



## DVRPC Regional TIM Program and Continuation During Social Distancing



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NOCoe Talking TIM Webinar Series

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# Who is DVRPC?

## Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission



- Federally-designated MPO for nine-county Philadelphia region in PA and NJ
- Created in 1965 to plan for “orderly growth and development”
- Transportation, land use, open space, housing and economic development
- Short, medium and long term transportation plans provide funding for projects



# The 9-County Region

## Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission



- Population = 5.8 million people
- Employment = 3 million jobs
- Governance = 351 municipalities
- Daily traffic = 112 million VMT
- Transit = 1.2 million trips / day

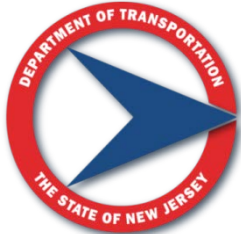




# DVRPC's Incident Management Program



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- Promote National Unified Goal (NUG)
- Integrate Incident Management into the Metropolitan Planning Process
- Provide Cross-disciplinary Training
- Manage Incident Management Task Forces
- Serve as Liaison between Emergency Responders and State/County Agencies
- Provide Software Applications to Emergency Responders



# 8 TIM Task Force Locations

Montgomery County, est. 1999

NJ SAFR, est. 2002

Philadelphia, est. 2007

Delaware County, est. 2008

Chester County, est. 2009

Burlington County, est. 2012

Bucks County, est. 2012

Mercer County, est. 2015





# Typical Activities



- Quarterly Meetings
  - Selected Chairperson(s)
  - Rotating Venues
- Incident After Action Reviews
  - RIMIS Incident Data
- Special Topic Presentations
- Construction Updates
- TIM Guidelines
- FHWA SHRP2 Training
- Cross Training – Vehicle Demos, Fatal Accident Investigation
- Maintain Contact Lists





# Overall Regional Successes

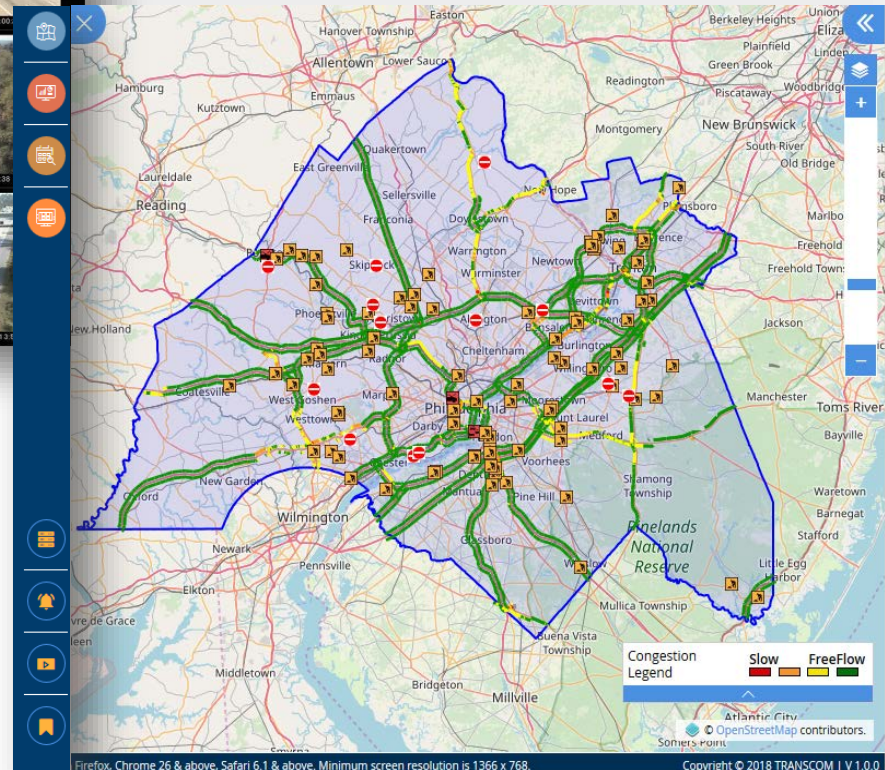
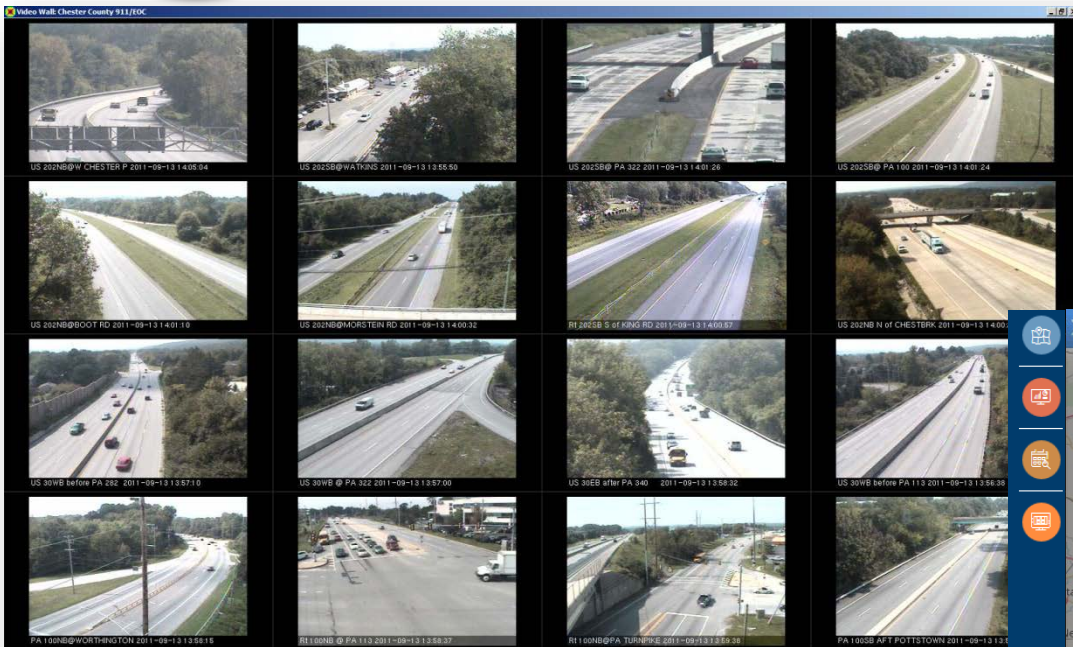


