

Greater Hartford TIM Coalition Meeting
Capitol Region Council of Governments
CFPC & CT Fire Academy, 34 Perimeter Rd, Windsor Locks, CT 06096
August 10, 2023
10:00 a.m. to 12 Noon

Name	Organization
Terri Thompson	CRCOG TIM Program Coord. /Coalition Chair
Jeff Morrisette	State Fire Administration
Cara Radzins	CRCOG Transportation
Rob Derry	IBI Group, CTDOT Consultant for TIM program
Tim Vibert	TRPC- Towing & Recovery Professionals of CT
Scott Leonard	BI Group, CTDOT Consultant for TIM program
Jenna Nicol (Virtual)	Consumer Protection
Sgt. Acampora (Virtual)	CT State Police Traffic Services Unit
Robert Haramut	River COG

MEETING MINUTES

1. Roll Call
2. Adoption of Minutes - TIM Coalition Meeting March 29, 2023. **Tabled for next meeting**
3. Updates on activities
 - CTDOT TIM Training status report and upcoming Class schedule: Rob Derry went over the current TIM Training stats. Over 1700 responders have been trained over the past year and this includes people from all disciplines. The training schedule in Newington has been updated and covers the period through April 2024. A copy is attached to these meeting minutes for distribution. CTDOT TIM team has also been training off site when requests come in. If anyone would like to hold a TIM training class at their facility, they need to reach out to Aiden Neely to plan session. The training program has been very successful to date. Rob also noted that as of January 1, 2024 all new law enforcement trainees will be required to take TIM training. The Police Officers Standards Training (POST) has authorized CTDOT team to provide the class at the training facility. Railroad Crossing incidents will also be added to the current curriculum.
 - Diversion Plan update progress report: Rob Derry went over progress made to date. This was a huge undertaking. The current logged count of diversion plans was at approx.. 450 sheets and many were from 1998. The existing plans have mostly all been updated with some deleted to remove duplicates that showed commercial and passenger routing separately. CTDOT has had a team meeting with all the town emergency response personnel and town officials to review and update with any changes. Once all changes have been completed a copy will be sent to towns in a pdf format. Principal arterials and limited access roadways on the NHS system that do not currently have diversion plans, i.e. Routes 15, 72, 9, 2, 20, I-384, I-291, and I-691 will need to be developed and reviewed as well and will be next effort.
 - After Action Reviews (AARs): Rob Derry indicated that they have completed approx. fourteen AARs to date related to various incidents across the State. The meetings have been productive and positive and provided a good networking opportunity with all the multi-disciplines involved in response. Focus was on unified command and communication during an incident.

- Vision Zero Legislation: Terri Thompson provided a quick overview of the legislation that was submitted by the Vision Zero Council and what recommendations passed the legislature and were signed by the Governor. Go to <https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DOT/documents/dvisionzero/VZC---6623-Meeting-Presentation.pdf> for the PowerPoint presentation by the Council

Open discussion

- Crash Responder Safety Week will be November 17-23 this year. The theme for this year is “Protect Those Who Protect You” Looking to ramp up Connecticut participation by having an event that includes all responders and stakeholders. Terri indicated that this year would like to get a planning committee together to put on a mass event. There is not a lot of information out yet and will be putting together messaging and plan for the committee.

Action - Looking for people who would be interested in helping plan the event including finding event space, activities to take place, speakers, sponsors, etc. If interested please contact Terri Thompson, tthompson@crcog.org.

- CT DEEP and the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection’s Commission on Fire Prevention and Control (DESPP-CFPC) are implementing the take-back and safe disposal of aqueous film-forming foam containing PFAS from State and municipal fire departments. DEEP is currently in the process of purchasing new regional foam trailers to replace the older trailers which are now prohibited. The new regional trailers will be equipped with National Foam Universal F3 Green as the fluorine-free foam to be used by State agencies. (Other acceptable fluorine-free foams may be identified by DEEP in the future.)

Governor Ned Lamont today announced that the Connecticut Fire Academy has been awarded a grant of \$334,789 by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) through its Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. This funding will be used to enhance the academy’s training programs, equipment, and overall operations, ultimately improving the safety and effectiveness of firefighters across Connecticut.

- Tim Vibert brought up issue with uninsured vehicles that are recovered from an incident scene. An incredible expense for recovery personnel to offload products and remove and/or dispose of them. No means to recover cost outside of filing in court. Wanted to know if loads salvaged or needing disposal outside of hazmat which is assigned to a CT DEEP contractor, if there is a way to have a contractor also be assigned for Consumer Protection. Jenna Nicol indicated that the Dept. of Consumer Protection has no policy, regs or process in place to do this. Need to look more into this and see what other states do.
 - Discussed the upcoming Slow Down Move Over event hosted by the Towing and Recovery Professionals of CT (TRPC) to be held on September 9, 2023. Requesting all responders to participate. Handed out flyer.
4. Fire Academy Tour – Jeff Morrisette provided a tour of the State Fire Academy and the training grounds where training exercises were ongoing.

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6. Adjourn meeting at 11:30 and commence tour.

Next meeting date TBD

Minutes Prepared and Distributed by

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Attachments:

TIM Responder Trng Announcement – Aug to January 2024

Slow Down Move Over Event Flyer hosted by TRPC on September 9