

To: Transportation Committee
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Subject: Greater Hartford Traffic Incident Management Coalition Update

The Greater Hartford Traffic Incident Management Coalition met on November 20, 2018 and had two guest speakers; Mr. Paul Jodoin, Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Program Manager for the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Headquarters and Co-chair of the Fire and EMS Legislative Caucus, State Representative, 64th District, Brian Ohler.

Mr. Jodoin provided an overview of the national TIM Program covering key areas: training, program development, capacity building, and emerging technologies for responders. He also reviewed the TIM Self-Assessment that CRCOG and CTDOT participate in annually. Items covered were key findings at the national and state level, and opportunities to improve low scores in sections specific to training and performance measures. TIM Coalition stakeholders will be participants in future assessments to provide multi-disciplinary input.

State Representative Ohler provided a brief history of his involvement as a first responder and as legislator. He explained that the Fire and EMS Caucus was formed to bring a bi-partisan group of members together to focus on the specific public safety issues that first responders must navigate daily. The TIM Coalition was offered and accepted an opportunity to address the Caucus at December 12, 2018 meeting. Please refer to attached summary from meeting

Mr. Paul Krisavage provided a briefing of CTDOT and IBI Group work on training and diversion plan updates. Consensus of group was that there is a need to work on increasing number of trained responders and incorporating tabletop exercises. The diversion route conversion progressing and hope to have some plans completed in January 2019.

Key takeaways: TIM Training with possible regulations to include mandatory TIM training, SHSP funding to assist in course development and participation, regional training approach, statewide/regional TIM conferences and workshops, Driver Education / Public Outreach development, Performance Measures- support adding MMUCC data elements to the current crash report to track responder injuries/fatalities.

Action items: Completion of Diversion Plan conversions and schedule stakeholder meetings, updating of the Unified Response Manual, Performance Measures- data collection and setting of targets, CTDOT update policies on quick clearance and incident management, 2019 meeting schedule and update information for Coalition agencies and organization member contacts that will be in effect as of 2019 calendar year.