



Collier - Lee Traffic Incident Management Team

December 10, 2008
Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Jay Anderson	Stay Alive Just Drive	Michael Myers	ICA
Chris Byrne	Marco Island Fire	Patrick Odom	FDOT
Tom Curran	FDOT	David Parks	Global-5
James Drzymala	Lee County Sheriff	Mark Perez	ACT
Jen Eversole	FDOT	Brian Raimondo	Lee County MPO
Nicholas Favazzo	10-Eight	Bill Rippy	FHP
Glen Fox	Alligator Towing	Gene Rogers	South Trail Fire
Frank Gentilquore	Alligator Towing	Joe Saladino	Prompt Towing Service
Montague Gonsalves	City of Cape Coral	Kevin Salsbery	FDOT
Nestor Gonzalez	Road Rangers	Nolan Sapp	Golden Gate Fire
Wayne Hartstein	FDOT	Jim Wells	FHP
Bruce Hutcheson	DBi Services	Les Williams	Collier County EMS
Douglas Leffin	Collier County Sheriff	Ted Smith	Delcan Corp
Mike McClead	Coastland Auto Road Rangers	Don Olson	FDOT
		Christina Florez	VANUS

Call to Order: The Collier-Lee TIM Team meeting was held on Wednesday, December 10, 2008 at Florida Highway Patrol, 4700-3 Terminal Dr., Ft. Myers. Ted Smith and Don Olson facilitated the meeting.

Introductions: Team members introduced themselves and the agencies they represent.

Update on TIM Initiatives:

Newsletter

Don Olson mentioned the TIM newsletter, inquired if all the members received the newsletter, and identified the topics included in the November Newsletter. Don asked if anyone had questions or wanted to be added to the mailing list. The newsletters and addendums can be found by clicking on 'Document Archives' at <http://www.swfltim.org>. Newsletters are an opportunity for TIM Team member agencies to provide information about themselves, their respective discipline mission and role at an incident scene.

Southwest Florida 511 System

The next generation of 511 is close to completion and will be an integrated "State-wide" Florida 511. The new FL 511 system provides an improved service to motorists with both English and Spanish versions and greater accuracy for timely communication, includes I-75 and US 41, and

allows users to have up to 10 customized routes with automatic alerts via email or cell phone if there is an incident along their custom route.

Rapid Incident Scene Clearance (RISC)

The RISC invitation to negotiate is now advertised on the MyFlorida website. The following is a link for the advertisement and bid document:

- http://vbs.dms.state.fl.us/vbs/ad.view_ad?advertisement_key_num=73259
- http://vbs.dms.state.fl.us/vbs/boiler_plate.pdf_list?advertisement_key_num=73259&pui_code_str=5500&dept_ad_num_str=ITNDOT08091006WC

SWIFT SunGuide Center

The tentative date for the SWIFT SunGuide Center to become operational is spring 2009. There will be an announcement and a Grand Opening once the center is operational.

Traffic Incident Reports

DBi has expressed that they are not always notified by the Sheriff's Offices when an incident occurs. Don Olson and Kevin Salsbery will set up meetings with the Sheriff's Offices in order to facilitate communications. The 911 call centers state that they notify everyone that is on their call lists. It should be noted that in order for DBi to recuperate the cost of repairs, they need to be able to associate the crash report and the responsible party with the repair.

Incident Management

The following is the updated contact information for emergency response:

- To request Emergency Response from FDOT on I-75: **DBi** 239-567-2043
- To request Emergency Response from FDOT on I-75 Bridges: **ICA** 1-866-335-9696
- To request Emergency Response from FDOT on other State Roads: **FDOT Emergency Coordination Officer** 1-877-876-0628 – Kevin Salsbery

Road Rangers

The new radios are in and the Road Rangers have 2 channels for talk group communication. There is a statewide mutual aid channel that could be used to communicate with on-scene Troopers and Fire / Rescue as well. It was stated that the mutual aid channels do not always work as intended because so many people are talking at the same time. Don suggested planning an exercise for the next TIM Team meeting. These radios will be used to facilitate direct communication between the Road Ranger and the Trooper/s or Deputies responding to a traffic incident. The maximum distance the radios can communicate is approximately 1 mile.

