



Collier – Lee - Charlotte Traffic Incident Management Team

December 9, 2009

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Nicholas Favazzo	10-8 Towing	Thomas Curran	FDOT
Mark Perez	A.C.T. Response	Jen Eversole	FDOT
Marianne Fox	Alligator Towing	Wayne Hartstein	FDOT
Frank Gentilquore	Alligator Towing	Bob Diezi	FDOT Road Rangers
Bud Gruber	Bald Eagle Towing	Tim Culhane	FHP
Bill Clemens	Bonita Springs FCRD	David Parks	Global-5
Glenn Bond	Charlotte County	Mike McClead	iROX Service Patrol
Richard Doll	Charlotte County	Robbie Brown	Lee County
Randy Horner	Charlotte County SO	Gerald Campbell	Lee County
Kenrick Roguska	Charlotte County SO	Greg Copping	Lee County
Eugene Calvert	Collier County	Krystle Davis	Lee County
Sandra Betts	Collier County SO	Rich Lisenbee	Lee County
Douglas Leffin	Collier County SO	Brian Raimondo	Lee County MPO
Mark Anderson	DBI Services	Dennis Petracca	Lee County SO
Bruce Hutcheson	DBI Services	James Drzymala	Lee County SO
Moises Sumoza	DBI Services	Andy Nunez	Metric Engineering, Inc.
Ben Ybarra	DBI Services	Shawna Slate	Metric Engineering, Inc.
Ted Smith	Delcan Corporation	Charles Stratton	Metric Engineering, Inc.
Teresa Zilko-Miller	FDEP	Richard Intartaglio	South Trail Fire District
Tim McMullen	FDEP	Jay Anderson	Stay Alive Just Drive
Richard Beveridge	FDOT	David Tarquino	S&T Towing of SW FL, Inc.
Carlos Bonilla	FDOT	John Gibbons	SW FL Reg. Planning Council

Call to Order: The Collier-Lee-Charlotte TIM Team meeting was held on Wednesday, December 9, 2009 at 9:30 AM at Florida Highway Patrol, 4700-3 Terminal Drive, Ft. Myers, Florida. Charles Stratton and Ted Smith facilitated the meeting.

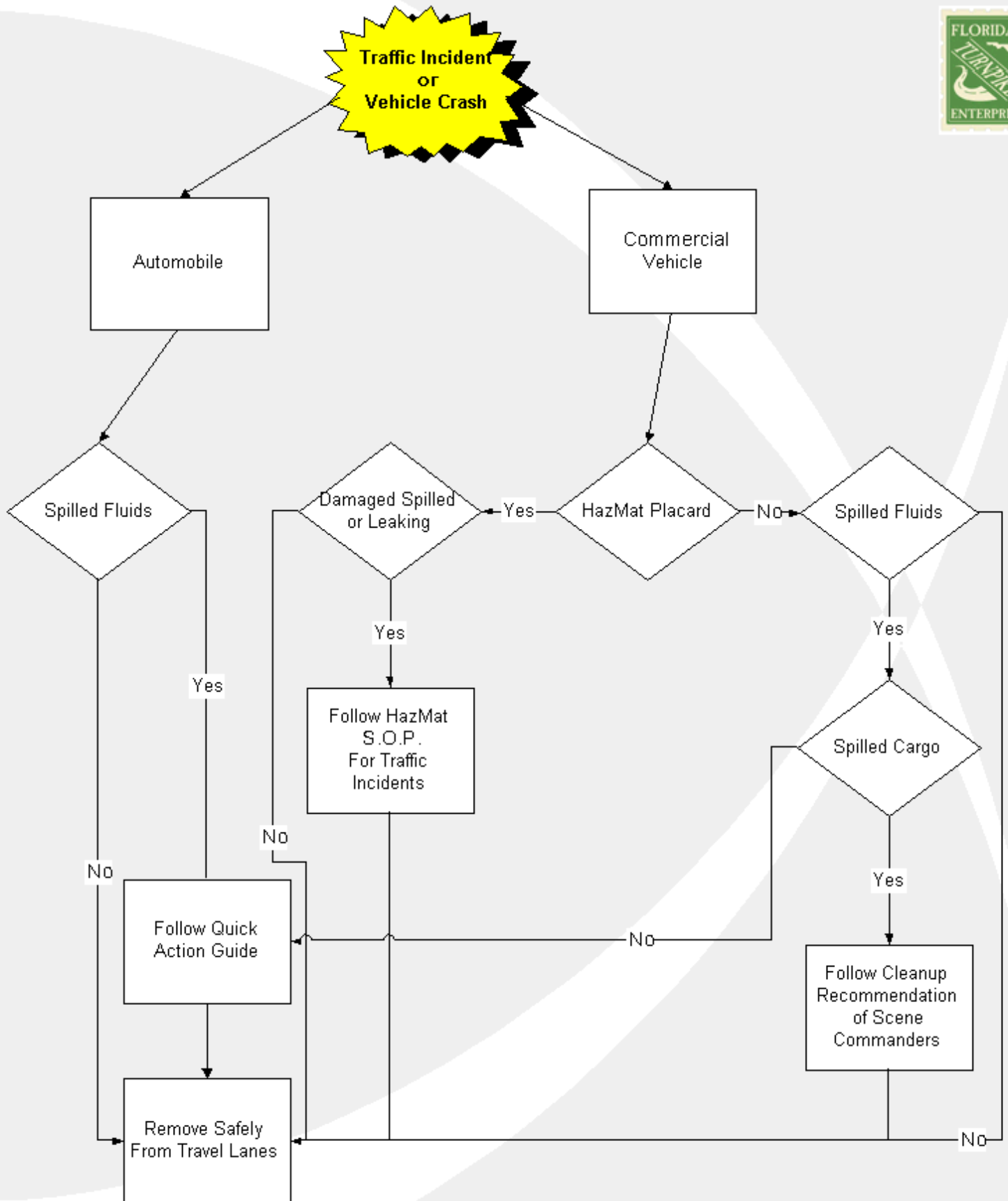
Introductions: Team members introduced themselves and the agencies they represent.

