



Pennsylvania Traffic Incident Management Enhancement (PennTIME)
Wednesday April 20, 2022
1:00pm – 3:00pm
Meeting Notes

Attendees:

William Ahlgren, Cranberry Township	Nate Keel, PA Turnpike Commission	Paul Sabol, Pittsburgh Bureau of EMS
Trooper Megan Ammerman, PSP	Paul Kennedy, Signal 88 Security	Tim Scanlon, PTC
Rod Ammon, Responder Safety	Song Kim, Lebanon County Planning Dept	John Schultz, CARFAX for Police
Kayla Bancone, DVRPC	Anthony Lenzi, Perryville PD (MD)	Lori Shenk, Northwest EMS
Gabby Benson, Drive Engineering	Mike Macari, NJDOT	Craig Shuey, PTC
Nathan Bordner, PTC	Chris Marchetti, CARFAX for Police	Donald Shutt Jr., NDC 4 Regional EMA
Paul Carafides, Lehigh Valley Planning Comm.	Alvin Marquess, Jacobs	Andy Skean, Station 36 Chester County
Tim Cotter, FMCSA	Adam Marshall, PennDOT District 10	Bill Spaeth, Sellersville Fire Department
Mike DalPezzo, RSC	Robert Meinert, PEMA	Eric Sponsler, Jacobs
John DeRicci, PTC	Ron Miller, Chester County IMTF	Trooper Jessica Tobin, PSP
Matt Elliott, PennDOT District 6	Sherry Morgan, Morgan Towing/PTA	Danny Vartan, Life Safety Lighting
Jonathan Fitzker, Lebanon County Planning	Justin Neff, DVRPC	Dan Walston, FHWA PA Division
Matt Frampton, South Central PA Hwy Safety	John Niles, PSP	Mark Wineland, PA State Fire Academy
Diane Garber, E. Hempfield Twp/E. Petersburg	Kim Nunemaker, American Trauma Society (PA)	Chuck Yorks, Gannett Fleming
Jason Haines, PSP	Joshua Pfeiffer, Bowmansville Fire Company/ESRI	Dalan Zartman, Energy Security Agency
Bill Howard, PTC	Eric Rickenbach, RescueTechs	Stephanie Zolnak, PennDOT District 11
Art Kaplan, SCTF	John Rigney, PA Motor Truck Assoc.	
Kevin Kalman, Bethlehem Township	Zach Ryland, PSP	

Dave Wolfe welcomed all present and virtual attendees to the 2nd quarterly meeting of 2022. A moment of silence was held for Trooper Martin Mack III and Trooper Branden Sisca who were killed assisting a pedestrian on I-95 in Philadelphia March 21, 2022, as well as Road Service Technician Jeffrey Hanwell who died on I-81 in Susquehanna Township on April 11, 2022.

Todd Leiss showed the “Faces of the Fallen” video to display the responders killed in struck-by incidents nationwide. Through April 4, 2022r, 22 emergency responders have been killed in highway incidents nationwide. Last year, 65 emergency responders were struck and killed.

LODD breakdown for 2022 (thru April 4th):

- Law Enforcement: 9
- Fire/EMS: 6
- Tow Operators: 6
- Road Service Technician: 1
- DOT/SSP: 0

Two Pennsylvania responders have been struck and killed every year in the past 5 years.

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.

Todd shared slides regarding the litigation surrounding the Slow Down Move Over Law. In 2018 there were about 4,000 citations. In 2019 there were about 4500 citations. In 2020 there were about 3400 citations – fewer citations due to less contact resulting from COVID. In 2021 there were about 3200 citations.

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.

Automated Vehicle Incident Response Plan: Gabby Benson presented information on Automation in Pennsylvania. We are testing the authorized personal delivery devices called Kiwibots in Pittsburgh.

House Bill 2398 and Senate Bill 965 were introduced in PA Legislature to allow automation testing with vehicles that have no driver. Currently, Pennsylvania allows for testing of SAE Levels 3 & 4 to be tested on Pennsylvania roadways. The AVIRP effort next steps are developing Incident Response Plan Training Program, Modify and Revise Existing AVIRP and conduct stakeholder meetings.

Dave shared a video of a driverless GM Cruise vehicle being stopped by law enforcement in San Francisco and then proceeded to drive away. This video shows how a response plan in PA could assist first responders when interacting with these vehicles.