- Building Relationships
- Conduct Incident After Action Reviews
- Facilitate Training
  - Quarterly meetings
  - Regional TIM conferences 2011, 2015, 2018...21
  - Support Statewide TIM Training Efforts
  - TIM Self Assessment
- Special Projects
  - TIM Operating Guidelines
  - Ramp Designation Signage
  - Center median guide rails along NJ 42
  - I-76 Integrated Corridor Management Coordination
- Special Event Planning
  - Papal Visit & Democratic National Convention 2016





# RIMIS: Regional Integrated Multimodal Information Sharing



## Customized Video Walls & Situational Map







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Number of Events																										
Day\Hour	0-1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-6	6-7	7-8	8-9	9-10	10-11	11-12	12-13	13-14	14-15	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20	20-21	21-22	22-23	23-0	Total	
Sunday	7	2	4	8	4	3	1	2	5	2	8	12	9	17	9	7	10	5	6	7	4	9		2	143	
Monday	6	5	1	3	5	2	20	35	35	24	9	16	15	28	26	25	43	35	29	17	3	4	4	2	392	
Tuesday	2	6	2	5	3	9	11	45	27	37	21	28	31	28	33	33	41	56	28	15	9	7	4	3	484	
Wednesday	1	1	3		2	10	22	35	34	31	23	19	25	30	40	46	59	52	38	14	6	9	2	7	509	
Thursday	3	1	2	3	5	13	20	37	21	26	15	16	26	21	31	33	56	48	45	18	8	3	3	4	458	
Friday	2	3	3	1	4	9	16	39	33	22	16	21	29	26	53	44	51	52	39	19	5	7	6	1	501	
Saturday	4	2	2	4	3	2	7	8	4	5	15	11	8	16	14	14	13	9	10	10	2	8	4	6	181	
Total	25	20	17	24	26	48	97	201	159	147	107	123	143	166	206	202	273	257	195	100	37	47	23	25		



# Facilitating TIM Meetings During Pandemic





# During Pandemic..... TIM is Still Important!



April 12, 2020

I-476 SB in Montgomery County

Plymouth Township Fire Police







# During Pandemic..... TIM is Still Important!



Source: Thorndale Fire Company



April 26: Thorndale Fire Company on US 30  
Bypass EB in Chester County

April 24: PA State Police on US I-81 at the  
George Wade Memorial Bridge in Harrisburg, PA



