

PA Turnpike Commission

Mid-County to Bensalem Incidents
February 14, 2014



Agencies Involved in Response

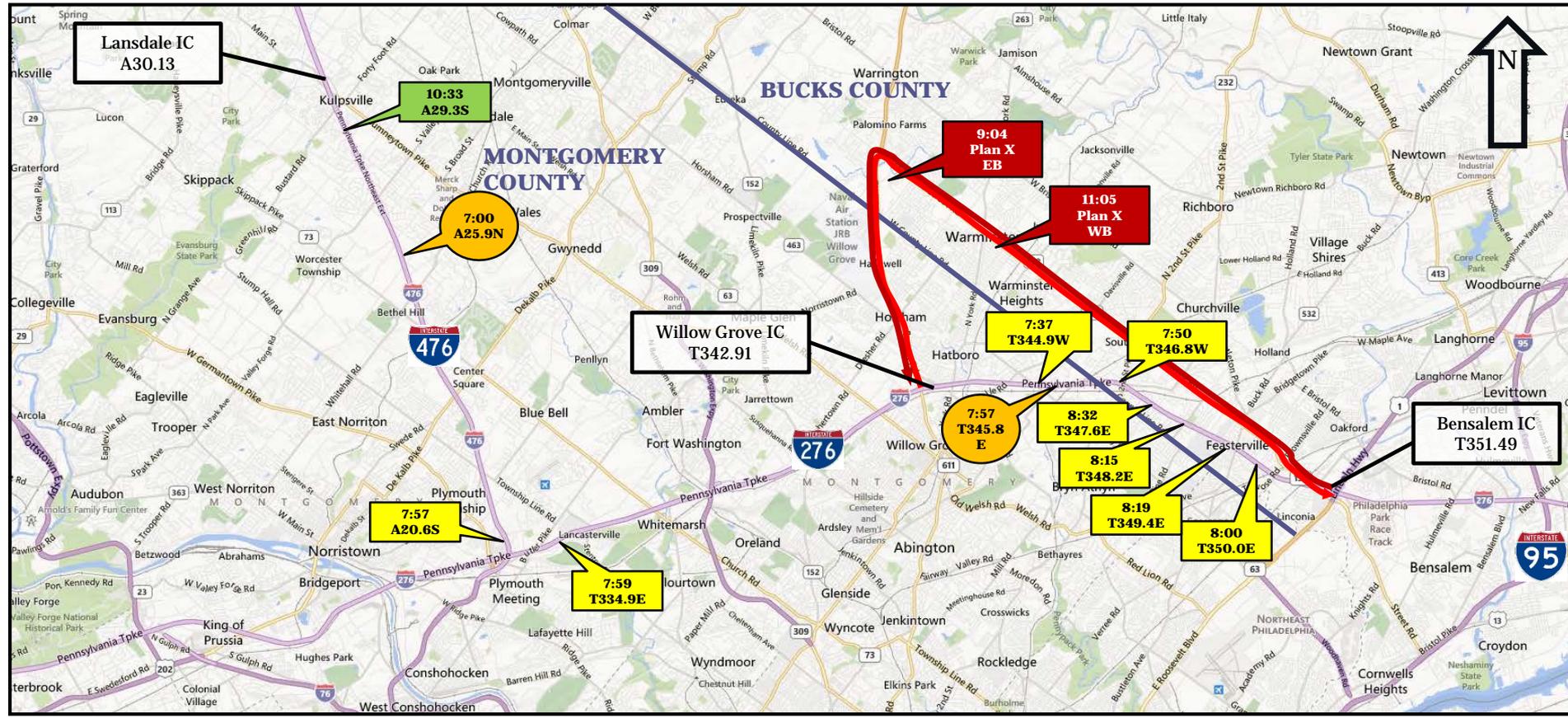
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- Executive Management
- Communication & Public Relations
- Fare Collection, District 4
- Traffic Operations Center
- Field Operations
- Maintenance, Management
- Maintenance, District 4 Management
- Maintenance, Service Areas
 - Trevoise Maintenance
 - Quakertown Maintenance
 - Plymouth Meeting Maintenance
 - Devault Maintenance
 - Bowmansville Maintenance
- Authorized Service Provider, Rob's Towing
- Contracted Spill Response Team, Lewis Environmental Group
- Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) Troop T, King of Prussia Station

Other Responding Agencies

- American Red Cross & Salvation Army
- Bensalem Emerg. Medical Services
- Bensalem Fire Rescue & Police Dept.
- Bensalem Twp. Dept. of Public Safety
- Bristol Twp. Police Dept.
- Bucks Emerg. Mgmt. Agency/Health Svc.
- Edgely Fire Co. & Newport Fire Co.
- Lower Moreland Twp. Police Dept.
- Lower Southampton Police Dept.
- Montgomery & Bucks County 911
- Montgomery EMS
- Nottingham Fire Dept.
- PA Emerg. Mgmt. Agency (PEMA)
- PennDel Middleton Emerg. Squad
- PennDOT Area Command
- PennDOT Dist. 6-0 Traffic Mgmt. Ctr.
- PennDOT Dist. 6-0, Maint.
- PSP Philadelphia & Trevoise Stations
- Trevoise Fire Co.

