

TIME Task Force Quarterly Meeting
February 19, 2008
Joint Operations Center, City Hall East
Atlanta, Georgia

TIME President **Gary Millsaps** called the TIME Task Force Quarterly Meeting to order at 10:05 am. 53 attendees signed in. Everyone in attendance introduced himself. Since there were a number of new members, especially from DeKalb County and the City of East Point, Gary Millsaps discussed the mission and purpose of the TIME Task Force.

Heather Alhadeff, Assistant Director of the City of Atlanta's Bureau of Planning, presented ConnectAtlanta, the city's first ever transportation plan. The Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) is funding most of this project. Since every mode of transportation serving Georgia comes through the city and affects residents, commuters and tourists alike, it is important for the city to have a structured plan. In the past, transportation issues have been settled on a case-by-case basis, which can result in a piecemeal approach. The plan will help prioritize the city's transportation needs and provide more structure to the process. For more information, including the schedule of planning workshops currently in progress around the city, visit the plan's website at www.connectatlantaplan.com or call 404-330-6800.

Mickey McGee, GDOT District 7 Construction Engineer, updated everyone on the 14th Street Bridge and Downtown Connector projects. He emphasized needing every agency's help in clearing incidents as quickly as possible and spreading the word to everyone about the project details, particularly ramp closures. For more information about the 14th St. Bridge project, see <http://www.dot.state.ga.us/specialsubjects/roadconstruction/14thst/>.

After-Incident Review (AIR) presentation: a report on the TRIP activation of January 13, 2008, involving a tractor-trailer on the ramp from US 41 to I-285 in Cobb County. Detective Thorp of Cobb County Police Department presented the sequence of events on video and the results of the TRIP activation. Gary Millsaps then reiterated the criteria and process of TRIP activation as well as maintenance of the program.

Officer Shane Keller, Atlanta Police Department, presented a summary of a photogrammetry demonstration using iWitness software and digital cameras. Officer Keller showed how the process works to map the intersection of Piedmont Avenue and Cheshire Bridge Road. He also provided the pros and cons of this method vs. the total station approach. A copy of Officer Keller's presentation is available at www.timetaskforce.com.

Major Calvin Moss, Atlanta Police Department, listed the metro area's TIM (Traffic Incident Management) Teams in various stages of development. He emphasized the importance of TIM Teams from a safety standpoint. He also announced that Officer Moore of APD is working on emergency vehicle placement training as part of the City of Atlanta's TIM Team's continuing education.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bob Dallas, Director of the Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS), announced the 2008 Georgia Highway Safety Conference in Savannah, August 11-13. Those interested in presenting should contact GOHS right away. They hope to have the agenda finalized in March.

Dee Corson, Planning Committee Chair for TIME, announced that the annual TIME Conference will be held with ITS GA this fall in either Savannah or the mountains.

Gary Millsaps announced training opportunities for TRIP certification and Wreckmaster towing & recovery training:

Managing Traffic Incidents and Roadway Emergencies (sponsored by the TIME Task Force)

March 11 and March 13 (2 one-day courses)

Register online at www.timetaskforce.com

TRIP Hazardous Materials Awareness (sponsored by TIME)

Haz-Mat Awareness Operator Level (4 hours)

March 6, 2008 – Noon – 4 pm

HERO Headquarters Training Room

For more information, contact Larry Seabolt at lseabolt@remtech-eng.com

or 770-427-7766 x202

Haz-Mat Awareness Supervisor Level (4 hours)

March 20, 2008 – Noon – 4 pm

HERO Headquarters Training Room

Prerequisite: Haz-Mat Awareness Operator Level course

For more information, contact Larry Seabolt at lseabolt@remtech-eng.com

or 770-427-7766 x202

Wreckmaster Level A/C

February 23-24, 2008 – 8 am – 5 pm

Days Inn, 6840 Shannon Pkwy., Union City

For more information, contact Wreckmaster at 1-800-267-2266.

Crystal Paulk-Buchanan, GDOT Communications, announced traffic pacing on the Downtown Connector for the following weekends:

February 23-24

March 2-3

March 8-9

This traffic pacing is being done to accommodate Georgia Power's work on the power lines at the 14th Street Bridge. A press release with more details is available at www.timetaskforce.com.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Special Thanks to:

Lt. Dan Wade, Atlanta Police Department, for obtaining the mid-morning snacks

Major Calvin Moss, Atlanta Police Department, for organizing the quarterly meeting

Speakers: Heather Alhadeff, Mickey McGee, Detective Thorp, Shane Keller, Bob Dallas,

Crystal Paulk-Buchanan, Cal Moss, Dee Corson and Gary Millsaps

Respectfully submitted,

Monica Luck

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