

I-95 Corridor Coalition Hosts Successful NUG Summit

The I-95 Corridor Coalition held a highly successful Summit on the National Unified Goal ("NUG") for Traffic Incident Management on September 21-22, 2010 near Baltimore, MD. There were 156 multidisciplinary persons from the traffic incident response field in attendance at this national NUG Summit, representing 84 federal, state, regional, and local entities from 22 States, 12 of which were I-95 Corridor Coalition States. More than 150 additional persons participated on the FHWA-provided nationwide webinar which simultaneously broadcasted the September 21st speaker presentations.

Sponsored by the I-95 Corridor Coalition, with Co-Hosts Federal Highway Administration and the National Traffic Incident Management Coalition, the Summit focused on the three major NUG objectives: Responder Safety; Quick Clearance; and Prompt, Reliable Interoperable Communications. The Summit agenda was comprehensive, covering such topics as NUG Strategies and Opportunities, Implementation Funding Options, Key Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Focus Areas, TIM Team Best Practices spotlighting an I-95 Corridor Coalition recently-completed project, Service Patrols, TIM Training including the I-95 Coalition's 3-D Virtual Incident Management Training System and the Quick Clearance Responder Workshops, Tow Policies, Onscene Communications Procedures, Performance Measures, Scene Safety Training, Successful TIM Team Programs, and FHWA's Unit Plan and Roadmap Update. Culminating the Summit was a Multidisciplinary Conversation Circle wherein Transportation Agency, State Police, Fire, MPO, and Towing Representatives discussed TIM Team development and key issues to NUG implementation.

Overwhelmingly, attendees evaluated the NUG Summit extremely positively, including such comments as..."Well Done! ...Overall conference was great! ...Excellent Summit -- Looking forward to the next one... I filled 6 pages with notes of good ideas and opportunities for follow-up."

All September 21-22, 2010 NUG Summit presentations are now available online on the I-95 Corridor Coalition's website at:

http://www.i95coalition.org/i95/Portals/0/Public_Files/pm/presentations/NUG%20Summit%20All%20PresentationsFINAL.pdf