

The newsletter of the Traffic Incident Management Enhancement (TIME) Task Force and the Towing and Recovering Incentive Program (TRIP)

Welcome!

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Whether you're a new friend of the TIME Task Force and TRIP or a long-time supporter, we thank you for your interest.

We hope you will find this newsletter informative, and we welcome you to the June 2011 issue of Georgia's Traffic Incident Management TIMES.

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July 2011 Quarterly Meeting

Save the date! The next TIME Quarterly Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July, 26 at 10AM at DeKalb County Fire Rescue HQ, 1950 West Exchange Place, Tucker, GA 30084 ([map](#)).

This meeting promises to be entertaining and informative, so mark your calendars now!

Stay Tuned for Details about these Upcoming Events:

Tenth Annual TIME Conference
Georgia TIM Guidelines Training
Big Rig Rescue Course

TRIP Wins International Award



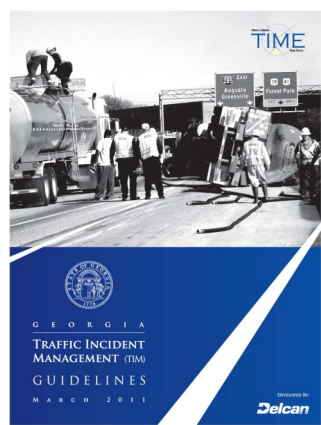
TRIP has won another award to add to its past successes: the 2011 Delcan Global Excellence Award. This honor represents Delcan's highest level of professional recognition.

This year's awards program honored nine best-in-class projects from around the world. Congratulations to everyone who contributed to this distinction—you've made TRIP a world-class program!

Request for Silent Auction Donations

The TIME Task Force Board of Directors will once again host a silent auction at this year's conference to help fund this important event. The silent auction relies on donated goods and services, so if you or anyone you know would like to contribute, please contact [Carla Holmes](#). Your donation is 100% tax-deductible!

Georgia TIM Guidelines Finalized



Efforts to document more consistent guidelines for managing incident scenes on Georgia roadways are complete!

The Georgia Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Guidelines, which will help provide a safe work environment for all incident responders, were recently signed by GDOT Commissioner Vance C. Smith, Jr. and State Transportation Board Chairman Rudy Bowen.

These guidelines provide a uniform approach for all agencies participating in any aspect of traffic incidents on the Georgia roadways.

To download a copy, visit <http://timtaskforce.com/resources.html>.

New Training from the Coalition

The I-95 Corridor Coalition has developed an online Incident Management Core Competencies Training Module. This approximate hour-long course covers basic scene safety and traffic management core competencies through a series of instructional videos followed by quizzes.

To access this online training course, visit the Coalition's website (<http://www.i95coalition.org/i95/Default.aspx>).



Did you know that the TIME Task Force is on Facebook? Please [visit/like our page](#) and never miss another update!

TRIP Spotlight: Sosebee's

This month's TRIP spotlight is on Sosebee's Garage & Wrecker Service in Hapeville. Family-owned and in business since 1969, Sosebee's has a team of eight drivers that has successfully conquered every emergency situation they've come across.

Sosebee's most challenging incident involved a loaded tractor-trailer that fell off the overpass at Forest Parkway onto I-75. The trailer was still caught on the bridge, but Sosebee's was up to the challenge of recovering it.



Sosebee's Tractor-Trailer Recovery

When asked why Sosebee's became a TRIP company, Operations Manager Barbara Irby answered, "Because we enjoy the challenge of tractor-trailer incidents, and we want to be part of the solution to the growing traffic tie-ups in Atlanta." She encourages all incident responders to work together to help clear travel lanes even faster.

The entire TIME Task Force is grateful for your years of service, Sosebee's!

Meeting Recap: April 2011 Quarterly

The second 2011 TIME Task Force Quarterly Meeting held on Tuesday, April 19 from 10AM – 12PM at the TMC was a huge success. More than 100 attendees enjoyed GDOT's hospitality and heard presentations on results of the TRIP benefit-cost study, HERO advance warning procedures, GDOT's summer construction plans, updates to the NavigAtor II software, and incident debriefs from Cobb County. TIME offers huge thanks to all the presenters: Ron Boodhoo, Andy Phlegar, Jerry White, Lillian Jackson, Roberto Perez, and Lt. Hawk Hagebak.

After the meeting, Hugh Colton gave a tour of the TMC Operations Floor. Courtesy of our generous sponsors, Serco, Gresham Smith & Partners, and Atkins, a networking LunchTIME Social helped traffic incident management colleagues from all agencies put faces to names. Special kudos to Major Dan Branch and Gary Millsaps for donning aprons and grilling delicious hotdogs and hamburgers and to Carla Holmes for organizing the entire day.

For more information about this or any other previous TIME meeting, visit <http://timtaskforce.com/archivemeeting.html>.



A Full House at the April Quarterly