



TIME Task Force Quarterly Meeting Minutes
Roswell-Alpharetta Public Safety Training Center
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I. Welcome: Chief Edwin Williams, Roswell Police Department

Chief Williams welcomed everyone to the Roswell-Alpharetta Training Center. He informed everyone that one of the first TIME meetings was held in Roswell—A small group gathered to discuss way to better manage incident. He was very proud that the group continues to meet and he is impressed with the organization's accomplishments.

II. Introductions: Gary Millsaps, Highway Emergency Response Operators (HERO)

There were a few new members in attendance at the Quarterly Meeting. Mr. Millsaps welcomed the new faces, briefly discussed the benefits and goals of the TIME Task Force, and initiated self-introductions among the group.

Goals of TIME

- Increase public awareness of regional incident management.
- Develop/deliver common training for incident responders.
- Coordinate, communicate, and cooperate between different agencies in the region.

Mission of TIME

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.

Purpose of TIME

- To continue the dialogue on ways to improve inter-agency coordination and cooperation.
- To create an opportunity for multi-agency training this promotes teamwork.
- To serve as a platform for participants to develop common operational strategies and a better understanding of other agencies' roles and responsibilities.

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III. Georgia Communication Improvements: Major Savage, Atlanta Police Department

Major Savage discussed the communication efforts of the Atlanta Police Department. He has twenty-five years of experience in law enforcement and realizes the importance of interoperability between agencies. Unfortunately everyone does not communicate on an incident-scene and this needs to be changed. Mr. Savage told personal stories of situations when

interoperability was crucial and stressed to the group the value of taking a common-sense approach.

A communications plan is currently being developed by the City of Atlanta, Fulton County, and Dekalb County to improve emergency responder radio communications in the seven-county Metro Atlanta area. The primary purpose of the system is incident command and mobile coverage.

The Plan involves a simulcast overlay for 800 MHz radios built with an incident management protocol. This will allow radio communication between different jurisdictions. A master switch was needed to have this seamless communication. Luckily Cobb County had a master switch and offered their assistance to the communications efforts.

Mutual talk groups were identified as a short-term solution to the communications plan. This model will be rolled over in the new overlay system and can be used in 800 MHz radio today and digital in the future.

The communication improvement efforts were coordinated between City of Atlanta, Dekalb County and Fulton County with a memorandum of understanding between the various jurisdictions. Grant funding in the amount of \$10.7 Million was awarded through Homeland Security funds.

Three teams were put in place to develop the communication plan: Technical, Operations and Financial.

The complete date of the communications plan was originally scheduled for December 2005, but because of permitting and logistic reasons the date has been extended to complete in the first quarter of 2006.

Q: What other agencies will join the communication plan?

A: MARTA has been to meetings and purchased radios. They currently have funding to implement the plan. Other counties are trying to link onto the backbone of the system. Agencies need to be aware of the importance of buying the same system so Metro Atlanta can stay unified.

For more information on Major Savage's presentation, please contact Christine Macaulay (macaulay@pbworld.com)

IV. Activity Updates: TIME Task Force Committee Members

Mshadoni Smith (FHWA) reminded everyone that TIME will conduct a reassessment by mid June. She will be sending out a survey to Task Force members asking about the progress of TIME and incident management.

Carla Holmes (GDOT) discussed coordination efforts with the Fulton County EMA. The TIME Task Force will be attending the EMA meeting to give information on TIME and get better involvement and participation from EMAs.

Gary Millsaps (HERO) updated everyone on the TIM Teams. TIM Teams will be established in local jurisdictions and consist of members of local emergency service agencies, who work together on a daily basis. TIM Teams will ultimately improve the effectiveness of the TIME Task Force by addressing operational problems and developing strategies at the local levels and then sharing their ideas and experiences at the regional level. This sharing of information and ideas between the TIME Task Force and TIM Teams will assist the organization in reaching our goal of enhancing traffic incident management.

Current TIM teams are established in Roswell and Gwinnett.

