



# USDOT

## National Traffic Incident Management Coalition

T I M Teams in Florida are working together toward the National Unified Goal ( NUG ) ... with the goal to be high performance team leaders in the nation:

Traffic Incident Management Team member agencies sponsored by FDOT District One will continue to work in support of the NUG principles to adopt unified, multi-disciplinary policies, procedures and practices to improve the T I M response initiatives.

Our commitment to excellence includes NUG principles:

- Responder Safety
- Safe, Quick Clearance
- Reliable Communications
- Public Awareness
- Accountable Progress

Traffic incidents account for about 1/4 of all congestion on U.S. roadways. For every minute that a freeway travel lane is blocked during a peak travel period, four minutes of travel delay results after the incident is cleared. Safer, more efficient traffic incident management will reduce congestion by reducing incident duration and preventing secondary incidents.

T I M Teams in Florida are working together to reduce traffic congestion.

The positive results are well known to be improved incident responder safety, increased roadway reliability and the mitigation of an obvious obstacle to facilitating a vibrant and prosperous economy.

## Statewide T I M Update

### Florida T I M Program by the Florida Department of Transportation

The Florida T I M Team is working on implementing a statewide Rapid Incident Scene Clearance Program this year. The RISC program will offer bonus incentives to pre-qualified professional wreckers to clear large scale traffic incidents.

The Florida T I M Team is working on implementing a statewide 511 ATIS that will integrate regional data collection into a central database and offer enhanced features for motorist notification across the state.

The Florida T I M Team is working on creating an executive T I M Team that will support regional initiatives at the executive level with authority and any additional resources at their disposal. This is a public—private partnership.

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#### Advance Traveler Information System

#### Florida's "Next Generation 511"



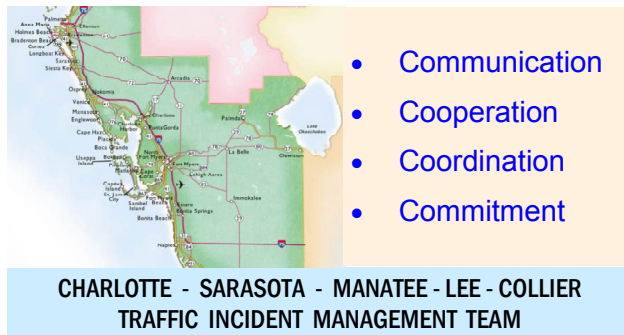
## Vision, Goals and Objectives:

### Vision Statement:

To Develop an institutionally integrated, fully cooperative association of all public agency and private industry traffic incident management stakeholders to improve the safety and reliability of the Florida Transportation system and maintain Florida's status as a national leader in T I M programs.

### Goals:

1. Responder Safety
2. Incident Management
3. Quick Clearance



4. Communications
5. Public Awareness
6. Accountable Progress
7. Dedicated Funding
8. Special Funding

### Objectives:

1. Increase Team Membership
2. Increase Team Participation
3. Develop Best Practices
4. Address Regional Issues
5. Improve Scene Safety
6. Achieve Quick Clearance
7. Gain the Perspective from all T I M Team member agencies
8. Improve Member Satisfaction
9. Expand the TIM Team's realm of influence

## Unified Traffic Incident Command – N I M S

The Incident Command System (ICS) is the systematic tool for the command, control, and coordination of an emergency response. ICS allows agencies to work together using common terminology and operating procedures for controlling personnel, facilities, equipment, and communications at an incident scene.

The effects of major highway incidents often encompass more than one jurisdiction and involve multiple functional authorities.

Unified Command structure essentially convenes the "Incident Commanders" of all involved agencies with functional authority to make decisions by consensus and with

team spirit.

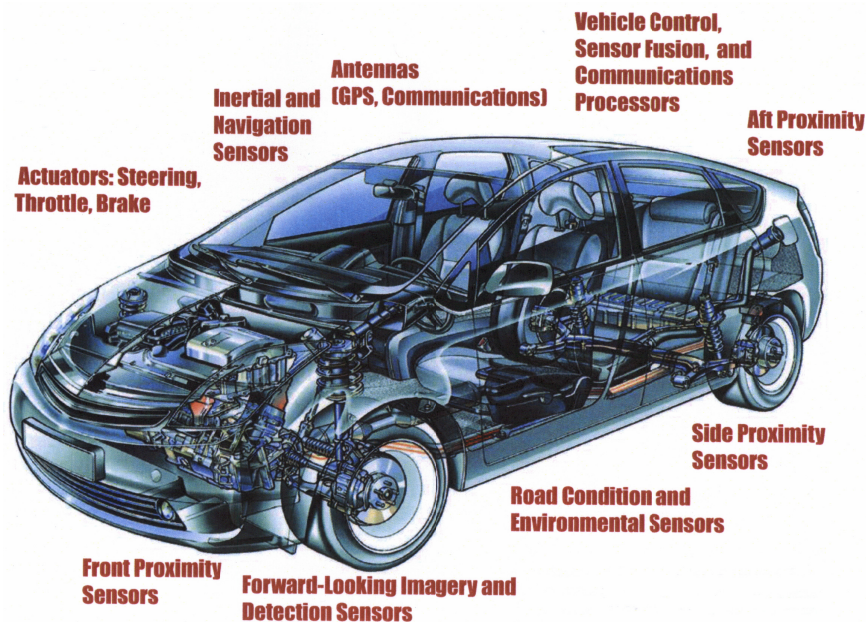
Each Traffic Incident Management response agency has a mission to fulfill in concert with the other agencies. Florida T I M Teams are committed to offering support to each agency as their turn to be the lead is realized during the life cycle of an incident.

