



UAV'S IN PUBLIC SAFETY

Applications by Maine State Police



BACKGROUND:

- ▶ 2017 – State Legislature passes bill to allow the use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles for Law Enforcement
- ▶ May 2017 – MSP trained 3 Crash Reconstruction Experts and 2 Pilots in UAV operation.
- ▶ June 2017 – Purchased 3 DJI Matrice 200 UAV's for Crash Reconstruction purposes
- ▶ To Date –
 - ▶ 48 Crash Reconstruction Mapping Flights
 - ▶ 17 Crime Scene Mapping Flights
 - ▶ 5 Fire Scene Mapping Flights
 - ▶ 16 Search/Rescue Flights

UAV APPLICATIONS FOR CRASH INVESTIGATION

- Overhead Photos to show collision



UAV APPLICATIONS FOR CRASH INVESTIGATION

► Scene Documentation



UAV APPLICATIONS FOR CRASH INVESTIGATION

► Scene Analysis



BENEFIT OF UAV OVER TRADITIONAL METHODS

► Time on Scene

- The longer the roadway is obstructed, the greater the risk of secondary crashes.
- Roadway shut downs have a huge economic impact
- Shut downs place tremendous strain on public safety assets and can hinder a response in an emergency

BENEFIT OF UAV OVER TRADITIONAL METHODS

► Time on Scene

- A Typical Forensic Mapping takes 1 to 2 hours and we collect 200 – 300 points. Roadway must typically be shut down for officer safety.
- The UAV can collect 100 to 200 photographs which can generate a point cloud containing millions of points in a 10 – 15 minute flight. Roadway can generally stay open.

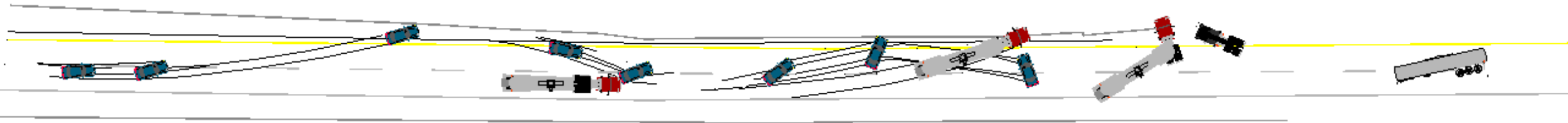
BENEFIT OF UAV OVER TRADITIONAL METHODS

- ▶ Time on Scene
 - ▶ The UAV doesn't care about scene complexity




BENEFIT OF UAV OVER TRADITIONAL METHODS

- ▶ Time On Scene Mapping: 3 Hours
- ▶ Road completely shut down 1 hour
- ▶ Traffic in shoulder 3 hours

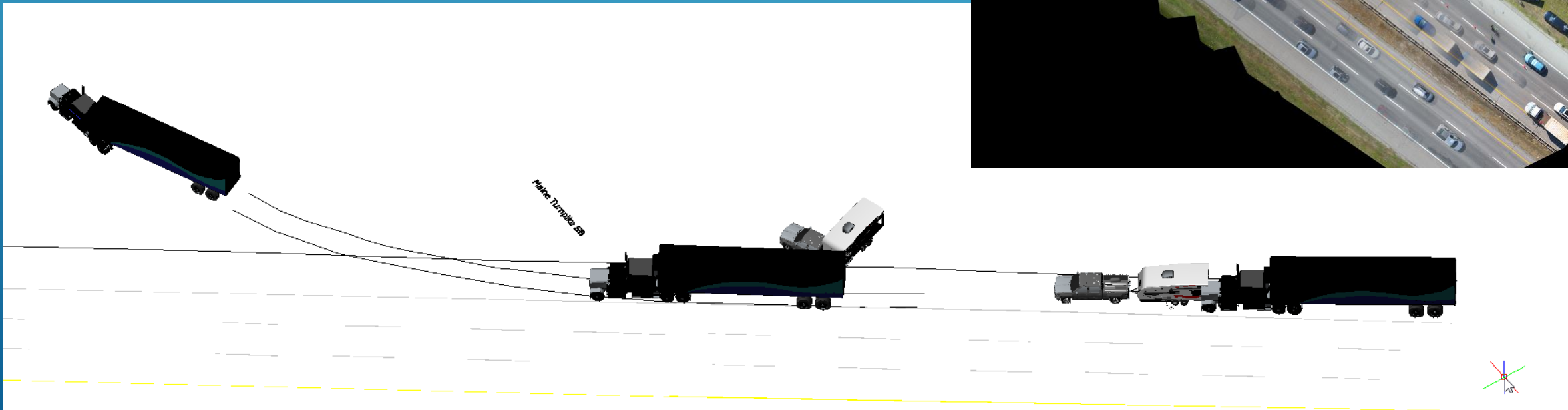


I 295 Southbound

To Exit 22 

BENEFIT OF UAV OVER TRADITIONAL METHODS

- ▶ UAV set up- 15 minutes
- ▶ UAV Flight Time – 11 minutes
- ▶ 2 lanes of travel fully left open
- ▶ Time on scene 1 hour



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