Update on TIM Initiatives:

Newsletter

No Newsletter feedback provided.

Florida's Turnpike Enterprise Vehicle Spill Decision Flowchart



511 Next Generation

The next generation of 511 technology was deployed in July 2009. Charles encouraged the TIM Team to participate in 511 notifications and to pass it along to others who may benefit from the service. There were no updates from 511 Operations.

SWIFT SunGuide Center

Carlos Bonilla updated that The SWIFT SunGuide Center, a regional transportation management center, is nearing final acceptance of construction, which is anticipated before the end of December. Supervisory positions are being filled, and training began in early December. Operational staff training will begin on December 14th and continue for two weeks. It is anticipated that the Center will be fully operational in mid-January. The Center is located immediately behind the rest area in Daniels. A tour of the facilities will be available to TIM Team participants during the February TIM Team meeting, provided the meeting is held at the Center.

A survey was circulated recently to get an understanding of what notification and requests agencies would like to see from the SWIFT SunGuide Center. Some responses have been received, but Carlos stressed that these need to be returned in order to add members to the notification lists.

Road Rangers

The Road Rangers are preparing for the upcoming holiday season, including the extended hours of operation.

Towing and Wrecker News

The 2010 Florida Independent Tow Show will be held at the State Fairgrounds in Tampa March 25, 2010 through March 28, 2010. Further information can be found at <http://www.tampafits.com>.

Rapid Incident Scene Clearance (RISC)

A new goal has been set for February 1, 2010 in concert with the SWIFT SunGuide Center operations plan. Ted briefly review the RISC program, and emphasized that additional information is available on the TIM Team website located at <http://www.swftim.org>.

Ted stressed that training for Florida Highway Patrol personnel will be forthcoming. At this time, RISC is only applicable to the limited-access Interstate facilities, and can only be initiated by FHP or DOT. Additionally, pursuant to an FHP Operation Memorandum of Understanding, municipal law enforcement can request FHP to dispatch a rotation wrecker for smaller “quick-tow” instances. This can be done prior to the arrival of a Trooper. This Memorandum of Understanding located on the TIM Team website located at <http://www.swftim.org>.

Training

The TIM Team watched the second module of the video *TIMe4 Safety*, and the team will continue to view one module per TIM meeting.

Ted followed up after the presentation, to emphasize the importance of utilizing the traffic control resources available and upgrading the safety measures that have been deployed every fifteen minutes when on-scene.

Other National, State, and Regional Items to Note:

Las Vegas is initiating a new program whereby consultants will man “Incident Response Trucks” on behalf of the Department of Transportation, in the event of the medium to large size incidents.

Toronto has shown interest in adopting a program similar to Florida’s RISC program. They have been experiencing problems on their toll facilities incurring road closures longer than 6 hours.

The State of Tennessee has expanded their incident management programs to now include service patrols in each of their four major cities. They are also looking into an IRT program for rural roadways. All Tennessee programs are run without the assistance of contractors.

StateFarm has recently become a sponsor of Georgia’s HERO program, similar to Florida’s Road Rangers. Also, Georgia is in the second year of a program similar to RISC called TRIP in the metropolitan Atlanta area. The Atlanta area has seen a dramatic decline in the average incident clearance time from 259 minutes to 93 minutes. Funding for the incentives is coming through Federal grant funds through CMAC (air quality funding). Although the state lacks the funding to initiate the incentive statewide, Georgia is looking to increase the wrecker specifications, training requirements, and response requirements statewide to match those of the TRIP program.