Source: Todd Leiss



# Bi-weekly Virtual TIM Meetings

- Held 1 Regional Meeting for all of our IMTFs versus 8 separate meetings
- Used Zoom Webinar Format
  - Tried to keep to 1-hour duration
  - Only speakers and hosts had microphone and video capability
  - Used Chat Box and Question and Answer Boxes
  - Use of Polls
    - Topics of Interest
    - Feedback on Frequency of Virtual Meetings
  - Held 4 Meetings
    - Participants ranged from 110 to 175 per call



# Importance of Information Sharing during Pandemic

- Initial Agency Update Reports
  - DOTs, State Police, Toll Authorities, etc..
- Standard Operating Procedure (SOPS) Changes
  - Fire, Police, EMS, Towing, Safety Service Patrol, Hazmat & Dispatch
- Responding During a Pandemic and Moving Forward
  - Fire, EMS, Police, EMS





# Virtual Meeting: Opportunity to bring in Keynote Speakers

- **Chief Marc Bashoor**, FireRescue1 & Fire Chief Exec. Editor
  - Maintaining Mental Strength and Focus in Times of Crisis
- **Jack Sullivan**, Emergency Responder Safety Institute
  - The Past, Present, and Future of Responder Safety at Roadway Incidents
- **Chief Dennis Rubin**, Upper Merion Fire Department
  - Commanding at Traffic Responses: Being Preparing to Lead During Emergency Operations



# After Action Reviews

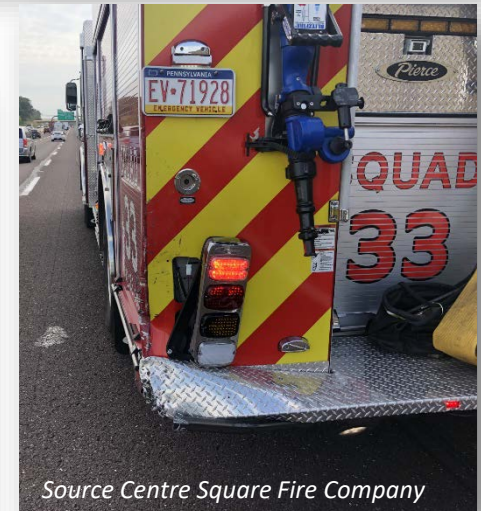
- **Struck by Incident on PA Turnpike**
  - Chief Lee Miller, Centre Square Fire Co.
- **I-295 Multi-Vehicle Incident**
  - Chief Rick Harris, Colonial Manor Fire Co.
- **US 422 Tanker Rollover with Spill**
  - Asst. Chief Tom Dimmerling, Upper Providence Fire



Source: Colonial Manor Fire Company



Source: Upper Providence Fire Company



Source Centre Square Fire Company



# On-Line TIM Training Resources

- **PennTIME**
  - PA Statewide TIM Training online:
    - TrainPA
      - [www.train.org/pa/](http://www.train.org/pa/)
    - PA Virtual Training Network
      - [www.pavtn.net](http://www.pavtn.net)
- **NJTIM.org**
  - New Jersey TIM Resource Portal
  - NJ clearinghouse for all things TIM



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# On-Line Training Resources

- **Respondersafety.com**
  - 38 Training Modules Available
  - 10 Roadway Safety Shorts
- **Fire Hero Learning Network**
  - Fireherolearningnetwork.com
  - 12 Modules similar to ResponderSafety.com
- **Pennsylvania Fire & Emergency Service Institute (PFESI) Webinars**
  - Frequent on many different topics
  - Listed on PFESI Facebook Page





# Moving Forward...

- Continue to promote TIM and Responder Safety
- Transitioned from Bi-weekly to Monthly Regional Meetings for July and August
- Anticipate Corridor based Virtual TIM Meetings in Fall
- Supplemental Regional Virtual TIM Meetings as needed
  - i.e. late Fall to Promote National Traffic Incident Response Awareness Week, Nov 8 -14, 2020
- Evaluate 2021 Regional TIM Conference
- Fluid Situation, so working with our emergency responders to accommodate their needs the best we can



Working together makes us better prepared.

Thank you!

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