



**Quarterly Meeting
Roswell- Alpharetta Public Safety Training Center (RAPSTC)
11565 Maxwell Road, Roswell, GA 30076
August 26, 2008**

Meeting Minutes

10:00 am **Welcome: Chief Williams, City of Roswell Police Department**
A morning welcome from the City of Roswell Police Chief and brief update on City activities.

10:05 am **Introductions: Gary Millsaps, Highway Emergency Response Operator (HERO)**
Gary gave a brief introduction of the TIME Task Force, and meeting attendees introduced themselves (Table 1). He explained the meeting's purpose and the goal of the TIME Task Force, which is to ensure safety on Metro Atlanta Roadways and to make changes to implement Quick Clearance methods.

10:20 am **Georgia Targeting Aggressive Cars and Trucks (G-TACT) Program: Don Lively, MCCD**

Purpose:

G-TACT is an effort to enforce laws pertaining to aggressive driving, speeding, and following too closely. G-TACT is a program that tickets aggressive cars and trucks. The program aims to encourage drivers to leave more space between vehicles on the roadway. As well as slow down and drive defensively rather than aggressively.

Facts/ Updates:

Fifteen (15) percent of Georgia's roadway fatalities were the consequence of accidents and crashes caused by aggressive driving in 2004. August 26th 2008 marks the start of the three-day wave effort to prevent drivers from following too closely behind commercial trucks. The wave will be held throughout Gwinnett, Braselton and Jackson counties. The wave will place police officers in their vehicles at a specific mile marker on Interstate 85. Each officer will be responsible for taking notes on "hazardous drivers." They will not be giving tickets but will tally drivers who follow too closely to commercial vehicles, make illegal lane changes and drive at aggressive speeds. The results of the wave will be used to implement new "action plans" into the G-TACT program.

Steps of Implementation:

1. Pre-enforcement waves allow officers to go out in the field and take note of the violations that occur on the roads.
2. Media Campaigns are held to allow the public to see the hazards and consequences of risky driving behavior.
3. Enforcement and Post-Enforcement surveys are given to determine how many individuals are aware of the program after waves and alternative studies are complete.

Educational Outreach Includes:

- Billboards
- Public Service Announcements
- Banner Ads
- Person-to-Person Surveys

10:50 am **Georgia's Ramp Meters: Monica Luck, GDOT**
Monica provided a brief explanation of ramp meters and their purpose in Metro Atlanta.

GDOT uses Ramp Meters as a tool in the “toolbox” to help mitigate traffic congestion in Metro Atlanta. By pacing the entry of vehicles onto the freeway – usually at three to four second intervals – the merging vehicles are less likely to slow freeway traffic.

The meters help to:

- Split up the continuous flow of traffic from entrance ramps
- Allow vehicles to merge with freeway traffic more smoothly
- Make travel safer
- Enable the freeway to accommodate more vehicles during peak travel hours

The meters are utilized during the morning/afternoon peak travel hours, Monday through Friday. There are currently 42 meters in operation throughout the city.

11:00 am Break

11:10 am Caution -Newly Licensed Campaign: Susan Kessler, Caution & Courtesy Driver Alliance

Susan briefly introduced the Caution & Courtesy Driver Alliance and outlined its primary goal to reduce car crashes involving newly licensed teen drivers.

The CAUTION-NEWLY LICENSED® Car Magnet was developed to reduce teen car crashes and fatalities. The magnet identifies teens with Learners Permits and First Year Licenses. Placed on the rear of the vehicle, the magnet alerts other drivers to use extreme caution, courtesy, and patience. The CAUTION-NEWLY LICENSED® car magnet provides a "shield of protection" from other drivers and allows the teen to concentrate on the road. The magnet protects not only the inexperienced drivers, but also surrounding drivers.

Buses, semi-trucks and drivers education vehicles already clearly mark new drivers. The same concept works for teen drivers. Identifying teen drivers is already the law in many other countries including those in Europe, Asia, Canada, and Australia.

The CAUTION-NEWLY LICENSED® Car Magnet Program launched a pilot program in Cobb County, Georgia in April 2007 with the successful distribution of more than 3,000 magnets. In October 2007, the CAUTION-NEWLY LICENSED® car magnets became available nationwide. There will be a media event held on October 1, 2008 at Cartersville, HS. Free magnets will be available at the Cobb, Bartow and Rockdale County Department of Driver Services locations.

11:25 am Towing and Recovery Incentive Program (TRIP) Update: Christine Macaulay, Delcan

Christine gave an overview of the fundamentals of the TRIP program as well as updates on the program.

