

## National Harbor, MD

Summer 2009

The NTIMC held its fifteenth full Coalition meeting in National Harbor, Maryland; in association with the ITS America Annual meeting. Coalition members discussed the work group development, an executive briefing with USDOT, and the ITS/JPO Request for Information.

### ***Coalition responds to RITA Request for Information***

At the request of the Chair a response to the ITS/JPO Request for Information (RFI) was submitted on behalf of the Coalition on May 20. The RFI was seeking input from relevant organizations related to development of a five year strategic plan. The response from the Coalition emphasized the relevance and importance of the National Unified Goal in the context of draft goals offered within the RFI. Specifically the response addressed safety through vehicle connectivity and integration, capture of real-time information on all roads to facilitate identification and response, and development of complementary policies based on continued development and deployment of technologies.

### ***Executive Meeting Date Set***

The TSAG and NTIMC leadership groups will meet with executives from the Department of Transportation to reaffirm the mission, vision, purpose, and status of the Coalition and the TSAG on June 30, 2009. Leadership will discuss the group's context within the broader traffic incident management and emergency response communities to offer perspectives on the contributions each group has made, and to highlight mutually understood opportunities for future collaboration.

### ***Coalition Members Participate in TSAG Case Study Exercise***

The Transportation Safety Advancement Group (TSAG) recently completed a case study on the Democratic National Convention, in which Coalition members participated in development. Another Case Study on the

I-35 bridge collapse in Minnesota will begin development this afternoon with a workshop. Coalition members will attend and participate in development. Within a workshop setting, Coalition and TSAG members review actual public safety related events or incidents for the purpose of identifying management strategies and technology-based applications and corresponding successes, failures, and lessons-learned. Additional information can be found at the new TSAG website: [www.tsag-its.org](http://www.tsag-its.org). One feature on the website allows responders to submit polling questions.

### ***Coalition Chair John Corbin presents David Helman with a certificate of recognition for his support of the NTIMC and the National Unified Goal.***



### ***David Helman set to Retire from FHWA***

After 30 years of working for the FHWA David Helman is planning to retire in August 2009. During that time Dave has worked on incident management, XXX. Before joining FHWA, he served as the safety programs engineer in the West Virginia Department of Highways and was a senior associate with a national traffic consulting firm. Coalition members wish Dave Helman a happy and relaxing retirement.

### **NTIMC Foundation Set to Meet July 23**

The NTIMC Foundation held its formative meeting on February 12, 2009, officers were elected, and bylaws approved. Foundation members are planning to meet July 23 for their second formal meeting. The Foundation will focus on finalizing Grant Making procedures, and developing outreach and marketing products.

### **TIM Network**

In order to more broadly involve individual TIM professionals and practitioners in Coalition activities and to seek their representative expertise in the same, the TIM Network is being established. The Network will engage State, regional, and local participants as a resource to implement the NUG. The Network will enable participants to exchange best practices among network members, gain insight into potential policy development activities, and impact affect ongoing research projects and project statements through review and comment, as well as research statement development. TIM Network members will also receive regular information about NTIMC activities and decisions, early access to Coalition products and resources, and will be afforded networking opportunities with NTIMC leadership and members.

### **Practices and Procedures Working Group**

The NTIMC Communications and Training Working Group is charged with identification, development, and distribution of Coalition information and training products to state, regional, and local TIM responders and other relevant stakeholder groups.

### **Research Working Group**

The NTIMC Research Working Group is tasked with reviewing, identifying, and developing research problem statements, programs, and opportunities.

### **Communications and Training Working Group**

The Network is open to any individual with active involvement in TIM-related activities on a local, regional, State or national level. Multidisciplinary involvement is very much welcomed and encouraged.

For more information and to submit an application to join the TIM Network visit the Coalition website: <http://timcoalition.org>.

### **GDOT HERO Program Recognized**

The Coalition recently recognized the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for their efforts in exploring alternate revenue models to support their HERO safety/service patrol program. GDOT successfully procured a five-year, \$8.78 million sponsorship to financially aid HERO program and enhance the program's public-safety purpose. The HERO program serves as an example to Departments of Transportation seeking to implement strategies set forth in the National Unified Goal (NUG) for Traffic Incident Management which was ratified by the NTIMC in 2007. The NUG encompasses a unified, national policy developed by major national organizations representing traffic incident responders under the stewardship of the NTIMC. Georgia's 'HEROs' and GDOT are certainly helping lead the way among traffic incident responder and TIM programs.

### **Member Events and Activities**

IBTTA Annual Meeting Opening Session – July 19, 2009. Denver, Colorado

ITE 2009 Annual Meeting and Exposition – August 9-12, 2009. San Antonio, Texas

### **Industry Links and News**

#### **Highway Safety Groups Hope DVD Will Save Lives**

Link to story and video report on WAKE-TV:

<http://wake.mync.com/site/Wake/news/story/29383/highway-safety-groups-hope-dvd-will-save-lives/>

Link to video from the North Carolina Office of the State Fire Marshall:

[http://www.ncdoi.com/OSFM/RPD/rpd\\_resources\\_HighwaySafety.asp](http://www.ncdoi.com/OSFM/RPD/rpd_resources_HighwaySafety.asp)

#### **Service Patrol Handbook (FHWA-HOP-08-031)**

<http://www.ops.fhwa.dot.gov/incidentmgmt/publications.htm>