



## Collier-Lee-Charlotte Traffic Incident Management Team

February 9, 2011  
Meeting Minutes

### Attendees:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Glen Fox	Alligator Towing	Thomas Curran	FDOT
Daniel Lourdes	Anchor Towing	Wayne Harstein	FDOT
Bud Gruber	Bald Eagle Towing	Tim Culhane	FHP
Frank Gentilquore	Bald Eagle Towing	Daren Sapp	FHP
Richard Doll	Charlotte Co. Government	Randy Jordan	Fort Myers, City of
Glenn Bond	Charlotte Co. Government	Ken Bennett	Lehigh Acres FireControl & Rescue
Les Williams	Collier Co.	Benjamin Abes	Lee Co. Emergency Management
Moises Sumoza	DBI Services	Gerald Campbell	Lee Co. Emergency Management
Richard Fimbel	DBI Services	J.A Stakenburg	Lee Co. Emergency Management
Ted Smith	Delcan Corp	Brian Raimondo	Lee County MPO
Gary Millsaps	Delcan Corp	Tina Taviano	Lee Co. Public Safety
Chris Birosak	FDOT	Charles Stratton	Metric Engineering, Inc.
Bill Fuller	FDOT	Brandy Boccuti	Metric Engineering, Inc.
John Scarpellino	FDOT	Joe Saladino	Prompt Towing Service
Kevin Salsbery	FDOT	Eric Whitten	Reps Ok
Steve Jansen	FDOT	Patty Hill	Red's OK Auto & Truck
Michael Leis	FDOT	Bob Diezi	Road Rangers
Martin Scheid	FDOT	David Tarquino	S&T Towing of SW FL, Inc.
Patrick Odom	FDOT	Jay Anderson	Stay Alive Just Drive
		Anthony Khawaja	Traffic Authority

**Call to Order:** The Collier-Lee-Charlotte TIM Team meeting was held on Wednesday 9, 2011 at the SWIFT SunGuide Center located at 10041 Daniels Parkway Fort Myers, FL 33913. Charles Stratton, Bill Fuller, Ted Smith, and Gary Millsaps facilitated the meeting.

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

### Agency News:

#### Road Rangers

Mr. Bill Fuller spoke about the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Traffic Safety Expo which was held in Sarasota on Saturday, February 5, 2011. Mr. Fuller gave thanks to Bob Diezi and Brent Jenkins from Road Ranger in Manatee County for representing the Departments Road Ranger program. At the event they handed out bicycle helmets, safety materials, and also offered

finger printing for children. To learn more about this event please visit the following link:  
<http://www.trafficsafetyexpo.org/>

Mr. Bob Diezi from Road Ranger informed the team that the count for the month of December 2010 was a total of 2,700 incidents of which 469 were flat tires, 360 out of gas, 567 debris, and 232 abandoned cars, and 127 MOT set up.

Mr. Charles Stratton spoke about the 2011 Road Ranger survey for incident responders. A hardcopy of the survey was handed out to all TIM Team attendees. Mr. Stratton also informed the team that an email blast would be sent out that would include the link to the electronic version of the survey. The web survey will be available until March 31, 2011. Mr. Bill Fuller stated that the survey does not include a section to represent which district the surveyor is from and to please put their district under the comments section.

The Road Ranger survey can be accessed through the following link:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/roadrangersurveyincidentresponders>.

#### Towing and Wrecker News

No updated information was provided by the TIM Team

#### Fire Department and Law Enforcement

No updated information was provided by the TIM Team

#### SWIFT SunGuide Center

Mr. Bill Fuller informed the team that the Florida Highway Patrol has moved into the SWIFT SunGuide Center on January 19, 2011.

Mr. Chris Birosak informed the team about the Devices in Charlotte County are near completion and signs are in the testing phase.

#### Other National, State, and Regional Items to Note:

Mr. Bill Fuller and Mr. Ted Smith informed the team about the TIM Network website. The TIM Network is a function of the National Traffic Incident Management Coalition (NTIMC). The goal of the TIM Network is to connect TIM Professionals (especially those from different disciplines, to each other, provide a method for TIM Professionals to escalate issues and provide a way for the NTIMC to validate suggested practices. Essentially the TIM Network is the equivalent of a national TIM Team. Mr. Fuller encouraged the team to sign up for the network.

