

TRIP Saves HOURS of Congestion!!

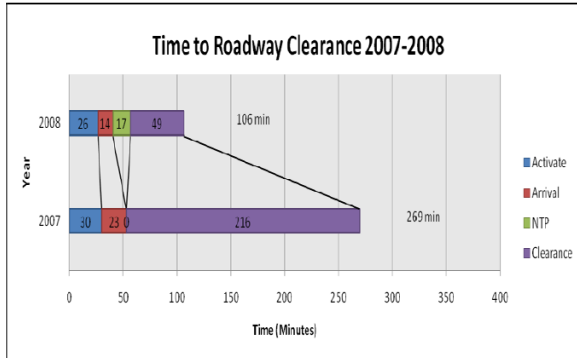
2008 Program Statistics

Total Time to Clear the Roadway Per Incident:

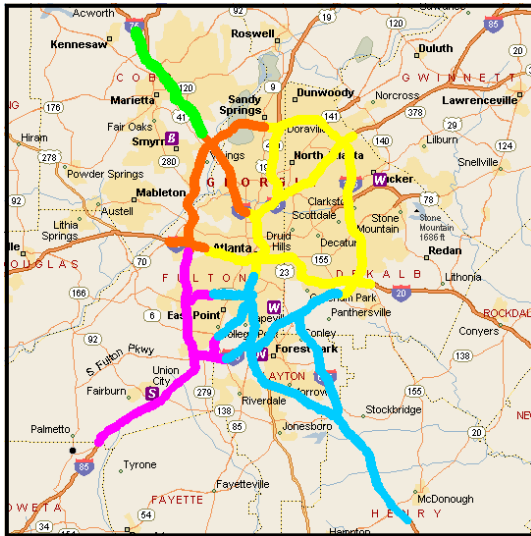
2007 (Before TRIP) = 269 min

2008 = 106 min

Total TRIP Congestion Saving Per Incident = 163 min



TRIP Current Route Map



Thank you to our current TRIP Companies!

- Barrow
- S & W
- Marietta
- New Image
- Southside



Upcoming TRIP Activities

Route Expansion (June 1, 2009):

- Gwinnett County: I-85 North to Exit 115 (SR 20)
- Hall County: I-985 North to Exit 12 (Flowery Branch)

Training Courses:

- April 25-26, 2009: Tanker Truck Emergencies
- April 28-29, 2009: I-95 Corridor Quick Clearance Training for Executives & Incident Responders

See Website for more Training Opportunities!

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Towing & Recovery Incentive Program





What is TRIP?

In January 2008 the Georgia Towing and Recovery Incentive Program (TRIP) was implemented to pay heavy-duty recovery companies a monetary bonus for clearing commercial vehicle wrecks within 90 minutes.

What is the purpose of TRIP?

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.

When is TRIP Activated?

A TRIP is activated for incidents involving:

- Truck Tractor Semi-Trailer Combo (US DOT Class 8)
- Trucks > 26,000 lbs (Class 7 or 8)
- Large Motor Homes & Motor Coaches (Class 5 or 6)
- Buses ≥ 16 passengers (Class 6, 7, or 8)
- Aircraft
- Major Emergencies / Discretionary

Mostly complicated or extended incidents where large vehicles or spilled loads cannot be easily towed from the scene or are creating a hazard to traffic.

How is TRIP Activated?

By the GDOT Highway Emergency Response Operators (HERO) and/or Local Policy Agencies calling the GDOT Transportation Management Center (TMC). The TMC will notify pre-approved TRIP companies that will rapidly respond to the incident scene with heavy-duty recovery wreckers and other support equipment.

TRIP Training Requirements

- Level I Towing and Recovery (Operator)
- Hazardous Materials Awareness
- MUTCD and GDOT Flagger
- NIMS 700 (National Incident Mgmt Systems)
- TIM & Quick Clearance Best Practices
- NIMS 100
- Level II Towing and Recovery (Supervisor)



TRIP Equipment Requirements

- 30-Ton & 50-Ton (or 40-Ton Rotator)
- Equipment Support Truck with full traffic control and fluid spill mitigation capability
- Other specialized heavy equipment (low-boys, bobcats, tractor-trailers)

TRIP Application Process

- Download and complete a TRIP application which can be found at www.timtaskforce.com/trip.
- TRIP managers will review applications for completeness.
- Applications will be qualified based on TRIP Specifications which can be downloaded on the Website.
- After application approval, TRIP managers will conduct on-site inspections of equipment, facility, and staff.
- TRIP managers will negotiate and designate a response zone/route to qualified TRIP companies.
- Applicants will be evaluated on an annual basis to ensure Program adherence.



Liability Exemption for Tow Companies

House Bill 231 was passed to amend Chapter 6 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation of maintenance and use of public roads in the removal of vehicles or obstructions from roadways where there is determined to be a threat to public health or safety or to mitigate traffic congestion, where **“and any person or towing service that is removing an obstruction, cargo, or personal property at the location of such obstruction, cargo, or personal property upon instruction by a law enforcement officer, an official of a fire department or an official of the department shall be liable only for gross negligence”**

Awards and Recognition

- 2008 ITS Georgia Project of Significance Award: Program with an impact that quantifiably reduces congestion, improves safety and security, and enhances mobility in Georgia.
- 2008 TIME Savers Award: Outstanding response and recovery performance by all TRIP Companies.

