



Pennsylvania Traffic Incident Management Enhancement (PennTIME)
Wednesday January 19, 2022
1:00pm – 3:00pm
Meeting Notes

Attendees:

William Ahlgren, Cranberry Township	David Holl, Lower Allen Township	Stephen Rudzik III, PA Turnpike Commission
Jeff Allen	Jim Hunnewell	Paul Sabol, City of Pittsburgh
Rod Ammon, Stonehouse Media	James Johnson	Vaishali Shah, AEMCorp
Walter Bair	Kevin Kalman	Geoff Shank
William Baird	Arthur Kaplan, Kaplan Group	Rick Shavensky
Kayla Bancone	Chris King, DVRPC	Brian Shaw, EMS West
Bill Benson, Drive Engineering	Edwin Kline, Delaware County	Lori Shenk, Northwest EMS
Gabby Benson, Drive Engineering	Debra Laudenslager	Craig Shuey, PA Turnpike Commission
David Boucher, PEMA	Jennifer Layman, PA Turnpike Commission	Donald Shutt, NDC 4, Regional EMA
Jeff Bowman, HSN	Todd Leiss, PA Turnpike Commission	Andy Skean
Krista Brands, ATSPA	Anthony Lenzi	Graham Smith, PA Turnpike Commission
Lloyd Browning, Pittsburgh Fire Department	Tracy Linn, York County	Kyle Snyder, TCRPC
Robert Burd, NJDOT	Michael Macari, NJDOT	Michael Souder, Harrisburg City
Robert Carovillano, Montgomery County	Alvin Marquess, Jacobs	William Spaeth
Mark Compton, PA Turnpike Commission	Adam Marshall, PennDOT	Joshua Spano, SPC
Tim Cotter	Ron Miller, Thorndale VFD	Dan Spies, PA Towing Assoc.
Salvatore Cowan, NJDOT	Sherry Morgan, PA Towing Assoc.	Eric Sponsler, Jacobs
Michael Cox, TE	Bob Murphy, AECOM	Jim Stupar, Allegheny Health Network
John DelRicci, PA Turnpike Commission	Justin Neff, DVRPC	Michael Taylor, Cumberland County
Justin Eberly, VFIS	John Niles	Robert Taylor, PA Turnpike Commission
Matthew Elliott, PennDOT	Kimberly Nunemaker, ATSPA	Douglas Thompson
John Englert, University of Pittsburgh	Michael Pack, PA Turnpike Commission	Kevin Tobias, PennDOT
Eric Fogle, Maryland CHART	Christopher Parker, PA Turnpike Commission	Brian Toseki, PA Turnpike Commission
Tracy Fox, Highway Safety Network	Maria Pichini, PA Turnpike Commission	Dan Walston, FHWA
Diane Garber, East Hempfield Twp.	Joseph Quairolì, PA Turnpike Commission	Daniel Whetzel, PennDOT
Thomas Garrity, Montgomery County	Hardeep Rai, PA State Police	Dave Wolfe, Drive Engineering
Cory Greene, PA Turnpike Commission	Eric Rickenbach, Rescue Techs	Charles L. Yorks, Gannett Fleming
Mark Grimm, NST	Stacia Ritter, PA Turnpike Commission	Rich Yosi
Alan Hausman, City of Pittsburgh	Nick Rotondo	Karl Ziemer, AECOM
Erik Hickle, PA Turnpike Commission	Orvis Rowles	Michael Zoshak, PA Turnpike Commission

Todd Leiss welcomed all virtual attendees to the 1st quarterly meeting of 2022 – the 5th anniversary of the 1st formal PennTIME meeting.

Todd showed the “Faces of the Fallen” video to display the responders killed in struck-by incidents nationwide. The video showed responders struck and killed since the last PennTIME meeting (11.16.2021). Last year, 65 emergency responders were struck and killed – the highest number of responders killed in a single year to date. LODD breakdown for 2021:

- Law Enforcement: 30
- Fire/EMS: 9
- Tow Operators: 22
- Road Service Technician: 2
- DOT/SSP: 2

Two Pennsylvania responders have been killed in the last 3 years.



Preliminary 2021 crash numbers indicate disabled vehicles are the number one activity being worked at the time of the secondary crash that led to the LODD. Data was displayed to show additional information regarding LODD by responder type for each type of incident being worked at the time of the secondary crash.

