

# News from the Traffic Incident Management Enhancement (TIME) Task Force of Metro Atlanta

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## Save the date — TIME 2014 Annual Conference

The TIME Task Force is pleased to announce that it will host its annual conference Sept. 29 and 30 at the Brasstown Valley Resort and Spa in Young Harris, Ga.

The TIME conference is Georgia's premier event for law enforcement, fire, EMS, towing/recovery professionals, engineers and others in the public and private sectors who are focused on traffic incident management and quick clearance of wrecks.

This year's conference will include two distinct tracts. In addition to the overall program of information sessions, attendees will have access to a series of incident management-focused training opportunities. As always, the entire conference qualifies for professional education credit.

North Georgia's mountain views and outdoor activities will provide the perfect backdrop for learning, networking and building relationships across professions.

Special rates will accommodate arrivals on Sunday, Sept. 28. Attendees can also pay to extend their stay to enjoy all that Brasstown Valley has to offer after the conference.

Full registration and program details are still to come. Watch TIMETaskForce.com for complete information.

Brasstownvalley.com has more details on the facility's accommodations and amenities, including dining, hiking, horses and golf.





### Conference sponsors, exhibitors needed!

Participation from sponsors and exhibitors helps TIME perform its training and program functions all year. The conference is the best opportunity for those who support traffic incident management to boost TIME's efforts.

Sponsors and exhibitors are guaranteed access to all functions as well as promotion before, during and after the conference. TIME is also a nonprofit; all contributions are tax deductible.

For more information, contact Jeff Corbin - 678.730.7417 or jeff.corbin@parsons.com.













### Quarterly meeting focused on snow and ice events

April's TIME quarterly meeting drew together a wide range of first response, incident management and transportation experts to discuss Atlanta's recent winter weather events.

Representatives from such agencies as the Georgia State Patrol, Georgia Department of Transportation and Georgia Emergency Management Agency presented brief overviews of their unique experiences during the metro area's two ice and snow events. The meeting's presentations are available on TIME's website.

Many challenges were shared equally, including demands for resources and personnel to address the results of the storms. Examples were shared that underscored the need for improved communications and coordination across all responding agencies and departments during future incidents.

#### Thank you to all of our quarterly meeting presenters and hosts

- Georgia State Patrol: Captain Mark Hambert, Troop C Commander
- GDOT HERO: Michael Roberson, GDOT Incident Management Coordinator
- Department of Public Safety Liaison to GEMA: SFC Ryan Newman, GSP
- Georgia Motor Trucking Association: Guy Young, Vice President
- GEMA State Operations Center: Lamar McEwen, Operations Support Manager
- Motor Carrier Compliance Division: Captain Mark Wesley, GEMA Liaison
- GDOT Maintenance: Emanuel Jackson, District Maintenance Engineer
- Emergency Medical Services: Michael Colman, Grady Health Systems
- Governor's Task Force: Kathy Zahul, GDOT
- City of Morrow Mayor J.B. Burke
- City of Morrow Fire Chief Mark Herendeen

# **Sponsor or host a TIME** quarterly meeting

TIME needs agencies, departments and private businesses to sponsor and host the remaining 2014 quarterly meetings (July and October).

Sponsorship ensures agenda time, exhibitor space and promotion to law enforcement, EMS, fire, engineers and others focused on traffic incident management. For more information, call Jeff at 678.730.7417.

# Meetings include incident management training

For the balance of 2014 and the first gathering in 2015, TIME is offering a one-hour traffic incident management training as part of each quarterly meeting.

The sessions will occur prior to the start of the meeting. Training will focus on incident management fundamentals, and each hour qualifies for continuing education credit.

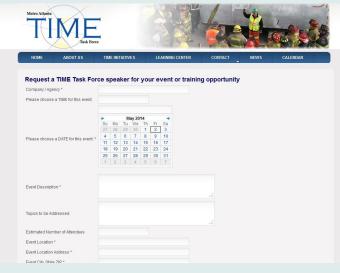


### TIME Task Force speakers available for training and informational events

TIME welcomes any opportunity to share important information on a variety of incident management-related topics. We can supply dynamic speakers for any size event or style of gathering.

To that end, TIME has created an easy online option for requesting a presenter. Go to TIMETaskForce.com and click on the "Contact" button from the main page. A drop-down menu option "Speaker Request" will appear, ready to be clicked. The request page includes fill-in boxes to provide as much detail as possible about your upcoming event.





## TRIP Level II training in May

A TRIP Level II training class is set for May 24 and 25 at New Image Towing (4780 Old Dixie Highway, Forest Park). This class is required for all TRIP personnel seeking to advance from operator to supervisor.

For more information on this training, contact Lawton Howard of New Image Towing at 678.904.3246 or wreckmastertraining@gmail.com.



#### **New SHRP2 trainers available**

TIME trainers recently supplied train-the-trainer instruction to supply Georgia with more than 25 new SHRP2 trainers. SHRP2 is a Federal Highway Administration program to train all first responders on incident management and scene safety. More train-the-trainer sessions are planned for southern Georgia in the near future.

### TRIP welcomes new service providers

As part of the new route assignments that started in April, the Towing and Recovering Incentive Program (TRIP) includes two providers who are new to the program.

Matthews Garage is now covering I-75 north to exit 312. The company is based in Cartersville.

Beginning in August, TCR Towing and Recovery will cover I-20 west to exit 24. TCR is based in Bremen.

