



**May Quarterly Meeting Minutes  
Roswell-Alpharetta Public Safety Training Center  
May 24, 2006**

**\*Attendees are included on the last page of these minutes.**

**I. Welcome: Chief Ed Williams, Roswell Police Department**

Chief Williams welcomed the Task Force to Roswell and expressed his support for TIME and the incident management initiatives being achieved by the organization. He also discussed the success of the Roswell local open roads policy.

**II. Introductions and Background: Gary Millsaps, TIME President**

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. NaviGator Web Update and Demonstration: James Gordon, Georgia DOT**

NaviGator Web is a web service framework created as an effective means to transfer transportation data among agencies with different legacy systems. The concepts encompassed by the NaviGator Web

Program will enable GDOT to realize the original vision for "NaviGator" under an accelerated schedule and at significantly lower costs than previously possible. The service allows for universal NaviGator participation to any transportation stakeholder or agency with access to the internet. The site provides access to NaviGator software functionality through an Application Service hosted by GDOT via a userid and password. Users will have the benefit of NaviGator, such as viewing cameras, reporting incidents, changing signs, creating messages and sharing information, without having to maintain any hardware or software. Internet access to NaviGator functionality is now available for agencies outside of GDOT by the application of internet based technologies.

Organizations can obtain web access to NaviGator free of charge by contacting James Gordon ([james.gordon@dot.state.ga.us](mailto:james.gordon@dot.state.ga.us)).

#### **IV. Specialized Collision Reconstruction Teams (SCRT): Lieutenant Peterman, Georgia State Patrol**

The SCRT originated in 1997 to investigate fatal crashes thoroughly by specially trained investigators and to properly document evidence in collisions to be used in court for successful prosecution of violators. As a result statistics are compiled in an effort to attempt to avoid future occurrences of similar collisions thus saving lives.

The SCRT complete numerous levels of training including the following:

- All levels of crash reconstruction currently taught at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center (GPSTC),
- Commercial Vehicle Reconstruction
- Air Brake Inspection and Analysis
- Motorcycle Collision Reconstruction
- Pedestrian / Bicycle Reconstruction
- Photography
- Crime Scene Evidence Collection
- Forensic Mapping and Collision Diagramming
- Applied Physics
- Vehicular Homicide Prosecution
- Stress Management
- Tire Damage Analysis

Currently there are 33 members on the SCRT located in five offices statewide. Members get involved when there is a fatality or anytime a state vehicle is involved in a fatal crash. SCRT uses both 35 mm and digital photography in crash scene investigations. Forensic mapping is also used to measure crash scenes and produce scale diagrams.

SCRT response trucks are outfitted with the following equipment:

- 7.5 kw Diesel Generator
- Permanent and Free Standing Portable Lights
- Air Compressor
- Air Brake Test Equipment

- Extensive Set of Tools
- 10,000 lb. Winch
- Measuring Equipment
- Sokkia Total Station (Forensic Mapping Device)
- Standard Fiberglass and Steel Tapes
- Roller Wheel
- Precision Calipers
- Digital Video Equipment
- Vericom VC-3000 Accelerometer
- Crash Data Retrieval System (CDR)
- Laptop Computers
- 35 mm Cameras
- Recording Devices

In addition, SCRT assist with collision investigations for local municipalities and sheriff's departments and training.

Question 1: How many SCRT members are present at an accident investigation?

Answer 1: Two members are available for each region, one on-call person and one alternate or back-up. There are no problems with state troopers collecting pictures and data to conduct timely responses.

Question 2: How much did the bomb scare cost in dollars?

Answer 2: The answer is unknown, but speculated to be several thousand dollars.

#### **V. New Traffic Incident Management Motorcycle Unit: Soffie Thigpen, Georgia State Patrol**

With the support of the Governor, a pilot program will place ten GSP motorcycle units in Metro Atlanta for the next five years. These units will be available on any interstate within the perimeter to aid in enforcement of aggressive drivers, moving fender-bender accidents off the interstate quickly, special events, details and escorts.

Motorcycle units were in place several years ago (1970's) but plenty of officers were injured. Injuries are the number one concern with this problem; however, a career in law enforcement is a risk regardless. The key to success of this program with minimal injuries will be extensive training. In addition to initial training, officers will be required to complete one day of mandatory training per month.

Bill 1209 will be signed on July 1<sup>st</sup> to finance this program. All fines from the motorcycle units will return to the unit with small fees being distributed to the city for court costs. The cost to purchase the motorcycles is \$277K.

Lieutenant Thigpen is the first woman Lieutenant in GSP and she will be the head of this motorcycle unit. The Unit is excited to make a difference on congestion in the region.

Questions resulted in the following points:

- The unit would like to train with all agencies, especially HERO's.

- The hours of operation will be mostly daytime because of safety precautions.
- Two motorcycle units can take the place of six squad cars by using the “leap frog” effect of blocking more vehicles.
- The unit will operate 12 month of the year with the exception of 17 days that riders will be limited due to weather constraints.