In the Orlando area, an incident occurred where the quick-thinking of a Road Ranger was able to help prevent the death of a tow operator. The tow operator had been dispatched to clear a disabled bus, and somehow became crushed between the curb and bus. The Road Ranger was able to use a jack to move the bus laterally and remove the operator from danger.

Florida’s Turnpike Enterprise is looking into developing a new strategy to reduce secondary incidents. They are training and developing an outreach program with their Road Rangers for advanced warning for traffic incidents for que protection. The outreach includes training for the fire rescue personnel in the utilization of traffic control equipment.

National objectives for the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) state that each fire truck has five cones on it and training their personnel on how to use them. Other new NFPA regulations call for the marking of red or yellow reflective material on the rear of all fire equipment. North Carolina DOT was able to obtain a Federal grant to assist in defraying the costs associated with these new NFPA regulations. Additionally, a Team member mentioned that the National Association of Fire Chiefs has encouraged participation in regional TIM Teams to help develop future standards.

Review of Recent Major Incidents

There were no recent major incidents to be reviewed. Charles stated that more emphasis will be placed on the review of incidents in the upcoming meetings, especially for the February meeting. Ted emphasized the learning and training values of reviewing major incidents.

Presentation

Mr. John Gibbons of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council provided a presentation regarding *Regional Hazardous Materials Program*. Presentation materials will be available on the TIM Team website located at <http://www.swftim.org>.

Mr. Tim McMullen of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection provided a presentation regarding the *Bureau of Emergency Response*. Presentation materials will be available on the TIM Team website located at <http://www.swfltim.org>.

Strategic Direction for TIM Teams 2010

As a part of the TIM in '10 Initiative, the North Florida TPO has partnered with law enforcement, fire rescue, transportation and towing entities in north Florida to jointly develop a module-based training DVD and handbook named *TIMe4 Safety*. This training contains five modules, approximately five to ten minutes in length. Topics include Traffic Control, Scene Safety, and Incident Management. The TIM in '10 Initiative goal is to have every responder go through this video and text-book training.

Additionally in 2010, more interaction between Team members is desired. This can be achieved by utilizing the many resources available on the TIM Team website located at <http://www.swfltim.org>.

FDOT Construction Update

iROX – I-75 Road Expansion Project

iROX is beginning the final phase of construction. Northbound travel lanes are complete as of November 20th, and the southbound lanes are anticipated to be complete by the end of the year or the very beginning of 2010. The project limits are MP 105 (Golden Gate Parkway) to MP 136 (Colonial Blvd.) including the Immokalee Rd. Interchange. A traffic shift is anticipated at the Immokalee interchange within the next four to six weeks. The iROX project is anticipated to be fully complete by April 2010. Additional information can be found at <http://www.irox75.com>.

Other Construction Includes

Active Construction:

- I-75 Milling and Resurfacing between the Toll Plaza and Golden Glades Parkway in Collier County – Anticipated Completion: February 2010
- SR 84 from Heritage Trail to County Side Drive/Falling Water - Resurfacing – Anticipated Completion: July 2010
- SR 80 from Clark Street to Birchwood Parkway - Additional Lanes, Resurfacing and Bridge Replacement – Anticipated Completion: January 2011
- SR 951 from Jolly Bridge over Big Marco Pass Bridge Construction – Anticipated Completion: September 2011
- SR 739 from Alico to Six Mile Cypress – Anticipated Completion: February 2012
- SR 739 (Metro Parkway) from Six Mile Cypress to Daniels – Additional Lanes and Reconstruction – Anticipated Completion: February 2012
- CR 901/Vanderbilt Bridge over Cochatchee River – Anticipated Completion: February 2010
- I-75 Freeway Management System from Lee County Line to Sarasota County Line (Charlotte County) – Anticipated Completion: January 2011
- SR 82 from Sunshine Blvd to Columbus Blvd. Resurfacing – Anticipated Completion: June 2010
- SR 776/ Murdoc @ Veterans and SR 776 @ Oriole Intersection Improvements – Anticipated Completion: June 2010

Completed Construction:

- No Completed Construction projects were discussed.

Anticipated Future Construction:

- No Anticipated Future Construction projects were discussed.

Additional construction information is available on the FDOT website located at <http://www.dot.state.fl.us/publicinformationoffice/construc/constmap/d1.shtm>.

Open Forum

Ted mentioned a recent article that listed Charlotte County as having the most dangerous pedestrian safety rating. It is believed by the County that this article is erroneous or at least misleading, using questionable crash data.

Future Meetings

The next Collier – Lee - Charlotte TIM Team meeting will be in February 2010. The location will be determined based on the SWIFT SunGuide Center readiness. Reminder newsletters will be published in mid-January 2010.