



MINUTES OF MEETING
Quick Clearance Committee Meeting
May 10, 2007



Meeting Date: May 10*- , 2007
Location: DelDOT Administration Building (Dover, DE)
Purpose: All Hazards Non-Typical Transportation Evacuation Committee Meeting

List of Meeting Attendees:

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Handouts provided during the meeting:

1. Agenda
2. I-95 Corridor Coalition Quick Clearance and “Move-it” Best Practices Executive Summary

I. Opening Remarks

Gene Donaldson (DelDOT) thanked everyone for attending the Safe Quick Clearance Committee Meeting and began the meeting with brief introductions followed by reviewing of the agenda. Gene stated that the main purpose of the committee is to work towards quick clearance of incidents while stressing that this must be done with the upmost concern for the safety of the responders. The purpose of the committee is to draft legislation for next year’s General Assembly session to make changes in the Delaware Code to be more proactive for clearing roadways after an incident. The meeting was conducted in an open discussion format.

II. Overview of Executive Summary

The I-95 Corridor Coalition Quick Clearance and “Move-It” Best Practices Summary was distributed to attendees. A quick review of the material was presented.

III. Safe, Quick Clearance

Captain Henry de Vries of the I-95 Corridor Coalition provided an in-depth review of the efforts of the I-95 Corridor Coalition. There are efforts being made nationally under the National Unified Goal (NUG) as part of Traffic Incident Management (TIM). The purpose of TIM and the efforts for Quick



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Clearance is to promote:

- Responder Safety,
- Congestion Relief, and
- Freight Mobility

The I-95 Corridor Coalition will be publishing the how-to book – Quick Clearance / Move-It Implementation Toolkit. They will be scheduling 10 workshops throughout the corridor over the balance of 2007 and into 2008. The Delaware Valley Highway Operations Group (HOG's) workshop is scheduled on June 20th in Philadelphia. There is also a workshop scheduled in the Baltimore area (near BWI) on June 22nd.

The I-95 Corridor Coalition is also working with the University of Maryland to develop a 3D interactive program to provide a training program for incident management responders.

IV. Open Discussion

Derek Voight (JEK) distributed a draft report on Quick Clearance outlining work in other states, model laws used by other jurisdictions and suggested changes that could be made in the Delaware Code. More input was needed from incident responders, particularly the fire community.

Gene Donaldson indicated that the committee needs to build consensus. It was suggested that the fire companies responding on I-95 in Delaware be brought into the discussion specifically, mentioned was Talleyville, Minquas, Newark and Claymont. It was also suggested to bring in fire officials from other jurisdictions that have a quick clearance program.

The group discussed the benefits of doing a localized effort such as for I-95 versus a statewide program. The consensus was that the amount of effort needed for I-95 will be the same as for a statewide program and it would make more sense to do it once as a statewide program.

Action Items

- Next meeting needs to have more representation from the fire community. ORA to reach out to get more representation using the Volunteer Fire Associations.
- Draft language of the proposed law changes will be prepared and circulated.
- Committee members are to identify potential lawmakers to sponsor the changes.

Minutes were prepared by Orth-Rodgers & Associates, Inc (ORA). We believe the foregoing minutes to be an accurate summary of the meeting and related decisions.

Any questions or concerns can be directed to Gene Donaldson at gene.donaldson@state.de.us or (302) 659-4601. Additionally, ORA is providing consulting support and Bruce Littleton can be reached at blittleton@orth-rodgers.com or (215) 735-1932.

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