

## Georgia's Traffic Incident Management TIMES

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

### Welcome!

September 2010

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 September issue of Georgia's Traffic Incident Management TIMES.

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### 2010 TIME Annual Conference: Don't delay—register today!

The 2010 TIME Conference is just around the corner! This year, the conference will be held on Monday and Tuesday, October 25 and 26, at the Foundry Park Inn and Spa in beautiful Athens. The conference theme is Preventing Secondary Crashes, which has become a vital factor in first responder and traveler safety.

The conference will include innovative sessions, panels, and discussions targeted at concerned incident responders and transportation and public safety executives. A silent auction and Awards Banquet will occur on Monday evening.



The Foundry Park Inn and Spa in Athens, GA

In response to state and local budget challenges, TIME is providing free conference registration to all public agency and first responder personnel. The cost for private sector attendees is \$150.

This is one conference you won't want to miss. If you haven't registered yet, there's still time. Click [here](#) to for more information and to register online.

We look forward to seeing you in a few weeks in Athens!

### Statewide Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Guidelines Coming Soon

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

The development of Georgia Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Guidelines, which will help provide a safe work environment for all incident responders, kicked off earlier this month with a steering committee meeting held at HERO Headquarters on September 1, 2010.

Thank you to the following agencies that participated in our first meeting: Atlanta Fire Rescue, Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC), Cartersville Fire Department, Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Georgia Division, Georgia Regional Transportation Authority (GRTA), Georgia State Patrol, Georgia State Road & Tollway Authority (SRTA), Gwinnett Police Department, Rural/Metro Ambulance, and Sandy Springs Fire Rescue.

These guidelines will provide a uniform approach for all agencies participating in any aspect of traffic incidents on the Georgia roadways. The TIM Guidelines will be available in early 2011.

### NEWS BULLETIN: Available Training Courses

- TIME is offering a two-day course in both Rockdale and Bartow Counties dedicated to **tanker truck emergency response**. This course is free-of-charge for public safety agencies. The courses will be held on October 2-3 in Rockdale and October 4-5 in Bartow and instructed by Safe Transportation Training Specialists (STTS).
- The next **TRIP Level II** training will be held on Saturday and Sunday, October 30 and 31. This supervisor-level training will give towing responders the knowledge they need to ensure correct procedures at major incident scenes.

For more information about available training courses, contact Akilah Roberson by [email](#) or by phone (404-320-1776).

### TRIP Spotlight: Southside Wrecker

Thanks to a new on-going column in the TIMES newsletter, you can learn more about our TRIP wrecker services. Each issue will feature a different company.

This month's TRIP Spotlight Company is Southside Wrecker, owned by Jeff Poquette and Bart Lundy. One of the original four TRIP companies, Southside started as a family-owned business in 1981, and Jeff and Bart purchased it in January 2008. They now have 20 employees, 17 trucks, and 2 yards (in Newnan and Union City).

Jeff and Bart agree that Southside's biggest challenge to date was the gasoline tanker TRIP incident in November 2008. During that incident, approximately 5,000 gallons of gasoline spilled onto the roadway, creating a serious hazard. After Southside received the Notice to Proceed (NTP), they up-righted the overturned truck and cleared the roadway within 49 minutes. Ultimately, that incident helped them win the 2008 TIME Savers Award.



Southside's biggest TRIP incident

Southside Wrecker now offers a TRIP-certified training course to help with annual training credits. The course, Real Solutions for Heavy Duty Quick Clearance, was approved earlier this year. The 8-hour on-going training credit class addresses specific situations that towers have experienced during TRIP activations including Proper Vehicle Staging, Using High Pressure Lifting Bags, and Personal Protection Equipment.

Be sure to check out next TRIP Spotlight, which will highlight Marietta Wrecker.

### TRIP named best practice

Earlier this year, the I-95 Corridor Coalition published the Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Teams Best Practice Report. The report discusses many cutting-edge TIM Best Practices, but it highlights five programs in particular for their innovation and success. Georgia's Towing and Recovery Incentive Program (TRIP) is identified as one of the Coalition's five best of the best practices discussed throughout the report.

Congratulations to the following five practices (listed here in no particular order) for being highlighted in the Coalitions' Best Practices Report:

- Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission Incident Management Task Force (IMTF) Policy Violation Acknowledgement Form
- Florida's TIME4Safety Traffic Incident Management Handbook and Training Modules
- Georgia's Towing and Recovery Incentive Program (TRIP)
- New York's Streaming Video on Highway Emergency Local Patrol (HELP) Trucks
- North Carolina Incident Management Best Practices Training Video



Responders at a TRIP incident

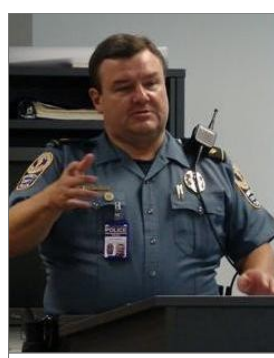
The I-95 Corridor Coalition's Traffic Incident Management Teams Best Practice Report can be found in its entirety [here](#).

### Quarterly Meeting Held at Gwinnett West Precinct

The latest TIME Quarterly Meeting, held on August 10, was hosted by Major Dan Branch and the Gwinnett County Police Department at the West Precinct in Norcross. More than 45 friends of the TIME Task Force from agencies across the metro area attended.

Russell McDaniel of Air Methods Corporation gave a presentation entitled "Helicopter Safety for Scene Response" that explained proper landing zone set-up and safety concerns for first responders on the ground.

Bartow County Fire Battalion Chief David Levey reviewed a two-incident day near Cartersville in July. The incidents that included ejections and air medics occurred within hours of each other on opposite sides of I-75. Thanks to communication and teamwork, Bartow County responders were able to successfully clear both scenes without further incident. Great job Bartow County!



Major Dan Branch

More information about these presentations and updates from each of the TIME committees can be found [here](#). For details on upcoming quarterly meetings, be on the lookout for email announcements, and be sure to check the TIME Task Force [website](#).

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