Todd shared “ReportStruckBy.com” – which is a project he has been working with on for the last year for ResponderSafety.com. Struck-by incidents can be uploaded directly to the database by any user. “Near miss” feature is not included in the database at this time.

Jeff Allen mentioned in the meeting comments there are concerns with fire departments utilizing portable speed bumps at incident scenes. He advised Horry County, South Carolina, from Myrtle Beach to I-95, have incorporated the use of the portable speed bumps for all their roadway incidents. Unsure of what kind of training they are using. Jeff was curious to know if this is something that will be incorporated into SHRP2 training or if other states were utilizing the portable speed bumps. Todd advised there could be safety concerns regarding portable speed bumps - concerns about high speeds, appropriate warnings, how much protection they offer and other legal issues. Todd would love feedback from anyone that uses the speed bumps. Dave suggested this could be a good topic for future meetings. Todd advised this could be a good topic for some of the committees to review to look at this method a little closer.

Todd mentioned the 2021 Line of Duty Deaths in Pennsylvania – Captain Tom Royds Belmont Hills Fire Company and Jim Corl Valley Truck & Trailer. 153 PA responders struck and killed that we know of all time.

Lower Merion Township After-Action Review:

Dave Wolfe reports: An After-Action Review was held for the incident in Montgomery County in which Captain Tom Royds – Belmont Hills Fire Company was struck and killed (LODD 36 in 2021) while working a crash scene on I-76 outside of Philadelphia. As a result of the crash, it was requested that PennTIME assist in a formalized after-action review for Lower Merion Township. The process began at the end of October 2021 and began working throughout November 2021 to build the AAR team and pre-survey for information collection prior to the meeting. The AAR was held on January 5, 2022, which was well attended. All the information and intake from the meeting is still being worked through – the accompanying report will be developed after information processing and should be available in mid to late-Spring of 2022.

PennTIME 5-Year Anniversary:

Dave spoke regarding the 5th birthday/anniversary of the 1st ever PennTIME meeting. January 19, 2017 was the first meeting date for what is now PennTIME. PennTIME was established based on recommendations that came out of the November 2016 TIM Summit and the PA Transportation Advisory Committee Report.

Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission’s Chief Executive Officer Mark Compton addressed the participants regarding the 5-year anniversary. (Embed video hyperlink)

Special Presentation: Multi-Disciplinary TIM in New Jersey: Sal Cowan, Senior Director for Mobility at New Jersey DOT presented information on Multi-Disciplinary TIM in New Jersey. Sal spoke on NJ TIM Strategic Plan – FHWA Self-Assessment Alignment, Training and Online Efforts, Website Updates and Getting the Work Out (promoting the program). (Embed video hyperlink)

Special Presentation: Maryland CHART: Eric Fogle – Deputy Director of Operations Maryland CHART presented information on Maryland’s CHART. Eric updated and provided an overview of the current organizational structure



of CHART, provided updates on equipment and logistics, and spoke on the 5-year vision of OTMO & CHART. (Embed video hyperlink)

2022 Planning & Committee Initiatives:

Justin Eberly – Training Committee is planning out what the next 5-years will look like. An idea was to create a recognition program (what we would consider best practice best practices within an organization) to measure benchmarks for success for TIM.

Dave requested comments from the group to discuss suggestions. “Where do we go from here?”

Bill Benson suggested driver training. Todd suggests we could reach out to driver training locations for new drivers to receive important information from PennTIME – such as SDMO brochures or sheets. Todd advised he’s doing TIM training this week and asks responders to explain the SDMO – we need to do better training the responders about these laws as well. Dave discussed training new drivers at the age of 15-16 and suggests driving training should focus on things that are more likely to occur during real-life scenarios.

Donald Shutt commented – one of the big things we need to do is scale the TIM training down to be able to present it to civic groups, schools and similar public groups. A Coalition Against Bigger Trucks email was received regarding trying to stop truck-size increases. The Coalition is reaching out to responders regarding feedback surrounding their efforts. Donald will reach out and follow-up with any information.

Todd suggested an effort to get the TIM training as a required course for municipal law enforcement. Potentially present this information to municipal law enforcement to work on inclusion as a mandatory course. The TIM E-Learning course is available on the PA VTN website for municipal law enforcement.