Incident Map



Legend



Reportable Incident with HAZMAT Spill

Non-reportable Incident (e.g. spinout)

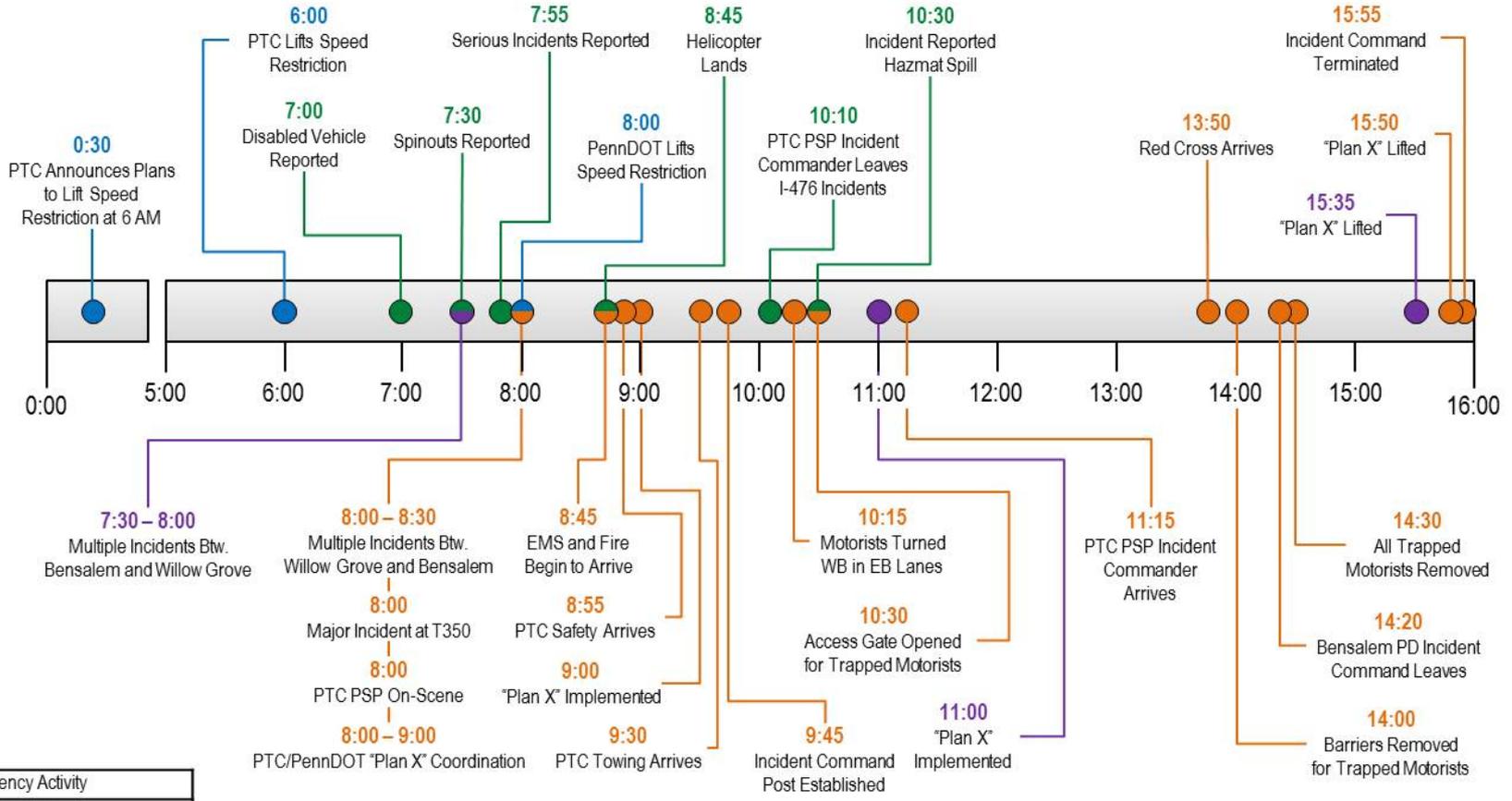
Reportable Incident

T###.#E/W Mainline Turnpike (I-276)

A##.#N/S Northeast Extension (I-476)



