TIM RADIOS OPERATIONAL

The Traffic Incident Management (TIM) radio system became operational December 1, 2001.

This system allows communication between the Incident Commander and various responding agencies. According to the operating protocol adopted by the Greater Hartford Incident Management Steering Committee, the need for interagency communication, not the size of the incident, determines when this radio system should be called into use. The TIM system can be used on scene and as various participating agencies respond to an incident.

Funded by the Federal Highway Administration and the Connecticut Department of Transportation, this project has provided portable radios to local fire departments that respond to incidents on the limited access highways in the greater Hartford area. A map showing participating towns is located on page 2 and 3 of this newsletter. Radios have also been provided to ConnDOT maintenance personnel and the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection haz-mat responders.

The Connecticut State Police at Troop H and Troop C now have several of these portable radios which can be brought to the scene of a significant incident. Upon delivery and installation of a crossband control station, responding troopers will have immediate access to the TIM radio system. This crossband system is now on order and will be delivered soon.

The two pairs of radio frequencies used for this system are licensed to and have been provided by the North Central Connecticut Emergency Medical Services Council.

As we gain experience with the operation of this new radio system, we will forward suggestions on to participating responders, directly and through this newsletter. Since the TIM system is not a communication tool that will be used on a daily basis, supervisors need to insure that the equipment is located in a readily accessible space, and kept in working order. Batteries need to be kept charged and the radios should be tested on a regular basis. All potential users need to be trained in the proper operational protocol, and reminders of the availability of this equipment should be included when planning training exercises.

Please forward any ideas for improving the functionality of the TIM radio system to Karen Olson at CRCOG. Her contact information can be found on the last page of this newsletter.

RAFS EQUIPMENT ORDERED

The new antenna equipment that will upgrade the local police RAFS radio system is on order from Motorola and will be installed soon. This system will improve radio transmission for areas both east and west of the Connecticut River.

Also on order are control stations that will be installed in the dispatch consoles of the Connecticut State Police and the City of Hartford Fire Department. This will allow first responders from the State Police and the City of Hartford instant access to the TIM radio system described above.
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- Coordination
- Cooperation
- Communication

**Questions or Comments?**
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