



Collier – Lee - Charlotte Traffic Incident Management Team

*April 14, 2010
Meeting Minutes*

Attendees:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Nicholas Favazzo	10-8 Towing	John Scarpellino	FDOT
Glen Fox	Alligator Towing	Bob Diezi	FDOT Road Rangers
Frank Gentilquore	Alligator Towing	Paul France	FHP
Bud Gruber	Bald Eagle Towing	Darren Sapp	FHP
Dan Popoff	Bald Eagle Towing	Vicky Mixon	Global-5
Thomas Baker	Baker's Towing	Ron Hoffer	Hoffer & Associates
Mike McClead	Coastland Towing	Mark Perez	Hoffer & Associates
Dale Bathon	Collier County	Robbie Brown	Lee County
Eugene Calvert	Collier County	Rich Lisenbee	Lee County
Les Williams	Collier County	James Drzymala	Lee County SO
Sandra Betts	Collier County SO	Dennis Petracca	Lee County SO
Bruce Hutcheson	DBI Services	Shawna Slate	Metric Engineering, Inc.
Jason Hughes	DBI Services	Charles Stratton	Metric Engineering, Inc.
Ted Smith	Delcan Corporation	Joe Saladino	Prompt Towing
James Isaacs	Division of Forestry	Phil Blanc	San Carlos Park Fire
Jim Scolley	East Naples FCRD	Richard Intartaglio	South Trail Fire District
Tim McMullen	FDEP	John McMahon	South Trail Fire District
Richard Beveridge	FDOT	David Tarquino	S&T Towing of SW FL, Inc.
Chris Birosak	FDOT	Jay Anderson	Stay Alive Just Drive
Carlos Bonilla	FDOT	Justin Merritt	SWIFT SunGuide Center
Thomas Curran	FDOT	David Weinstock	SWIFT SunGuide Center
Wayne Hartstein	FDOT		

Call to Order: The Collier-Lee-Charlotte TIM Team meeting was held on Wednesday, April 14, 2010 at 9:30 AM at SWIFT SunGuide Center, 10041 Daniels Parkway, 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

Ted encouraged all attendees to verify and update, if necessary, all of the contact information on the sign-in sheet in order to ensure that all attendees will receive the newsletters or any TIM related email news.

511 Next Generation

Ms. Vicky Mixon of Global-5, Inc. provided a presentation regarding 511. Presentation materials will be available on the TIM Team website located at <http://www.swftim.org>.

SWIFT SunGuide Center

Carlos Bonilla reported the SWIFT SunGuide Center became operational on January 19, 2010, and is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days per week. After a brief review of the functionality of the Center, a tour was offered for those in attendance. Those members not in attendance may contact Carlos directly to schedule a tour of the facility.

Road Rangers

Bob Diezi reported that the Road Rangers are beginning service to the iROX roadway (MP 105 to MP 136). These Rangers will have MOT training April 17, 2010 at the Manatee office. There are approximately 20 people scheduled to attend, from multiple District I locations, as well as, District VII. The transition of the iROX Service Patrol to the two new Road Rangers will begin on April 27, 2010. This will reduce the service into 12-hour shifts during the day.

Bob has reported that the dispatch operators recently spent four hours out in the field with Road Rangers to better help the operators gain perspective. Reciprocally, the Road Rangers have spent time with the operators.

Bob also has been working to get GPS trackability in the Road Ranger vehicles, but has been told by Vanus that programming the Latitude and Longitude into the map for the mile markers isn't a possibility in the new SunGuide provision. Carlos mentioned that a future revision of SunGuide will have the mile markers in the maps.

A survey regarding the Road Rangers was recently distributed to all first responders. Chris Birosak reported that the collected information has been tabulated and once the final report is compiled, the final results will be published to the website. Chris also reported that District I had the most responses, and thanked everyone for their participation. Feedback was positive.

