents. He said TRIP underscores the importance of cooperation between his company, government agencies, responders and other towing professionals.

Blaylock said one of his most memorable TRIP incidents involved an overturned concrete pump truck weighing 137,000 pounds. The incident occurred on I-285 during rush hour traffic.

"Three TRIP companies working together cleared the incident in less than 90 minutes without shutting down the interstate except for 5 minutes during the actual upright," Blaylock said. "This kind of cooperation was not possible before the TRIP program."



Capt. Gwendolyn Fulton of the Georgia Department of Public Safety's Motor Carrier Compliance Division is now chairman of TIME's Training Committee. We appreciate her participation and leadership.

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WreckMaster Level 4/5 Training - April 28-29

Martin's Wrecker Service
454 Martin Road Cartersville, GA 30120
\$495.00

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Meeting Recap: April 2012 Quarterly

Nearly 60 individuals joined in the first TIME Task Force meeting hosted by the Dunwoody Police Department. Chief Billy Grogan used the occasion to supply his department's endorsement of the Georgia Open Roads Policy.

The meeting included discussions on July's statewide one-cent sales tax referendum for regional transportation improvements, proper lighting for incident scenes and the new TRIP routes.

Also discussed were GDOT's plans to open flex lanes on Ga. 400. Starting May 14, a portion of Ga. 400 will have specially designated shoulder space available for commuter travel, which should assist in congestion reduction and improved drive times. Shoulder lane use is also a concern for emergency responders of all types.

Flex lane use will initially open southbound from Holcomb Bridge Road to the North Springs MARTA station. GDOT will undertake a large media and public information campaign to inform everyone of the new traffic pattern.

We appreciate the presentations delivered by Capt. Mark Hambert, Kofi Wakhisi, Brian Allen, Lt. Hawk Hagebak, Kathy Zahul and Mike Dover.



Chief Billy Grogan, right, signs the Georgia Open Roads Policy alongside Mark Hambert, GSP Commander and TIME Task Force co-chairman.

SAVE THE DATE:

Plan to join the TIME Task Force Annual Conference.

Details coming soon!
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2012 TIME Annual Conference
Celebrating 10 Years of Traffic Incident Management Enhancement



October 22-23, 2012
DoubleTree by Hilton
1075 Holcomb Bridge Road
Roswell, GA 30076