T I M Teams will focus on developing the Unified Command structure during 2008. The development of a Memorandum of Understanding will be generated by the team and presented to the leaders of each respective T I M Team agency.

When planned for and practiced, ICS/UC is viewed as the most effective response management system to address traffic incidents. As a result, the T I M Teams endorse the use of ICS/UC and hope that this document helps the entire response community understand the basic concepts of ICS/UC. ICS/UC is an integrated and flexible structure that emphasizes cooperation and coordination in local, state, and federal responses to complex multi-jurisdictional, multi-agency incidents. While most incidents will not escalate to involve national agencies, we will be prepared.

2008 is an exciting year for T I M Teams in Florida.

## Putting the “Auto” into the automobile ... SwRI initiative uses Intelligent Traffic Systems technologies to improve the state of the art in autonomous vehicles



Hardware from commercial-off-the-shelf sources, combined with SwRI-developed integration software, provides the sensor, communication and navigation capabilities needed for autonomous operations.

Vehicle Infrastructure Integration (V.I.I.) & Vehicle Based Telemetry Systems work together to improve safety and maintain fluid traffic flow. Much of this technology is already tested and operational, primarily in the defense industry.

The Southwest Research Institute (SwRI) *Published in the Spring 2007 issue of Technology Today®*

By Steven W. Dellenback, Ph.D.

## Communication Goals in Support of T I M Team Objectives

Communication Interoperability.

T I M Teams will work toward improved communications through detection, notification, on-scene response and incident review.

The Regional Transportation Management Center in Fort Myers and Tampa Bay will play key roles in the achievement of incident detection and communications improvements. Intelligent Transportation Systems technology and highly coordinated operations between FHP and FDOT add to this ground breaking endeavor.

Road Ranger Service Patrols will be integrated onto the State Law Enforcement Radio System to enhance their support capability to the Florida Highway Patrol.

The S W I F T SunGuide Center in Fort Myers will become operational this year.

The “Next Generation 511” SunGuide system will be implemented and operational this year.

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## Expanding Multi-Agency T I M Team participation

Benefits include:

1. Learning from the experiences of other agencies
2. Gaining understanding from the perspective of other agencies
3. Developing collaborative advantage
4. Preparing for major events which will command a cooperative multi-agency response

Incident Review:

1. Lessons Learned - developing process improvement with respect & integrity
2. Recognize member agencies for a job well done
3. Facilitate communication and build rapport between member agencies

Gain Insight:

1. Member agencies developing new policies, procedures and personnel
2. Technological and/or Engineering advancements in our vicinity
3. Develop ideas and recommendations to submit to the Florida Executive TIM Team in Tallahassee to improve our response capabilities

## T I M Teams Work!

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### Additional Links to T I M Information

FHWA – USDOT T I M Program

[http://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/  
incidentmgmt/](http://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/incidentmgmt/)

AASHTO – National T I M Coal-  
tion

<http://timcoalition.org/?siteid=41>

US Fire Administration - FEMA

[http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/  
fireservice/research/safety/  
vehicle.shtm](http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/fireservice/research/safety/vehicle.shtm)

Floridians for Better Transporta-  
tion

[http://  
www.bettertransportation.org/](http://www.bettertransportation.org/)

**Florida's 511**

<http://www.fl511.com/>

I T S Florida

<http://itsflorida.org/>

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Teams will continue to work with a spirit of cooperation and continuous im-  
provement. The federal strategy is developed to support the state strategy  
which is developed to support the regional strategy. Our Tampa Bay and  
Southwest Florida region presents unique challenges and traffic dynam-  
ics not encountered anywhere else in the world. Together, we will lead the  
way to continued T I M Team success and achieve the greatest response  
the world has ever known. The 2008 Agenda will re-visit and address the  
following T I M Team 2008 initiatives:

1. Implementation of the R I S C program
2. Commercial Vehicle Operations & T I M
3. Communications Effectiveness / Interoperability
4. Vehicle Positioning and Scene Safety
5. Incident Review - Table Top Exercises
6. Reduced Lighting at Incident Scenes
7. Landing Zone Procedure and Protocol
8. Professional Wrecker Support - Cross Training
9. Requests for the Executive T I M Team
10. Team Member Customer Service Improvement
11. Public Safety Sub-station on Alligator Alley
12. Removing obstacles to effective T I M

T I M Teams work through collaborative advantage ... collective knowledge.

