

The Traffic Incident Management Enhancement (TIME) Task Force was formed in August 2002 to address the critical issues of mobility and safety related to incident management in the Metro Atlanta region. The task force is made up of concerned incident responders from transportation agencies, fire, rescue, police, towing, emergency medical services, etc.

### THE MISSION

The mission of TIME is to develop and sustain a region-wide incident management program to facilitate the safest and fastest roadway clearance, lessening the impact on emergency responders and the motoring public.

### THE PURPOSE

The purpose of TIME is to continue the dialogue of inter-agency coordination and cooperation, to create an opportunity for multi-agency training which promotes teamwork, and to serve as a platform for participants to develop common operation strategies and a better understanding of other agencies' roles and responsibilities.

### ANNUAL CONFERENCE

On November 7-8, 2005, the TIME Task Force held its first Annual Traffic Incident Management Conference themed "TIME for ACTION" in Dillard, Georgia. The Governor proclaimed November 8, 2005 Georgia Incident Management Day in recognition of the efforts of the Task Force. Approximately 90 stakeholders from various emergency service agencies were in attendance to discuss important issues to facilitate the safest and fastest roadway clearance of incidents.

Conference speakers emphasized the importance of teamwork, cooperation and continued support of the TIME Task Force. The event achieved its goal in gathering concerned responders from various jurisdictions to discuss the importance of incident management, educated agencies on methods to improve safety and clearance times, and collect valuable information from national experts.

Topics of interest emphasized:

- Teamwork
- Developing local jurisdictional TIM Teams
- Participating in the TIME Task Force
- Exemplifying good incident management practices, as well as lessons-learned
- Coordinating among various agencies
- Sharing the latest technologies and training methods for up-righting overturned vehicles
- Reviewing of the National perspective on traffic-incident management

While there is much work still to do, the TIME Task Force has made great strides in pursuing its goal of enhancing traffic-incident management in metro-Atlanta.