## **VI. After Incident Review (AIR) Presentation: Battalion Chief Jack Butler, Fulton County Fire Department**

Incident Date: March 6, 2006

Incident Location: I-285 Westbound between Glenridge Drive & Roswell Road

Responders: Fulton County PD, Fulton County Fire, Marietta Wrecker Service, HERO Units, DOT District Maintenance, Fulton County Medical Examiner

On March 6 at approximately 1255 hours, a motorist traveling westbound on I-285 just west of the Glenridge Road access ramp discovered a ladder lying just ahead of his car. He stopped in the travel lane. A tractor-trailer (#1) stopped behind the car. A second car, a Mazda sedan, stopped behind tractor-trailer #1. A second tractor-trailer (#2) saw the stopped vehicles and slammed on his brakes. Despite leaving at least 100 feet of tire rubber on the interstate, tractor-trailer #2 slammed into the Mazda, effectively folding it up from the rear like a bedroll. The front wheels came to rest on top of the driver, crushing him along with the rest of the Mazda. The four center lanes (of 6 total lanes) were blocked by the accident.

For a complete incident debrief report including incident response, lessons learned, and needed response areas of improvement please log onto the TIME Web site

(<http://www.timetaskforce.com/documents/roswell030606.pdf>).

## **VII. TIME Traffic Incident Management Strategic Vision: Marvin Woodward, Georgia Regional Transportation Authority (GRTA)**

The summary of Marvin’s presentation is represented in the Strategic Vision flier shown on the next page. The presentation resulted in the following summary of questions and comments:

- The team should sit down with the Medical Examiners to come up with an MOU together. The team agreed that working together was the key to success of this initiative.
- There are no known plans to widen I-85/I-75/I-20. Caroline Marshall (Atlanta Regional Commission) suggested visiting the long range transportation plan to get regional planning information. This can be found on the ARC Web site <http://www.atlantaregional.com>.

## **VIII. Activity Updates: Monica Luck (GDOT) and Dee Corson (GDOT)**

### **a. NaviGator 10th Anniversary**

On April 27, 2006, the Georgia NaviGator Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) celebrated ten years of excellent service. The ITS Georgia Chapter honored several champions of the original NaviGator system at an anniversary luncheon held at the Georgia DOT Transportation Management Center (TMC).

For a view of the article describing the details of this event please logon to the TIME Web site (<http://www.timetaskforce.com/documents/navigatoranniversary06l.pdf>).

### **b. Time Annual Conference**

TIME Conference 2006  
“Open Roads for a Faster Future”  
Callaway Gardens  
October 16-17, 2006

Call for Presentations: The TIME Annual Conference Program Committee invites paper and session submissions for the 2006 Conference.

Early Registration: \$75 until August 15, 2006.

To download registration forms [click here](#) or logon to the TIME Website.

## **IX. New Business**

### **a. Fulton County Training: Chief Smith, Fulton County Fire Department**

David Millirons with Prestige Wrecker has provided Fulton County Fire Department with old tankers to use for training purposes. Overturning trailers and buses are some exercises being conducted in South Fulton with the help of the wrecker services providing good, hands-on information. Fulton FD is currently trying to conduct state-certification training with Forsyth.

An agenda and session is currently being developed in an effort to formalize this training and offer it to other agencies and disciplines. If you are interested in using this equipment for training purposes or participating in existing training please contact David Millirons ([mvic1@bellsouth.net](mailto:mvic1@bellsouth.net)) or Christine Macaulay for a detailed announcement.

### **b. TIME Training**

TIME will be sponsoring a series of training courses throughout the year. Christine reached out to the members for feedback on what type of training should be offered and what would benefit the TIME members. A feedback ballot was given to everyone to rank the top three training courses they would like to be offered. Choices included:

- Introduction to TIME
- Site Management including Emergency Lighting Discipline and Vehicle Placement
- Traffic Control and Prevention of Secondary Crashes
- Quick Clearance Methods
- Managing Incidents on Congested Corridors
- Liability for Managing Traffic Incidents
- Managing Incidents in Construction Zones
- Motorist Information and Inter-agency Communications

Members were also given a chance to add courses to be considered for implementation. The Program and Institutional Issues Committee will tally the results of the questionnaire and start developing training courses.

If you would like to participate in the questionnaire or have additional questions, please contact Christine Macaulay.

**c. Performance Measures and TIM Web site, Daniel Fodera FHWA**

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is embarking in a national effort to measure incident management performance and Georgia is one of eleven focus states selected to aid in defining this process. This effort continues to be developed and further details and updates will be provided by Daniel.

The Traffic Incident Management Community of Practice (TIM CoP) is a web site designed to facilitate the exchange of experiences, knowledge, ideas, theories, practices policies, protocols, and procedures among traffic incident management practitioners. Resources available include discussion forums, events calendar, what's new, related links, and e-mail updates. Please visit the TIM Community of Practice Today at <http://timexchange.org>.

**X. 12:00 pm Adjourn**

Next Meeting: August 2006

Location: TBD

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