Incident Timeline



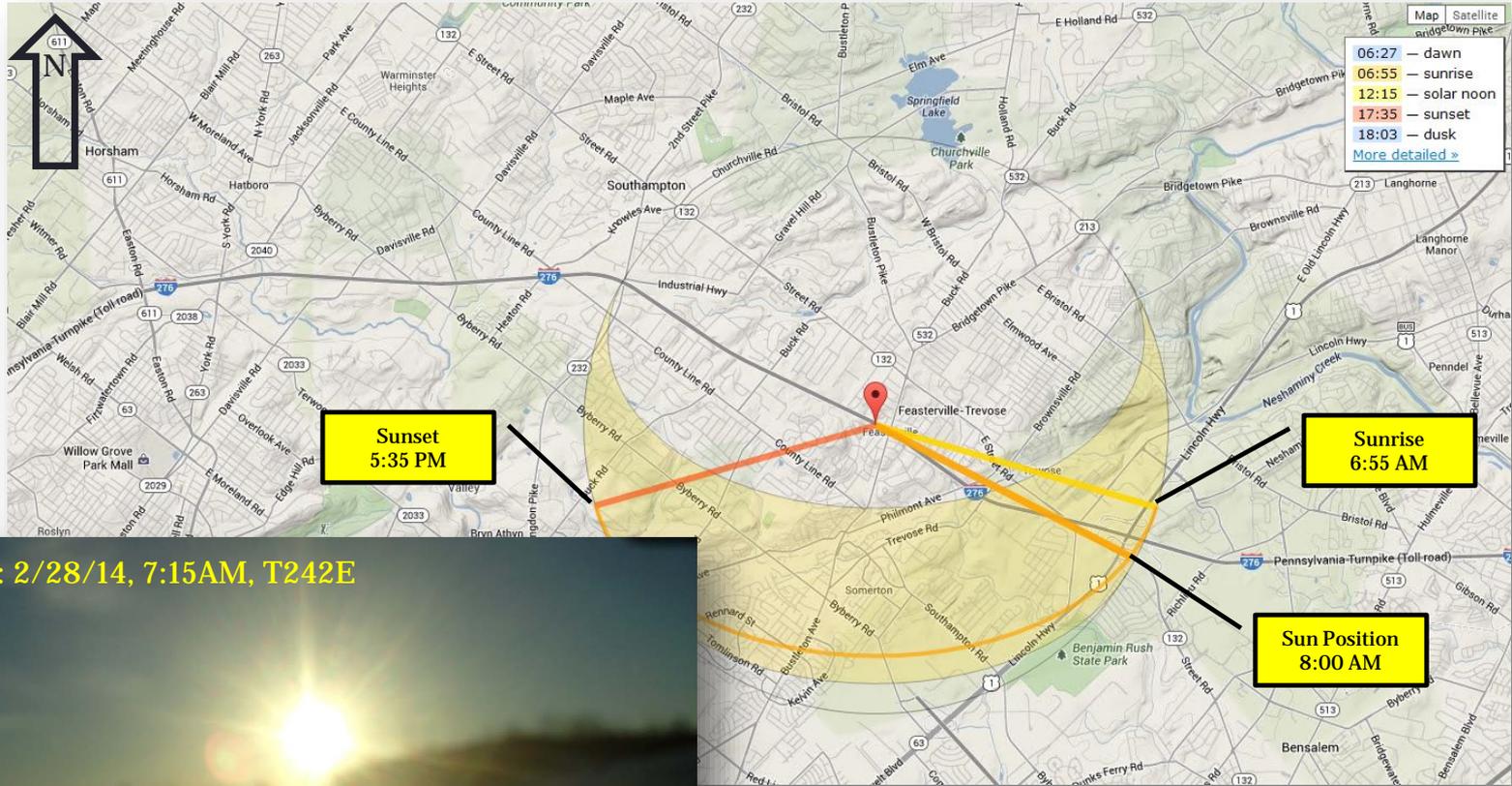
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Blue	Agency Activity
Green	I-476 Activity
Purple	I-276 Westbound Activity
Orange	I-276 Eastbound Activity



Sun Glare

www.suncalc.net
Friday, 2/14/2014



Example: 2/28/14, 7:15AM, T242E



PA Turnpike Safety & Response Resources

- 24/7 Traffic Operations Center
- PSP Troop T, Dedicated Turnpike Unit, 235 Troopers
- 101 Contracted, Off-Pike Fire Companies
- 65 Contracted, Off-Pike EMS Companies with Medevac Resources
- 21 Contracted Emergency Road Service Providers (Towing)
- 5 Private Hazardous-Materials Contractors
- Statewide Emergency-Resource Coordination with PEMA
- Access to Non-Contracted Local/Municipal Resources “As-Needed”

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Winter Maintenance Resources

