### TRAFFIC INCIDENT MANAGEMENT ENHANCEMENT (TIME)

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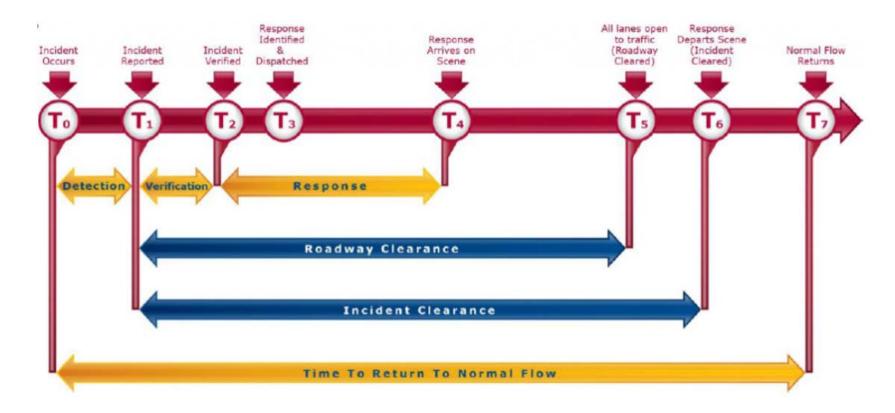


### Introduction

- On January 10, 2018, the COG Board of Directors created the Traffic Incident Management Enhancement (TIME) Initiative to:
  - Assess Traffic Incident Management (TIM) in the National Capital Region
  - Recommend enhancements to regional practice and operations
- This initiative leverages COG's multi-disciplinary, multijurisdictional purview
- Will identify ideas and actions, to be recommended for COG Board action later this year
- A TIME Task Force of subject matter experts has been convened



# **Safely Shortening Incident Duration**



#### Source: <a href="http://nchrptimpm.timnetwork.org">http://nchrptimpm.timnetwork.org</a>



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# **Convening the TIME Task Force**

- Interdisciplinary team of subject matter experts
  - Police, fire, and emergency medical services, 9-1-1 services, transportation operations, public information, towing/recovery
  - Participants are from DC, Maryland, Virginia
  - State and local agencies, National Park Service, toll roads, WMATA represented
- Met February 27 and March 23, next meeting April 17
- Chair and Vice Chair elected
- Participants have extensive experience in TIM, and have expressed strong interest in the success of this initiative



### **Participant Perspectives**

- Joseph Sagal
  - Director, Office of CHART & ITS Development, Maryland
     Department of Transportation State Highway Administration
  - TIME Task Force Chair
- Michael Wood
  - Regional Incident Management Coordinator, Virginia Department
     of Transportation Northern Region
  - TIME Task Force Vice Chair
- Captain Jason Pulliam
  - Commander of Highways, Maryland Transportation Authority
     Police



### Schedule

- TIME Task Force will meet monthly now through October/November, delving into best practices; practitioner workshop in May
- TIME presentations to the COG Board after today
  - June (anticipated expert panel format)
  - October (draft findings and recommendations)
  - November (anticipated COG approval action)

		January		February			N	March		April			May			June		July			August		t s	September		October		er	November		
COG Board Briefs/Actions		1					_				2						8											4			•
TIME Task Force Meetings/Workshops (Tentative)							1		2			8			4		5			6						7		8			
Pre-Launch Activities	~																			$\square$								$\square$			
Task Force Launch and Work Scope Development																				$\square$											
Examination of TIM Procedures & Practices																															
Workshops/Expert Events																															
Post-Workshops Examination of TIM Focus Areas																															
Findings and Recommendations Development																									ļ						



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# **Structure of TIME Task Force Activities**

Inputs	Discussions/Analyses	Outcomes
COG Board direction	Monthly meetings	<ul> <li>Task Force Report: findings and recom-</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Federal/national/ state law and</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Special workshop(s)</li> </ul>	<ul><li>mendations for:</li><li>Member</li></ul>
guidance	COG Board     interaction	<ul><li>agencies</li><li>COG sub-</li></ul>
Literature	<ul> <li>Staff research</li> </ul>	committees <ul> <li>Parking lot/</li> </ul>
• Task Force members'		future
subject matter expertise from	<ul><li>White paper(s)</li><li>Bibliography</li></ul>	considerations
multiple perspectives	with web links	COG Board TIME     resolution
Outside experts		(November)



### **Regional Practitioner Workshop**

- Format will be a "Capability and Maturity Framework Workshop", analyzing the region's TIM practices
- Will have both self-assessment and best practices aspects
- Federal Highway Administration experts will facilitate
- A wider group of practitioners will be convened for the workshop
- Scheduled May 22



# **Upcoming Task Force Discussion Topics**

- Best practices (both from the National Capital Region and from other areas; after-action reporting)
- Data sharing, compilation, and analysis
- Legislative and policy issues
- Partners (e.g. federal partners, towing and recovery, MATOC)
- Public outreach
  - o 9-1-1/multi-jurisdictional single point of contact considerations
  - o Alert-oriented outreach
  - Prevention-oriented outreach
  - o Social media outreach, and as a data source
- Technology (e.g. crash reconstruction technologies, unmanned aerial vehicles/unmanned aerial systems (UAV/UAS))
- Training needs and practices (cross-disciplinary)



#### Outlook

- We welcome the opportunity to address this important topic
- We look forward to our upcoming workshops, and to our future interactions with you on the Board as we develop recommendations

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