



Collier – Lee – Charlotte Traffic Incident Management Team

*June 10, 2009
Meeting Minutes*

Attendees:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Jay Anderson	Stay Alive Just Drive	Thomas Lewis	Punta Gorda Police Dept
Mark Anderson	DBi Services	Sharon Murray	Prompt Towing
Richard Beveridge	FDOT	David Parks	Global-5
Phil Blanc	San Carlos Park Fire Rescue	Mark Perez	ACT Emergency Response
Robbie Brown	Lee County DOT	Robert Richards	FDOT
Raul Corbo	Anchor Towing	Kevin Salsbery	FDOT
Thomas Curran	FDOT	Nolan Sapp	Golden Gate Fire Rescue
John Daly	Collier County OIT	John Scarpellino	SWIFT SunGuide/Telvent
Lourdes Daniel	Anchor Towing	Linda Sposito	Punta Gorda Engineering
Krystle Davis	Lee County DOT	Steve Stevens	DBi Services
Ray DeGiovine	FDOT	Mike Stone	Collier County Maintenance
Bob Diezi	Road Rangers	David Tarquino	S&T Towing of SW FLA
Richard Doll	Charlotte County	Robert Tipton	Collier County DOT
James Drzymala	Lee County Sheriff	Ashley Urbone	Lee County DOT
Jen Eversole	FDOT	Jim Wells	FHP
Glen Fox	Alligator Towing	Les Williams	Collier County EMS
Frank Gentilquore	Alligator Towing	Doug Young	Bumper to Bumper Towing
Bud Gruber	Bald Eagle Towing	Ted Smith	Delcan Corp
Wayne Hartstein	FDOT	Don Olson	FDOT
Herbert Head	FHP	Christina Florez	VANUS
Douglas Leffin	Collier County Sheriff		

Call to Order: The Collier-Lee-Charlotte TIM Team meeting was held on Wednesday, June 10, 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 May 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.

Road Rangers

After careful consideration and additional research the Department has been given authority to increase funding for the Road Ranger Service Patrol Program. Beginning July 1, 2009, a second Road Ranger will begin operations in each county. Additionally, one Road Ranger will be operating on the weekend in each county from 9:00 AM until 8:00PM.

511 Statewide System

The new 511 is a Statewide system that has a centralized database, but will only provide coverage information for I-75 and US 41 in the southwest Florida region at this time. As seen below, there are links to Traffic, My Florida 511, Construction Info, Emergency Info, Transit, Links, Help, and Newsroom.

Diversion Routes

The FDOT is working in concert with TIM Team stakeholders to standardize across TIM agencies all of the diversion routes in the District that would be included with an Interstate closure. The diversion routes take into account oversize vehicles, overweight vehicles, and alternate routes (at least 2). The base format and mapping plans have been developed and are currently under review by the Department. Once initial comments have been addressed, the diversion routes will be provided to the TIM Team members for their review and comment. It was noted that in addition to diversion route plans, standard operating guidelines will be needed. At this time, Charlotte County does not have any special signal timing plans for incidents and requested support from the Department. Lee County currently has special timing plans for major roads. Changing the timing plans is safer and more effective than manual control; but they should only be used for a limited time. Lee County has pretimed programs and use field verification for backup. Collier County requested that the agencies be informed early on when a diversion route is activated. Many times they are alerted via the CCTV coverage.

RISC

There is currently one approved RISC contractor (Prompt Towing) for Charlotte, Lee and Collier Counties. Training will be commencing within the near future for FHP Troopers and dispatchers. Once all personnel have been trained, RISC may be activated as necessary. There is a current Invitation to Negotiate for the RISC program.

'Proper Parking at Incident Scenes' Video

Ted Smith provided a video developed by the North Carolina Department of Transportation and the I-95 Corridor Coalition that demonstrates scene safety and best practices. The video is available for download on the project website, www.swfltim.org, under 'Document Archives'.

Incident Reviews:

There was an incident on southbound I-75 at MM 164 that shut down both southbound and northbound lanes. A pickup truck was pinned under a LP tanker. The Fire Marshall was the Incident Commander. The tanker was unloaded then lifted off the pickup truck. There were no injuries. The lanes were closed for approximately four hours.

Stakeholders expressed an interest in receiving training on how to handle tanker incidents. Don Olson will look into training opportunities.

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:

August 12
October 14
December 9

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