Program Update:

- **Committee Reports**

- **Towing – Dan Spies, PA Towing Association**

Committee Chair Dan Spies wanted to thank everyone for recognizing how many towers have lost their lives on the roadway. In the past 5-years through PennTIME, some efforts did help us, towers being included in the SDMO Law. Towers cannot take a lane when on an incident alone – this could possibly be a reason towers are getting struck.

Dan Spies advised the Towing Committee is still working with TIM for Towers program – which will advise the towing community on what they can and cannot do with the present TIM program. Working to complete this program is still ongoing. Todd Leiss commented – the committee has been working very hard with this program development. They wanted to give specific current towing laws for inclusion in the program as they exist now. If anyone is interested in a pilot program for this course, please reach out.

- **TIM Task Force Development – Chris King, DVRPC and Josh Spano, SPC**

Justin Neff reported for TIM Task Force Development for DVRPC:

- TIM Team Report Highlights since November 2021 – Mercer County, NJ IMTF (11/17) and a PA Joint IMTF (1/13) meetings were held. DVRPC requested feedback from the PA Joint IMTF meeting. In hindsight, DVRPC wishes they would have included NJ in the joint meeting.



- Internally looking for funding sources for digital alerting systems – such as HAAS Alert, Have done outreach with Pittsburgh for suggestions regarding HAAS.
- Suggestion for initiatives: We should do a better job talking TIM with those who do not operate within the TIM world.

Lloyd Browning (Pittsburgh FD) commented: Pittsburgh FD has been trained with assistance from the TIM team. He continues to train new recruits as they come through and is currently working on refresher training for the department. Todd has worked with Pittsburgh EMS and police recently for train-the-trainer sessions.

- **Training – Justin Eberly, VFIS**

Justin Eberly advised he is looking forward to a few meetings coming this year to look at future funding streams to support the training.

Dave reported E-Learning completion numbers for 2021: 8834 completions within TrainPA and 349 completions on PA VTN. Updates are coming to the training – as some links are broken within the modules.

Todd discussed ResponderSafety.com provides 43 training modules and can be used as a training resource. ResponderSafety.com is always looking for volunteers, as well as PennTIME. If anyone would like to volunteer for either ResponderSafety.com or PennTIME, reach out direct.

Todd reported National TIM Training numbers. PA is at 55.2% of responders trained. Pennsylvania ranks 4th in the nation with total number of responders trained.

Dave discussed TIM Training for Non-Engineers. How do we engage non-responder crowd? Some TIM trainings have been modified to find the non-responder crowd but its believed that a dedicated/truncated course may be beneficial.

Doug Thompson commented – he's being trying to get TrainPA into the PennDOT catalog so all foremen can get trained while on shift, PennDOT apps currently have this blocked. Dave suggests PennTIME group could work to get this included. John Parker advised that the Technology group can reach out to someone in the Commonwealth to get this included on the iPhone.

- **Technology – John Parker, PA Turnpike Commission**

John Parker reports on 2 initiatives:

- HAAS Alert Initiative: Stellantis will be putting the SDMO message on the screen when the vehicle receives a HAAS alert.
- Fotokite Initiative: John displayed Fotokite and discussed how it would work. Currently PTC has 3 of these devices. You do not need Part 107 to fly this. The PTC TOC gets a live stream directly from the device, streams are also available on mobile phones. Todd Leiss has one that can be shown during trainings.

Deb Laudenslager (mother of Tyler Laudenslager who was a Pennsylvania LODD in 2020) spoke to the group, thanking everyone on the call for efforts in sharing the message. She offered to assist in any way possible to help with any efforts.

- **Public Education & Outreach – Paul Kennedy / Lori Shenk, Northwest EMS**

Todd Leiss spoke for Lori:



- Lori is requesting input on what the committee should focus on this year.
- The committee has worked to incorporate SDMO into public education outreach and used some visual displays and handouts. Would need to find a funding source to continue.
- Beasley Media is doing a campaign promoting ResponderSafety.com – the effort has launched and will continue through March 31st.

Dave Wolfe suggested the driver training initiative could be a good candidate to include for the committee's upcoming focus.

- **Legislative Affairs – Charles Duncan III, PA Turnpike Commission**
 - There was no report from the committee

- **Open Discussion/Closing Remarks**

- Dave Wolfe providing a “Parting Thought” regarding US allowing teen semitruck drivers in test apprenticeship program due to supply chain issues.

Todd Leiss provided ending remarks, thanking everyone for their participation.

The meeting concluded at 3:05pm