Operational Memorandum

In an effort to facilitate the quick clearance objectives in Florida’s “OPEN ROADS POLICY,” the following Operational Memorandum is issued and is in effect:

When a call comes in to the Fort Myers Regional Communications Center from a law enforcement agency, EMS, or fire-rescue that is on the scene of a vehicle accident or some other type of road blockage, and the vehicle(s) can be moved or are drivable, you will request the agency on the scene to assist in relocating the involved parties and or vehicle(s) out of the roadway.

If lanes are blocked and the vehicle(s) cannot be moved on their own, you will ask the agency on the scene if a wrecker is needed. If it is, you will immediately dispatch the appropriate rotation wrecker on the FHP rotation list for that zone.

In an effort to keep the responding trooper informed, you will advise them that there is an incident whereby the road is blocked and a rotation wrecker has been dispatched to the scene.

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(May 27, 2004)    Date
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Florida Highway Patrol
Troop F - Bradenton

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