



Collier – Lee – Charlotte Traffic Incident Management Team

*February 11, 2009
Meeting Minutes*

Attendees:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Benjamin Abes	Lee County IMS	Wayne Hartstein	FDOT
Jay Anderson	Stay Alive Just Drive	Henry Hays	511 Tampa Bay
Richard Beveridge	FDOT	Linda Higbee	FHP
Chris Birosak	FDOT	Lisa Hunter	FHP
Phil Blanc	San Carlos Fire & Rescue	Paul LeFevre	Bald Eagle Towing
Carlos Bonilla	FDOT	Douglas Leffin	Collier County Sheriff
Robbir Brown	Lee County DOT	Mike McClead	Coastland Auto Road Rangers
Gerald Campbell	Lee County EMS	Michael Myers	ICA
Bill Clemens	Bonita Springs Fire & Rescue	Patrick O'Rourke	DBi Services
Terry Davis	FHP	David Parks	Global-5
Krystle Davis	Lee County DOT	Brian Raimondo	Lee County MPO
Ray DeGiovine	FDOT	Joe Saladino	Prompt Towing Service
Richard Doll	Charlotte County	Kevin Salsbery	FDOT
James Drzymala	Lee County Sheriff	Mike Stone	Collier County Maintenance
Jen Eversole	FDOT	Moises Sumoza	DBi Services
Nicholas Favazzo	10-Eight	Jim Wells	FHP
Richard Fimbel	DBi Services	Les Williams	Collier County EMS
Glen Fox	Alligator Towing	Ted Smith	Delcan Corp
Kevin Fox	Alligator Towing	Don Olson	FDOT
Frank Gentilquore	Alligator Towing	Christina Florez	VANUS
Bud Gruber	Bald Eagle Towing	Damien Rose	VANUS

Call to Order: The Collier-Lee-Charlotte TIM Team meeting was held on Wednesday, February 11, 2009 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 "Statewide" Florida 511. The public launch is anticipated to be in the spring of 2009. At this time, two FDOT contractors (DBi and Road Rangers) are actively notifying the Tampa Bay and Southwest Florida 511 operations center when an incident occurs on the interstate via the notification number. The 511 roadside sign will be displayed at the Sarasota-Manatee Public Safety Expo on February 14, 2009.

Rapid Incident Scene Clearance (RISC)

The RISC invitation to negotiate is now advertised on the MyFlorida website and is an open ITN that will be advertised for two years. Qualified RISC Vendors are encouraged to participate in this TIM Team initiative. 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

At this time, there is one potential contractor engaged in the negotiation process.

A similar program is currently active in Atlanta, Georgia. Statistics show that incident duration was reduced from 250 minutes to 100 minutes (on average) between 2007 and 2008.

SWIFT SunGuide Center

The anticipated 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. Some of the agencies that will be located in the SWIFT SunGuide Center include: FHP – Ft. Myers, FHP Southwest Florida Regional Communications Center, Motor Carrier Compliance – Ft. Myers, and FDOT District One RTMC.

Road Rangers

The new radios are in and the Road Rangers have 2 channels (channels 11 and 12) for talk group communication and access to the mutual aid channels (channel 15). The statewide mutual aid channel could be used to communicate with on-scene Troopers and Fire/Rescue. After an initial test period, it was noted that there are some areas without reception. In order to mitigate this problem, FDOT Central Office ordered 3 mobile units that are more powerful than the portable unit. These in-vehicle mobile units will be provided to the Road Rangers that usually patrol the areas without adequate reception on portable radios.

Incident Management

The following is the updated contact information for emergency response agencies' procedure:

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

Table Top Exercise

The following table top exercise was completed in order to assist opening the lines of communication and interaction between agencies. The TIM Team members in attendance were divided into 4 teams. From this exercise, it was determined that the participants agreed on the process for notification and Incident Command. The differing perspectives allowed the participants to view the incident and response from different aspect (i.e. FAA, NTSB, Broward County, contra-flow, diversion routes, asset management). The consensus was that a Unified Incident Command is a necessity and the constant communication is critical.

Incident

Multiple calls come into Lee, Collier and Broward 911 centers. The majority of the calls report a small twin engine private plane has crashed or made an emergency landing on Alligator Alley near MM 59. Reports to 911 further indicate that there are at least 3 or 4 injured passengers on the ground and it looks like the pilots are still in the burning aircraft. Conflicting reports indicate that the plane wreckage is either on the westbound lanes or in the highway median.

Questions

1. Which agencies would be notified initially?
2. What would be the secondary agency notifications? Who would be responsible for making these notifications? What would be the role of these agencies?
3. Within 12 minutes there is a Miccosukee police squad, one FHP Trooper, one Collier County Sheriff's unit, a Road Ranger and a suburban from Broward Fire-Rescue on scene. Who will assume the role of Incident Commander?
4. After about 25 minutes, traffic is stopped for miles in both directions and vehicles are blocking shoulders. Emergency equipment attempting to respond are calling dispatch requesting assistance. Some have become stuck in mud while trying to drive around traffic on the grass. Reports indicate that there are several secondary crashes. What actions are taken to expedite responses to the scene?
5. It is now about 1 hour after the initial call to 911. Who is responsible for implementing traffic diversion plans for both directions of the roadway? How quickly are the alternate routes in place? Who is coordinating this effort? How are they communicating?
6. How and who will make the decision to re-open traffic starting with the eastbound direction?

TIM Team Update

As part of April's TIM Team meeting, Collier County's EMS/Fire and Sheriff's office will be providing a training session on how to work the SLER radios and the different channels. In order to achieve this, the meeting date has been changed to Thursday, April 9th. The location and time will remain the same.

Don requested that DBi make a presentation on their processes/responsibilities including the alternate route plans they have in place for I-75.

TIM Team members expressed an interest in periodically have a joint TIM Team meeting with Broward County's TIM Team.

Collier County is still investigating the possibility of building a station on Alligator Alley. The two locations under consideration are MM 63 and MM 70.

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 their County.

Construction/Maintenance Update:

Weekly project information can be found on the FDOT website:

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

iROX – I-75 Road Expansion Project

The iROX project is 150 days ahead of schedule. The majority of the new lanes have been paved and approximately half of the bridges have been completed. Information on the iROX project can be found on the project website, www.iROX75.com.

Scheduled 2009 Meeting Dates:

~~April 8~~ changed to **April 9**
June 10
August 12
October 14
December 9

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