To sign up for the Tim Network please follow the following link TIM Network:

<https://sites.google.com/site/timnetworksite/?&ResponseID=68330>

Mr. Fuller also informed the team that an updated Hydrogen Sulfide Suicide document has been released which includes more detailed information on the subject since the last TIM Team meeting. To read the full article, please follow the following link:

<https://docs.google.com/viewer?a=v&pid=sites&srcid=ZGVmYXVsdGRvbWFpbX0aW1uZXR3b3Jrc2l0ZXxneDoxOTQwOGlxZDA5YmU2MzE5>

Mr. Gary Millsaps informed the team of his recent attendance at the Transportation Research Board (TRB) Conference in Washington, DC. The conference included an estimated 10,000 participants from around the world. Mr. Millsaps stated that a key element in many presentations was the use of performance measures. He explained that translating output based performance measures into outcome based performance measures will be a necessity in the near future. The performance measures that the Florida Highway has set up right now are Roadway

Clearance, Incident Clearance, and Secondary incidents, all of which are good and are needed for output performance measures. However, the question remains, “so what?” There needs to be a process of turning these measurements into dollars saved. Outcome based measurements will help in protecting and expanding TIM programs. They will provide a justification for funding on both a State and Federal level. Mr. Millsaps explained that the Federal Highway is working on a project called TIM Decision Maker Guide. This project includes a tool for calculating benefit/cost ratios for TIM programs. The tool will allow the TIM program to enter certain data that is specific for their region and the tool will provide the dollars saved by the program. This information can be used to better manage the TIM program and to show the benefit of the program.

Mr. Bill Fuller spoke about the I-75 Crash Statistics for Collier, Lee, and Charlotte County. Mr. Fuller stated that he would like to track future statistics in regard to performance measures of when the roadways are cleared versus when the incidents are cleared. Mr. Fuller also stated that the crash statistics from January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010 for Collier included 362 crashes and the time for incident clearance was 37 minutes. Lee County there were a total of 639 crashes and the incident clearance time was 33.3 minutes. Lastly, for Charlotte County the total crashes were 229 and the incident clearance time was 48.9 minutes.

#### Table Top Exercise

In an effort to provide a better understanding of each responder's role and responsibilities and to demonstrate proper vehicle placement/positioning the TIM Team performed four table top exercises. Each exercise represented different types of roadway segments with its own specific crash. Using model cars, a crash was simulated to which the participants had to respond. In the scenarios, participants were not allowed to play their normal role (Law Enforcement could not be Law Enforcement). Emphasis was placed on the need for good communication between responders, the need for proper emergency vehicle parking/positioning and traffic control.

### **2010 Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Program Self-Assessment**

#### TIM Team Goals – Areas of Improvement

1. Update Incident Response and Clearance resource books so that a list of towing, recovery and hazardous materials response operators (including operator capabilities and special equipment) is available for incident responders and clearance.
2. Utilizing traffic control procedures for the end of the incident traffic queue.
  - o Mr. Bill Fuller and Mr. Charles Stratton explained that the interactive table top exercise taking place at the TIM Team meeting would help achieve the goal towards better traffic control procedures
3. Roadway and Incident Clearance Times – Establish targets (i.e. time goals) and routinely review whether progress is made in achieving the targets.

#### **Action Items**

1. Bring contact information and any other special contact names and/or procedures that can be included in the TIM Team Resource Book. (*Ball in Court: TIM Team Members*)
2. Review incident roadway/clearance MOU's (Local Open Roads Policy) between Collier and Lee County – Strategic Parking. (*Ball in Court: FDOT*)
3. Possibility of the Central Office providing MOT training for TIM Team Members (*Ball in Court: FDOT, closed: training link provided under "Training"*)

## **FDOT Construction Update**

### **Active Construction:**

- Mr. Bill Fuller informed the team that they are currently removing the old 511 poles.

### **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 Road Watch website located at <http://www.dot.state.fl.us/publicinformationoffice/construct/constmap/d1.shtm>. This resource is updated on a weekly basis.

## **Open Forum**

No open forum items were presented

## **Closing**

Mr. Bill Fuller reminded the TIM Team members about the Road Ranger survey, and the TIM Network. Mr. Fuller also asked the members to make sure their information are up to date and that they are receiving the weekly roadwatch.

## **Future Meetings**

The next The Collier-Lee-Charlotte TIM Team meeting will be held on Wednesday April 13, 2010 at SWIFT SunGuide Center located at 10041 Daniels Parkway, Fort Myers, Florida 33913.

Please also visit the TIM Team website for all up to date TIM Team information:

<http://www.swfltim.org/default.htm>

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the District One TIM Team Manager, Mr. Bill Fuller at (239) 225-9815 or via email at [William.fuller@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:William.fuller@dot.state.fl.us).