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GOVERNOR PERDUE LAUDS INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TASKFORCE

ATLANTA--Governor Sonny Perdue has proclaimed November 8 as Traffic Incident Management Day in Georgia, in honor of the Metro Atlanta Traffic Incident Management Enhancement (TIME) Task Force's first-ever conference on Incident Management. The conference will be held on November 7-8 at the Dillard House in Dillard, Georgia.

Attendees include representatives of several metro Atlanta police, fire and emergency response agencies, towing companies, the Georgia Department of Transportation, and the Federal Highway Administration. Topics to be discussed include emergency transportation operations, the latest incident management technology, radio communications, and the I-95 Corridor Coalition. The conference is sponsored by both public and private entities, including the Intelligent Transportation Society of Georgia, the Federal Highway Administration, the Georgia Dept. of Transportation, Arcadis, and URS Corporation.

"Traffic congestion is one of the primary concerns for the metro Atlanta region," said Georgia DOT Commissioner Harold Linnenkohl. "This taskforce plays and will continue to play a critical role in this region's effort to improve congestion. TIME's primary goal of coordination between the regional incident management agencies is primary to that effort."

The conference also features a hands-on rollover demonstration, displaying the best way to upright wrecked vehicles, and a TIME Saver Awards reception and dinner to recognize the agencies that best demonstrated traffic incident management and agency coordination in 2005.

TIME was formed to address the critical issues related to incident management in the metro Atlanta area. The task force members include incident responders from fire, rescue, police, towing, emergency medical services, hazardous material contractors, media outlets, and transportation agencies. TIME's mission is to develop and sustain a region-wide traffic incident management program to facilitate the safest and fastest roadway clearance of incidents.

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