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For TRAFFIC INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM WITHIN FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT ONE

Introduction

The National Traffic Incident Management Coalition (NTIMC) estimates that traffic incidents on the cause of about 10% of the congestion in U.S. freeways, and that they account for a huge number of accidents during a peak travel period. Five minutes of travel delay results from the accident to 92 million passengers, and these delays are a serious concern for the state’s economy. Therefore, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is developing a policy for SITP to improve safety and mobility. The LMOU is a necessary component of this policy.

As such, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has developed a Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Strategic Team to identify programs and activities to reduce the burden to and expand the TIM program in Florida to better serve our traveling public. Consequently, the FDOT has reached a milestone where the Department can now recognize that the successful TIM Program is in need of leadership and support. The policy framework will include increased FDOT/TIM Agency Member participation, as it is in the best interest of the state’s needs, and to provide a transparent approach to incident management. Therefore, the FDOT is committed to achieving one goal.

Purpose

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) provides the framework and guidelines to facilitate a consistent and uniform incident response and traffic management system to enhance the mobility of the state’s roadway system. It is expected that the FDOT and TIM Agency Members will be responsible for implementing the MOU to achieve the mutual objectives.

Goal 1: Establishment of the Statewide Open Roads Guidelines

1. Law Enforcement
   - State Police
   - Florida Highway Patrol
   - Local police agencies

2. Fire and Rescue
   - Including State, County, City and Local Volunteer Fire and Rescue

3. Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
   - Including State, City, and other Municipality Medical Departments

Goal 2: Definition of Incident Roles and Responsibilities for Participating TIM Agency Members

4. Emergency Management Agencies
   - Including State, County and City Emergency Operations Centers

5. Environmental Agencies
   - Including Department of Environmental Protection and other agencies such as Utilities

6. Transportation Agencies
   - Including Highway Maintenance, Service Patrols, Traffic Transportation Management Centers (TTMC) and Metropolitan Planning Organizations

7. Other Agencies
   - Including other local agencies

8. Equipment
   - Including incident response equipment

9. Funding
   - Including funding for incident response equipment

10. Maintenance
   - Including maintenance of facilities

11. Support
   - Including support services
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TIM Strategy in 2014:
Safe Quick Clearance during Traffic Incident Management (TIM) scenarios and the continuous development standard operating guidelines to address safety issues is the objective of Districts-One’s TIM Strategy in 2014.
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Primary TIM Team Meeting Topic:
• Traffic Incident Management in response to regional incidents (incident debriefings) and in perspective of the NIMS: Unified Command Structure
• Agency notification through RTMC operations and active participation in Critical Traffic Incident Management Review (CTIMR)
• FHWA Self-Assessment Identify, evaluate and implement improvements in three (3) areas
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Secondary TIM Team Meeting Topic:
• Roles and responsibilities of TIM Team member agencies including member agency presentations
Specific Items of Interest:

- Roles and responsibilities of TIM Team member agencies including member agency presentations
- National Uniform Goals
- Maintenance of Traffic
- Diversion routes
- Incident reporting and agency notification
- The appointment of “champions” in each field of expertise
- iVEDDS- Traffic monitoring
- TIM training topics
- National topics related to TIM
- Upcoming events that may affect team agencies operations
THANK YOU!