2015 Northeast Regional Peer Exchange

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DAY 1 Agenda

9:00-9:30 Welcome and Introductions

Introductions: - Dennis Motiani, NOCoE Executive Director

Welcome to MassDOT:
Stephanie Pollack, Secretary and CEO, Massachusetts Department of Transportation
Opening Remarks:
Thomas J. Tinlin, Administrator, MassDOT Highway Division

9:30-11:30 DOT Organizational Structures:
Session Objective: Understand current organization structures. Establish if any agency has made organizational changes to support TSM&O. Explore possibility of making changes at states where the current organization doesn’t support TSM&O.

- Bring your Org Charts that define you.
- “What do we look like?”
- “How are we different?”
- “How are we set up for TSMO Operations, Emergency Operations, and Maintenance Operations?”
- “Is there a need to change?”
- “How do we change?”
  - Dennis Motiani, NOCoE, Facilitator

11:30-12:30 Lunch (Provided) - Tracy Scriba FHWA, “Your input on services provided”
12:30-1:45  

**Regional Coordination:**

*Session Objective:* Establish the current state of the practice for coordination by and among agencies. Learn what is working and what is not. Determine gaps, areas for improvement or standardization.

Who do we coordinate with for TSM&O Strategies?

- Bring a listing of stakeholders both internal and external.
- Who do we work with? Let’s create a regional matrix.
  - Internal Stakeholders
  - External Stakeholders
- Review States’ incident response severity level classifications
  - Have we developed similar levels?
  - Confirm the communication process between states.
- Review standardized messaging
  - Bring the messaging that you post on your boards for weather and incidents so we can compare!

-Marygrace Parker, I-95 Corridor Coalition, Facilitator

1:45-2:00  

Break

2:00-3:15  

**Regional Strategies:**


Identify strategies used for the following:

- Traffic Operations- (Messaging, Ramp metering, ATM, others)
- Emergency Operations (Training, EOC ESF coordination, DOT process, others)
- Security Operations (Law Enforcement, CCTV video release, others)
- Incident Management (TIM Training, Co-location, technology, response, others)
- Traveler Information (511, Social Media, others)

-Lorenzo Parra, Mass DOT, Facilitator

3:15-3:45  

Traffic Incident Management/Emergency Transportation Operations FHWA Activities

*Paul Jodoin, FHWA Office of Operations*

3:45-4:00  

Day 1 Wrap Up
DAY 2 Agenda

9:00 – 11:30  
**Weather Responsive Traffic Management:**
*Session Objective:* Share current state of the practices by agencies for weather responsive traffic management. Determine common protocols that exist or should exist in order to assist agencies from a regional approach when encountering weather events that impact multiple jurisdictions across the region.

- What are you doing in Traffic Operations and snow and ice to work together?
- How do you report road conditions?
- What criteria do you use?
- Do you have written procedures for a Storm Desk? Bring them!
- Let’s discuss our forecasting programs-how far out do we start forecasting?
- How do we use our RWIS systems as a region?
- Do we need to develop any protocols for regional storm management?

-Denise Markow, New Hampshire DOT, Facilitator

11:30-1:00  
Wrap-up – Lunch (Provided)

1:00-3:00  
**I-95 Corridor New England HOGS Meeting**
The I-95 Corridor Coalition’s New England Highway Operations Group will meet.
*Peer Exchange Participants are welcome to join/attend*

- Coordinated Incident Management Updates
- HOGs Corridor and Regional Leadership Updates
- I-95 Corridor Coalition Activities Update
- Northeast Peer Exchange
  - Outputs/Action Items relevant to HOGs/For follow-up
- Demonstration On “Tools You Can Use”:
  - I-95 Collaborative Tool/RITIS Meeting and RITIS (Michael Pack UMD CATT)
- Discussion Items:
  - Overall review from the various states as to how they handled significantly increased traffic this year after years of dwindling traffic counts.
  - What problems were reoccurring? Did increased speeds in Maine, for instance, contribute to crashes?
  - Do TIM operating guidelines need to be updated as traffic volume increases on the same highway infrastructure?
  - Where are the states with SHRP 2 training numbers and what may be holding those numbers back? Is there need for other I-95 Coalition-Sponsored FHWA/SHRP2 IM Training Sessions?
    - Kevin Donovan NE HOGs Co-Chair, Denise Markow, NH DOT/I-95 Coalition Coordinated Incident Management Committee/Highway Operations Co-Chair and Marygrace Parker, I-95 Corridor Coalition Staff, Facilitators

3:00  
Thank you – Safe Travels Home!
Secretary Stephanie Pollack and Thomas J. Tinlin, Highway Administrator for Mass Dot addressing the group on the first day.


New England State DOT officials involved in some great discussions.

Entire coverage on this peer exchange will be available soon on the NOCoE website.