

Incident Management in Hampton Roads

**An Update to the Metropolitan
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The Fight Against Congestion

- **50% of Urban congestion from incidents (FHWA)**
- **2003 - \$67 Billion in delay costs (TTI)**
- **An estimated 50,000 incidents will occur on Hampton Roads highways this year. (VDOT)**

HRHIM Committee



- **1999 – Highway Incident Management Committee (HRHIM) formed by the emergency response community.**
- **Multi-Jurisdictional Memorandum of Understanding**
- **Fosters the “3-C’s)**
 - Cooperation
 - Coordination
 - Communication

VDOT STC

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Regional Concept of Transportation Operations

- **RCTO guides the collaborative effort**
- **Garner commitment from elected and appointed officials on a common regional approach.**
- **Strengthens the linkage between planning and transportation operations.**

Developing RCTO

- **The scope of an RCTO is shaped by the collaborative activity among multiple jurisdictions**
- **First Step: Traffic Incident Management - Ensure proper and effective coordination of off-site activities in support of the Incident Commander. i.e. Detours, Signal timing, Motorists Information.**

RCTO

- **Who Needs to be Involved**
 - State and Municipal Traffic/Traffic Operations Engineers and Managers
 - Emergency Responders
 - Municipal Emergency Managers
 - Transportation Planners
 - Public Works Managers

Current Activity

- **HRHIM Committee formally made a subcommittee of the MPO Technical committee**
- **Regional Training – FHWA provided training session in May 2005**
- **A Joint Task Force from HRHIM and the Hampton Roads ITS Committee – to develop mission/goals/charter of RCTO**

Current Activity

- **Joint Task Force will define cooperation roles and responsibilities of all incident responders and further define how responders will coordinate response efforts**
- **Joint Task force will routinely call incident critiques**
- **Updating MPO TTC quarterly**
- **VDOT has made operations a core function of the organization and has committed the needed resources to carry out this function**

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