Special Presentation: Update on the Energy Security Agency: Dalan Zartman, COO, Energy Security Agency (ESA), Washington Township Fire Dept – Dublin, OH. Dalan presented information regarding battery testing, battery failure and safety. Today we work with ESRG (Energy Safety Response Group) and we now run the world's largest large scale destructive battery test site. Consider creating a company that takes the standards that are in place in the US and make that information available to individuals who interface with electric vehicles on both light, medium and heavy-duty platforms. This information would include resources, tools, education and guidance on how to deal with electric vehicles. The ESA is a private company and not governmental. The website is: <https://energysecurityagency.com/>

The ESA is currently working on creating an app and that should be available in the next 9-12 months.

To view a PennTIME Learning Series Video for the ESA presentation, please use this [LINK](#).

Program Update:

- **Committee Reports**

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

Dan Spies was not present. Todd Leiss advised the Towing Committee is still working with TIM for Towers program which will be a TIM best practices and training resource for Pennsylvania Towers. Work to complete this program is still ongoing. Todd noted that the committee has been working very hard with this program and wanted to give specific current towing laws for inclusion in the program. 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 (Philadelphia area – 5 local PA teams, 3 NJ Teams):

NJ Joint IMTF Meeting (2/25/22)

- AAR of unnecessary median cut-through by fire engine on NJ Turnpike
 - Not permitted unless required for life-saving measures
- Promoted new struck-by database
- Conducted a TIM Task Force Survey
- Survey response: A definite mixed bag
- Great discussion but lacking in-person participation

Delaware County Incident Management Meeting: Hybrid on 4/5/22

- Lewis Environmental provided food and Hazmat AAR
- In-person participation was great
- PennDOT to have standing updates at every meeting
- Suggest having those outside of TIM attend when possible
 - Different perspective, more possible solutions

Upcoming meetings

- Montgomery County – 4/22 (Virtual)
- Chester County – 4/28 (Virtual)
- Camden/Gloucester – 5/13 (TBD)
- Continue to explore potential funding opportunities for Haas Alert

SPC

- Tim After Dark
 - Held monthly (3rd Tuesday of each month)
 - Any issue can be called in, and statewide participation is encouraged
- Next Call: Tuesday, May 16th from 6:00pm-7:00pm

- **Training – Justin Eberly, VFIS**

Todd Leiss shared information regarding rolling out a Unified Incident Command class. Pilot classes will be happening across the state. One class was completed at Derry Township Police in August and received great feedback. Lack of communication is a challenge during roadside incident. An upcoming pilot class will be held in Washington County at North Strabane Township on May 24th. We will have a tabletop exercise to discuss how and where to position vehicles and the challenges responders deal with.
- **TIM Training – E-Learning – Dave Wolfe**
 - Train PA number at the end of March was over 10,000 people. We need a lot more on the municipal law enforcement side since that number is still low.

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

Dave Wolfe presented the initiatives for John Parker:

 - Dangerous Slow Downs
 - Commercial Alerts
 - Tom Tom, HERE and Sirius XM radio data sharing
 - Google and The Eastern Transportation Coalition (formerly the I-95 Corridor Coalition)

- **Public Education & Outreach – Paul Kennedy / Lori Shenk, Northwest EMS**
 - Light Up the Night Event
 - A special event held at Penn State Hershey Children’s Hospital. Numerous emergency agencies were grouped together in one location and did a slow-



moving parade in front of the hospital complex. This allowed the children and employees to see. Nine counties participated with around 100 pieces of apparatus.

- Todd Leiss spoke about Beasley Media doing a campaign promoting ResponderSafety.com – 62 Radio Stations, 9 States, 15 Markets, 20 million consumers each week with a move over or safety message. The program TREDs University of Southern California is for distractive driving. Website: [TREDs \(ucsd.edu\)](https://treds.ucsd.edu)

- **Legislative Affairs – Charles Duncan III, PA Turnpike Commission**

- There was no report from the committee

- **Open Discussion/Closing Remarks**

- Blue lights on the rear of tow trucks.
 - Todd Leiss - We have emergency responders with amber lights on and not doing what they should be doing. A different color light might not make a difference.

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

The meeting concluded at 3:08pm