Christine Macaulay (PB Farradyne) reminded everyone of the 2005 Goal of the TIME Task Force: To Formalize the organizational structure of the Task Force. In efforts of meeting this goal, the Task Force will be accepting nominations for the 2006-2007 Year. The following positions will be available for election and/or appointment: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Five Board of Directors.

Please login to the [TIME](#) Web site for more information on the 2006 Nominations.

V. After Incident Review (AIR) Presentation: Chief George Walker, Fulton Co. Fire Dept

Captain Walker discussed the HazMat incident that occurred on April 15, 2005 at I-285 WB @ Riverside Drive in Fulton County. The responding agencies involved included Fulton PD, GSP, Fulton Fire Department, HERO, DOT Maintenance, Towing and Recovery and HazMat Services.

Fulton County Fire Department was called to the scene by Hero Units requesting a “wash down.” On arrival a corrosive placard was observed on the rear of the Tractor Trailer involved and staged about 100 feet east of this location blocking the right two lanes of I-285. Control zones were established and assistance from Cobb County was called promptly.

The Hazardous Material release was from the right front corner of the box trailer. The product was actively leaking onto the soil. The driver stated he was hauling a load of batteries, the load shifted and up to 40-50 gallon glass containers of battery acid broke and started to leak from the side of the trailer.

The entry revealed that the trailer contained approximately 30-35 gallon carboys of sulfuric acid, several large batteries, and no other products. Remtech was summoned by the spiller and the incident was released to them for disposition.

The following objectives were established:

- Probability of Hazardous Materials Identified
- Hot Zone created and entry to or through “hot zone” denied

- Recognizance of sight made to determine local containment of product.
- Entry of Hazardous Materials Team to determine extent of release.
- Determination if product posed an immediate risk to health.
- Make a reconnaissance entry to determine the extent of the release and approximate quantity of product.
- A determination if there were any other products involved.
- Feasibility of re-opening part of the Interstate Hwy would be determined given the above information.
- Notified the AFCEMA and the EPD that a hazardous materials release had occurred.

The products in the trailer were all waste. There was no information available that indicated that they were low hazard.

Q: What were the jurisdictional boundaries?

A: The incident occurred in Fulton County, however Cobb County was called right away. There is an overlap between jurisdictions and a high integrity of response. Whenever there is a gray area, there is not much lag in response. There are few problems within the boundaries.

Cobb County did a Level A entry, inspected the trailer, and conducted H2O samples. The local hazmat team was Cobb County.

The clean-up company (Remtech Engineering) did a fantastic job. The bill for clean-up usually goes to the insurance company, however, in rare emergencies the EMA will pay the clean up fees.

VI. Construction Jam 2005: Vicki Gavalas, Georgia Department of Transportation

Karlene Barron (GDOT) announced information on the Georgia construction season. People are more likely to tolerate delays if they are aware before hand. A press conference was scheduled to discuss the peak construction period information and educate motorist on what to expect. A huge media outreach was conducted and the event was held at the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce.

Construction information is available on the [Georgia DOT NaviGator Website](http://www.georgia-navigator.com/). Please login to <http://www.georgia-navigator.com/> for all your construction updates.

VI. TIME Incident Management Conference: Gary Millsaps, HERO

TIME will be hosting an Incident Management Conference on November 7 – 8, 2005 at the Dillard House in Rabun County. The program will include:

- Information on TIM Teams
- Information on available FHWA funding
- Incident Management Table Tops and discussions according to NIMS
- Exhibits

- Awards Dinner and Reception
- Governor's Communication Program
- I-95 Corridor Coalition
- Incident Management Technology Discussion (Photogrammetry vs. Total Stations)
- A hands-on roll-over demo: Have you personally uprighted a tractor/trailer?
- Plenty of social activities (horseback riding, hiking, and more)
- AND MORE!!!

Please contact Christine Macaulay (macaulay@pbworld.com) for more conference information.

Next Meeting: August 2, 2005

Location: Atlanta Chamber of Commerce