Diversion Routes

Don mentioned that the Department has tasked a consultant who has been looking for input for diversion routes from local agencies, including the Sheriff's Offices, FHP, Local Police, County Traffic Operations and other Stakeholders. The goal is to standardize the diversion routes document format with Google maps and share with all TIM Team member agencies. Diversion route criteria include proximity to the Interstate, capacity and accommodation for overweight / oversize vehicles.

Safety Responder Vests

Safety vest deadline for full compliance was last month. Ted stated that the TIM Team members should make sure that everyone in the agencies is wearing them if they are working on any federal roadway. Anyone working for a private company also needs to wear the safety vest to avoid liability issues and OSHA. Standards can be found at www.respondersafety.com.

HAZMAT Response Presentation

Chris Byrne from the Marco Island Fire Rescue presented on the Collier County Hazardous Materials District Response Team. The Type II WMD/HazMat Team consists of 75 members and is state deployable under the Statewide Emergency Response Plan. The Team must be self-sustainable for a minimum of 72 hours. The Team's equipment includes three hazmat equipment trailers with haulers, one specialized monitoring unit/lab, three mass decontamination trailers, one air/light unit, and four command units/chief officers. When responding to an incident the Team uses the Unified Incident Command protocol. The presentation can be found on the TIM Team website, www.swfltim.org, under 'Document Archives'.

For the Mitigation of Accidental Discharges of Motor Vehicle Fluids

Ted Smith presented to the TIM Team set of guidelines concerning the handling of commercial vehicle crashes and fluid spills. These guidelines were developed by the Florida Highway Patrol. The USDOT regulated the definition of hazardous materials. As an example of an incident, a couple of weeks ago in Ft. Myers there was an incident with a spill of approximately 60 gallons of diesel fuel and 100 gallons of hydraulic oil spread out over a half-mile of roadway. This incident is not a "Hazardous Materials" incident according to the guidelines. Last year in Palm Beach County, I-95 was closed between 5 and 7 hours because responders assumed it was a hazardous incident when non-cargo vehicle fluids spilled. Actually, the spill of non-hazardous vehicle fluids and materials could have been cleaned up immediately to achieve safe, quick clearance. When on a scene, anyone can take action to start clean up, and to mitigate the spread of vehicle fluids, without assuming responsibility for the proper disposal of contaminated material. Different materials can be used to stop and clean spills such as kitty litter, sand, pads, pillows, dry Portland cement, oil dry and even dirt. The responsible party for the incident remains the responsible party for paying for the clean up; the responders are not liable for the costs. Therefore there is no need to wait with the road closed and delay safe/quick clearance. Ted asked TIM Team members to share this information with their colleagues. Ted's presentation can be found on the TIM Team website, www.swfltim.org, under 'Document Archives'.

TIM Team Update

Based on last year's feedback from Charlotte County TIM Team members and other agencies within Charlotte County; Charlotte County will now be a part of the Collier-Lee TIM Team. The Department agreed with this request due to the ITS devices being installed along I-75 from Collier County through Charlotte County and in order to encourage the participation of Charlotte County TIM Team agencies.

Incident Reviews:

Don discussed the two incidents that occurred on I-75 within the iROX construction zone. Both occurred within two days of each other at almost the same mile marker; both involved spilled vehicle fluids. Neither one is classified as a Hazardous Materials spill incident according to the guidelines. TIM Team members compared and contrasted these two incident responses and discussed agency perspectives.

TIM Team members are encouraged to call Don and request a traffic incident management review for incidents on any roadway in the County.

Construction/Maintenance Update:

Weekly project information can be found on the FDOT website:

<http://www.dot.state.fl.us/publicinformationoffice/construc/constmap/d1roadwatch.htm>

iROX – I-75 Road Expansion Project

Information on the iROX project can be found on the project website, www.iROX75.com.

Scheduled 2009 Meeting Dates:

February 11

April 8

June 10

August 12

October 14

December 9

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