The Georgia Towing and Recovery Incentive Program (TRIP) is a recovery incentive program to pay heavy-duty recovery companies a monetary bonus for clearing commercial vehicle wrecks quickly. TRIP helps to reduce the impact of major traffic incidents in Metro Atlanta while meeting TIME’s aggressive clearance goal of 90 minutes or less. The key purpose is to facilitate quick and safe clearance of commercial vehicle crashes by improving towing procedures. This program improves TIM in the region while building a mutually beneficial

relationship within the towing community by making it more financially profitable to meet quick clearance goals.

TRIP Updates as of August 26, 2008:

- GSP & MCCD Using TRIP Companies Exclusively
- GRTA received CMAQ Funds until 2013
- Currently Considering Expansion
- “Cheat Sheets” Available for Police Officers
- TRIP Performance Measures
- 32 Activations Since January 2008

Performance Metrics:

In the year 2007 (January- July) the average number of minutes spent clearing a roadway incident was 143 minutes and 17 seconds.

In the year 2008 (January- July) the average number of minutes spent clearing a roadway incident was 30 minutes and 27 seconds.

11:35 am Labor Day Weekend Construction Activities: Mickey McGee, GDOT

Georgia DOT will continue work on the 14th Street Bridge Improvement project during the Labor Day holiday weekend with multiple lane closures on I-85 and I-75 southbound resulting in significant traffic delays where the two interstates merge (The Brookwood Split). Lane closures will be in place from 9 p.m. on Friday, August 29th until 5 a.m. Tuesday, September 2nd.

During the three-day Labor Day weekend crews will tear out and rebuild sections of I-85 and I-75/I-85 Downtown Connector.

- I-85 southbound reduced to two lanes at the I-75 merge
- I-75 southbound reduced to one lane at the I-85 merge

All six lanes of the Downtown Connector will reopen south of 10th Street.

11:45 am Traffic Incident Management Teams: Gary Millsaps, GDOT HERO

Gary welcomed our newest TIM Team in Coweta County. A TIM Team is a local jurisdictional program consisting of members of local emergency service, transportation, and transit agencies who work together on a regular basis. These Teams help promote training, teamwork and trust between local incident responders. The TIME Task Force has made efforts in this area with the establishment of teams in Gwinnett County, Cobb County, City of Roswell, City of Atlanta, Clayton County, and Cherokee County. Welcome aboard Coweta County!

2008 ITS TIME Annual Conference: Monica Luck, GDOT

September 1, 2008- Early Registration Deadline

The 2008 Time Task Force Annual meeting will be held in conjunction with [ITS Georgia](#) in the beautiful and historic city of Savannah, Georgia. Combining the two meetings provides for the most economical use of time

and resources for those with tight budgets. The conference is scheduled for October 19-21 at the Savannah Marriott Riverfront Hotel.

Committee Nominations: Christine Macaulay, Delcan

The TIME Task Force is now accepting nominations for the Board of Directors 2009-2010. The five Director-At-Large positions represent a chair person from each of the four committees and will serve a 2-yr term. The five positions include:

1. Planning Committee Chair
2. Operations Committee Chair
3. Communications Committee Chair
4. Program & Institutional Issues Committee Chair
5. Member At Large

Please submit all nominations to Dana M. West @ d.west@delcan.com by September 16, 2008.

Election Schedule

Date	Action
9/16/2008	Nomination form due to Dana M. West via facsimile or e-mail (404) 320-1099 or d.west@delcan.com
9/23/2008	Nomination Acceptance
10/1/2008	Position appointment by TIME Board
10/19/2008	Winner announcement at ITS TIME Conference in Savannah, GA

12:00 pm Adjournment

Table 1: Attendees

Agency	Title	First Name	Last Name	E-mail
DPS/ MCCD		Gwendolyn	Fulton	gfulton@gsp.net
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New Image Towing	President/ Owner	Lawton	Howard	lhoward@nitow.com
GSP	Captain	Soffie	Thigpen	sthigpen@gsp.net
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Atlanta PD	Senior Police Ofc.	Claude	Moore	crmoore@atlantaga.gov
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MCCD/ GSP	Coordinator GTRACT	Don	Lively	dlively@gsp.net
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City of Alpharetta	Eng. Tech	John	Maloney	jmaloney@alpharetta.ga.us
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FHWA	ITS & Traffic Mgr. Eng.	Lokesh	Hebbani	Lokesh.hebbanni@dot.gov
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Roswell PD	Captain	Rory	Howe	rhowe@roswellgov.com
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GOHS	Director	Bob	Dallas	rdallas@gohs.ga.gov
Alpharetta PD	Captain	Terri	Osborne	tosborne@alpharetta.ga.us
Southside Wrecker	Owner	Bart	Lundy	bart@southsidewrecker.biz
GDOT	GDOT Supervisor	Thabit	Johnson	Thjohnson@dt.ga.gov
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Roswell PD	Sergeant/ Cav Inspector	Kevin	Smith	ksmith@roswellgov.com
GDOT	GDOT Dist. Const. Eng.	Mickey	McGee	
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