Towing and Wrecker News

PWOF is hosting the 2010 Florida Tow Show® at the Hilton Hotel located in the Walt Disney World Resort April 15, 2010 through April 18, 2010. Further information can be found at <http://floridatowshow.com>.

Ted verified with Bud that no response has been provided by FHP and DOT regarding the proposal regarding response on Alligator Alley.

The 2010 Florida Independent Tow Show was held at the State Fairgrounds in Tampa March 25, 2010 through March 28, 2010. A few members in attendance were present at the show, and had minimal feedback. A TRA training seminar was available at the show and will also be available at the PWOF show.

Rapid Incident Scene Clearance (RISC)

No RISC activations for this period.

Training

Due to time constraints, the TIM Team was unable to watch the fourth module of the video *TIMe4 Safety*. The team will view module four at the next TIM meeting.

Other National, State, and Regional Items to Note:

The State of Washington has begun using a program similar to RISC in the larger metropolitan areas, that they call *BlockBuster*. Washington is encountering problems with their program, where they had “grandfathered” those heavy-duty towing and recovery firms already on their rotation lists. By not having these towing operators re-qualify, the problems they had hoped to avoid by going with this program continue in some situations.

Additionally in Washington, Ted discussed a series of agreements between the Department of Transportation and the State Patrol called Joint Operational Policy Statement (JOPS). The most recent addition to JOPS is a training requirement quarterly with all responder personnel.

More publications are surfacing regarding the use of cellular devices while operating a vehicle. The newest study conducted by the University of Utah in conjunction with the National Safety Council concluded after extensive testing that only 2.5% of those tested were able to maintain safe operation while conducting telephone calls on a hands-free device. 97.5% had some sort of impairment (reaction time delays, recognition, maintaining safe following distance, etc.). Currently, 27 states have adopted legislation prohibiting the use of hand-held cellular devices.

Some research has also begun to be published regarding the use of the computer screens and other instruments installed in emergency response vehicles and the distractions associated with their use.

The I-95 Corridor Coalition released results of a study of named *Traffic Incident Management Teams Best Practice Report*. This is an extensive review and report on the best practices of TIM Teams along the corridor. This study lists the Statewide TIM initiatives, and many specifically related to District I in many of the best practices. A copy of the report will be available on the TIM Team website located at <http://www.swfltim.org>.

A pilot training program regarding traffic incident management by Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP II) will be happening in the near future in Atlanta, Georgia. This training program may be the precursor to a nationwide certification.

Review of Recent Major Incidents

During the February meeting several members participated in the Critical Incident Review process. Charles thanked the Team for their participation and mentioned that the minutes of the review are available on the website, and available for review.

No further incidents were mentioned by the Team.

Ted also made a point to compliment the Road Rangers and DBI Services on their coordination of efforts on recent smaller incidents.

Presentation

Mr. Ted Smith of Delcan Corporation provided a presentation called *Recognize♦React♦Recover: An In-Depth Look at Preventing Run Off the Road Crashes Using Rumble Strip Strategies*. Presentation materials will be available on the TIM Team website located at <http://www.swfltim.org>, as well as additional information can be found at www.roadwaysafety.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 in the final phase of construction. The project limits are MP 105 (Golden Gate Parkway) to MP 136 (Colonial Blvd.) including the Immokalee Rd. Interchange. The iROX project is anticipated to be fully complete by May 2010. Additional information can be found at <http://www.irox75.com>.

Other Construction Includes***Active Construction:***

- No Active Construction projects were discussed.

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/construct/constmap/d1.shtm>.

Open Forum

No items were presented for discussion.

Future Meetings

The next Collier – Lee - Charlotte TIM Team meeting will be June 9, 2010, and will be held at the SWIFT SunGuide Center located at 10041 Daniels Parkway, Ft. Myers, Florida 33913 (located behind the Daniels Parkway Rest Area). **Newsletters will be published in mid-May 2010.**