- 436 Professional Equipment Operators
- 102 Standby Plow-Truck Operators (PTC Employees)
- 288 Plow Trucks with Spreaders
- 61 Front-End Loaders
- 35 Salt-Storage Facilities
- 22 Maintenance Section Sheds
- 10 Tow Plows
- 7 Truck-Mounted Snow Blowers

Trevose Maintenance Shed Resources

- **Staff**

- 1 Foreman
- 1 Assistant Foreman-*vacant*
- 1 Section Clerk
- 21 Equipment Operators
- 2 Mechanics
- 4 Utility Workers

- **Equipment**

- 14 Plow Trucks
- 1 Tow Plow
- 2 Loaders
- 0 Blowers

- **Salt Used Last Winter**

- 2,744 Ton

- **Pre-Wet Material Used Last Winter**

- 7,800 Gallons

Trevose Maintenance Shed

On-Road Activities and Applications

- 4-5” of snow fell btw. 11PM – 3AM
- Rain had washed away previous treatments
- No significant equipment issues
- Still treating when incidents occurred
- Application rate: 700lb/mile
- 935 tons of salt– equals 1/3 of salt used all of last winter
- 2,250 gallon of calcium
- Flooding issues at T341W-cleared prior to midnight
- Full staffing callout throughout storm event

PTC After-Incident-Review (AIR) Process

- To identify best practices and opportunities for improvement

- Gathered data and conducted interviews
 - PTC Maintenance and Operations
 - Pennsylvania State Police Troop T
 - PTC Customers
 - PennDOT District 6-0 Maintenance and Operations
 - Bucks County EMA and Local Emergency Service Providers

- AIR Meeting held on 3/4/2014 at the PTC ERO
 - Pre-Incidents Discussions
 - Incidents Response Discussions
 - Lessons Learned Summary

Improvement Actions

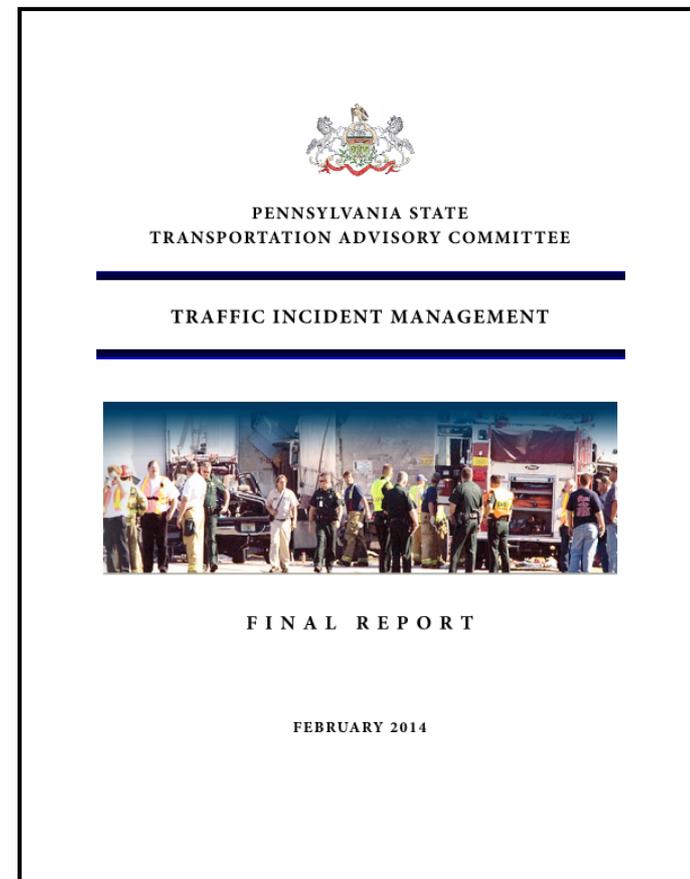
- Improve communications within the PTC and with external agencies
- Address the establishment and use of the Unified Incident Command System
- Address the planning and use of available resources during extended duration winter events and large traffic incidents
- Improve situational awareness throughout an incident
- Promote safe driving responsibilities and habits through Customer Communications & Public Relations

Commendable Actions

- EMS, Municipal Police, Fire and County EMA response was excellent and aided in the safe and efficient opening of the roadway
- PEMA reported that communications with the TOC were excellent
- Communications among PTC District 4 field personnel was excellent throughout
- Towing authorized service provider was efficient and timely
- PTC and PSP showed tremendous dedication and professionalism throughout the extended storm and incident response

TAC Traffic Incident Management Report: Relatable Findings

- Incident Management Task Force
- PA Traffic Incident Management Guidelines
- Multidisciplinary Training
- Build Effective Relationships with Local Governments/Responders
- Conduct AIRs



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