



Traffic Incident Management Enhancement (TIME) Quarterly Meeting

Gwinnett County Police Department
West Precinct
6160 Crescent Drive
Norcross, GA 30071

August 10, 2010
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Welcome – Major Dan Branch, Gwinnett County Police Department
Major Branch welcomed the group to the facility. Gwinnett County is pleased to host the quarterly meeting.

Introductions and Overview – Gary Millsaps, TIME Task Force Chairman
Gary thanked the attendees and invited everyone to make self introductions. He then gave an overview of TIME’s mission, purpose, strategic vision, and accomplishments. He reminded the group that quick clearance isn’t merely *hurrying*; rather, it is people and technology working together to get everyone out of the kill zone as quickly and safely as possible. Metro Atlanta’s traffic incident management continues to be a role model for the rest of the US.

Helicopter Safety for Scene Response – Russell McDaniel, Air Methods Corporation
Russell gave a presentation on landing zone set-up and safety concerns for first responders on the ground. Communication is vital during the “golden hour,” the time period following an incident during which prompt medical treatment can prevent a patient’s death. The following are some important presentation highlights:

- Wires can be invisible from above. Always alert a helicopter pilot when overhead wires are present.
- In a landing zone (LZ), anything can become flying debris.
- Use plain, descriptive language when communicating with a pilot, and always be prepared for change.
- Tail rotors are very dangerous. They can cause death if a person hits them, and if an object hits the tail rotors, it can bring the helicopter down.
- During ground alert, the Air Rescue crew will sit in the helicopter with their gear in preparation for takeoff. This can shave 4 – 7 minutes from the response time.
- The patient ultimately pays the bill, and a typical trip can cost \$13,000 - \$15,000.
- An AS350 helicopter that is medically equipped and in good condition costs roughly \$2.2 million. Fuel is \$4/gallon, and a typical trip uses 60 gallons.

After Incident Review – Battalion Chief David Levey, Bartow County Fire Department
On June 23, two incidents occurred in Bartow County within hours of each other.

I-75 NB, MP 286

- One entrapment
- All lanes were closed for 15 minutes for helicopter LZ.
- Challenges included the heat and minor communication problems.
- Coordination between entities helped successfully clear the scene.

1-75 SB, MP 284

- Multi-casualty incident required three life-flight helicopters.
- All lanes were closed for 1 hour, 10 minutes.
- Challenges included the heat, differentiating bystanders from responders, and air traffic.
- Lesson learned: air to air communication is important and effective.

Teamwork among EMS, Fire, State Patrol, and HERO ultimately helped with clearance of both incidents.

Committee Updates – TIME Task Force Committee Members

Operations Committee – Rory Howe

- Sandy Springs and Bartow Country TIM Teams recently met, Gwinnett County Fire had a 3-day training in-service, and Hall County is scheduled for September 9.
- Everyone should be familiar with Chapter 6i of the MUTCD, which is available online at <http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/htm/2009/part6/part6i.htm>.

Training Committee – Christine Simonton

- Tanker Training is scheduled for Rockdale and Bartow Counties on October 2 – 3 and 4 – 5; registration is available at timetaskforce.com.
- The board is developing vehicle placement training, which will be available sometime in 2010. The course will be free and will have classroom and hands-on components.
- TRIP Level II Training will be available in October.
- The dispatcher awareness course is nearing the end of development; Gwinnett County will be the pilot group.

Programs Committee – Dee Corson

- Online registration is available for the 2010 Annual Conference, to be held on October 25 – 26.
- The host hotel is the Foundry Park Inn & Spa in Athens, Georgia.
- This year's conference focus is on preventing secondary crashes.

Adjournment

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