

BRIEFING ON THE TRAFFIC INCIDENT MANAGEMENT ENHANCEMENT (TIME) TASK FORCE

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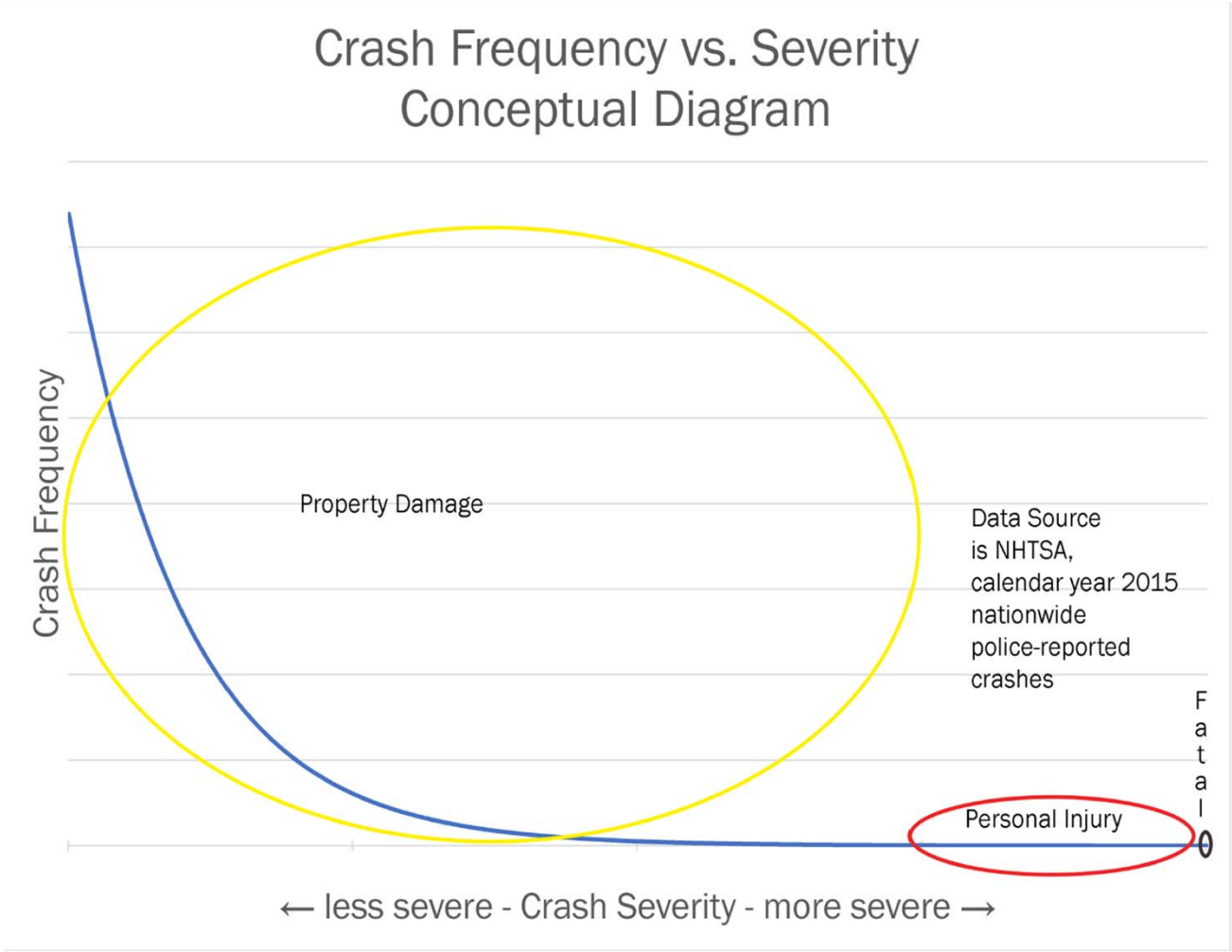
Introduction

- 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

Traffic Incident Management

- Traffic incidents impact safety, mobility and economy
- 50% or more of traffic delay due to non-recurring incidents
- Traffic Incident Management (TIM)
 - Coordinated process to detect, respond to, and clear traffic incidents
 - Reduces duration and impacts of traffic incidents and improves safety

Setting the Stage



Regional Efforts by TPB and MATOC

- After 9/11, TPB championed creation of the Metropolitan Area Transportation Operations Coordination (MATOC) Program (www.matoc.org)
 - Funded by state departments of transportation
 - Focuses on regional-level incident information sharing and coordination for the NCR
 - Recently delved into the topic of on-scene TIM, including a 2016 practitioners conference
- TPB looked at TIM as a special focus in 2016
 - Culminated in a November 2016 conference on “Championing Traffic Incident Management in the National Capital Region”

TIM and Public Safety

- TIM requires a multidisciplinary approach that includes first responders, include Police, Fire, and 9-11
- Law enforcement, fire and rescue, and EMS can have a huge impact on how quickly a scene can be cleared
- Imperative that all agencies and disciplines involved understand one another's primary missions and operating procedures and practices
- Are engaging COG's public safety stakeholders including Fire and Police Chiefs Committees, 9-1-1 Directors, and public information officers committees

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
 - Joseph Sagal, MDOT-SHA-CHART and Michael Wood, VDOT
- Participants have extensive experience in TIM, and have expressed strong interest in the success of this initiative

Schedule

- TIME Task Force will meet monthly now through October/November, delving into best practices:
 - Monthly meetings (except August)
 - May and June Workshops (May “Capability Maturity Model” practitioner-focused format; June “expert panel” format)
 - Oct./Nov. COG Board review and approval of final report

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November
COG Board Briefs/Actions	①			②		③				④	⑤
TIME Task Force Meetings/Workshops (Tentative)		①	②	③	④	⑤	⑥		⑦	⑧	
Pre-Launch Activities	█										
Task Force Launch and Work Scope Development	█	█	█	█							
Examination of TIM Procedures & Practices			█	█	█	█					
Workshops/Expert Events					█	█	█				
Post-Workshops Examination of TIM Focus Areas					█	█	█	█	█	█	
Findings and Recommendations Development								█	█	█	█

Structure of TIME Task Force Activities

Inputs	Discussions/Analyses	Outcomes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COG Board direction • Federal/national/state law and guidance • Literature • Task Force members' subject matter expertise from multiple perspectives • Outside experts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly meetings • Special workshop(s) • COG Board interaction • Staff research • White paper(s) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bibliography with web links 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Task Force Report: findings and recommendations for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member agencies • COG sub-committees • Parking lot/future considerations • COG Board TIME resolution (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
 - Contact Andrew Meese or Daivamani Sivasailam if you want an invite

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
 - 9-1-1/multi-jurisdictional single point of contact considerations
 - Alert-oriented outreach
 - Prevention-oriented outreach
 - 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)

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