



## Collier – Lee - Charlotte Traffic Incident Management Team

*April 14, 2021  
Meeting Minutes*

### Attendees:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Brandy Boccuti	Metric Engineering	Kevin Salsbery	FDOT
Tom Arsenault	Metric Engineering	Bud Gruber	Bald Eagle Towing
Justin Merritt	FDOT	Joseph Maguire	Lee Gov
Robbie Brown	FDOT	Shane Sibert	Estero Fire Department
Jason Cuomo	DBI Services	Mary Weber	FDOT
Jeff VanArsdale	FHP	Reginal Wilson	DOH Collier
Luis Hernandez	RTMC/HNTB	James Lear	Cape Coral Police
Ray Mikol	TMC/HNTB	Brian Angelson	South Trail Fire
Shauna Griffin	FDOT	Angie Gaston	DBI Services
Edward Canfield	Prompt Towing	Laks Gurrum	Charlotte/Punta Gorda MPO
Mike Dowling	Prompt Towing	Michael Smith	DBI Services
Raul Corbo	D1 Road Ranger	Raul Corbo	Road Ranger
Allison Evanitz	Commute Connector	Sean Bailey	DBI Services
Sam Campbell	RTMC/HNTB	Dominic Konieczki	Lee County Sheriffs Office

**Call to Order:** The Collier-Lee-Charlotte TIM Team meeting was held virtually on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 9:30 AM via GoTo Meeting. Tom Arsenault and Brandy Boccuti facilitated the meeting.

**Introductions:** The team members provided their name and agency in the chat box for introductions and meeting attendance record.

Brandy Boccuti informed the team that the virtual TIM Team meeting is being provided to the TIM Team stakeholders to allow the opportunity to connect safely during this COVID19 time.

Additionally, the virtual meeting guidelines were reviewed with the team to help the meeting run more smoothly.

**Agency News:****Road Rangers**

The team was informed that the Road Rangers are at full staff and they are currently running 7:00am-7:00pm during weekdays and 9:00am – 9:00pm during weekends and 24 hr coverage in the Alligator Alley.

**Towing and Wrecker News**

Bald Eagle Towing informed the team that they recently had their Tow Show in Orlando which included a successful amount of attendance at the event.

**Other Agency News**

FHP informed the team that their agency are performing enforcement efforts on the highways during midnights and will also have an increase in enforcement during memorial weekend.

Cape Coral Police informed the team on May 5, 2021 MPO will be receiving the LiDar Units. At which time training of the new equipment will take place. The LiDar Units will be incorporated into the Police Departments traffic investigation unit around June 2021.

Additionally, Cape Coral Police informed the team of the multi-juridical check point in Cape Coral which included surrounding agencies such as Marco Law Enforcement, Sanibel Law Enforcement, Fort Myers Police Department, and FHP.

**Update on TIM Initiatives:**

Brandy Boccuti reminded the team that April is National Distracted Driving month. Distracted driving is one of the top concerns among first responders working along the highways.

- Distracted driving is an increasing threat to first responders!
- Nationwide these and other types of experiences are being felt by First Responders who are seeing an increase in people using cell phones and being distracted when passing by accidents.
- Drivers are passing by taking photos, posting to social media, and texting.

Distracted driving behavior is exposing First Responders more frequently to very dangerous traffic conditions in an already dangerous situation. To learn more, please visit the following website: <https://www.respondersafety.com>.

Brandy Boccuti, Metric Engineering, informed the team about new helmets and head protection for emergency responders operating at roadway incidents. For over a decade, the Emergency Responder Safety Institute (ERSI), a committee of the Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association (CVVFA), has advocated for the development of a purpose-designed helmet for roadway incident response.

On January 11, 2020, Lt. Eric Hill (Lubbock Fire Rescue) and Officer Nicholas Reina (Lubbock Police Department) was killed when they were struck by a civilian vehicle while working an incident on the roadway. Firefighter Matt Dawson was severely injured. In the wake of this terrible tragedy, Lt. Brady Robinette resolved to take a closer look at how different types of available helmets performed when subjected to the types of forces that occur when an emergency responder is struck at a roadway incident.

As a result of his initial research, Lubbock Fire Rescue purchased a different type of helmet to be used at their roadway responses when fire suppression is not necessary. ERSI commends Lt. Brady Robinette of Lubbock Fire Rescue on his initiative to re-examine which type of helmet best protects first responders when they work roadway incidents. To learn more, please visit [Respondersafety.com](https://respondersafety.com) which includes a training module on the new equipment.

Brandy Boccuti, Metric Engineering, informed the team about the upcoming National First Responder (SHRP2) Training that will be offered virtually to the District One TIM Team on June 29, 2021. The training was developed *BY RESPONDERS - FOR RESPONDERS*, with the objective that nationally, responders acquire a common set of core competencies that promote a shared understanding of the requirements for achieving the safety of responders and motorists, quick response, and effective communications at traffic incident scenes.

The SHRP-2 National Traffic Incident Management Responder Training is endorsed by the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the International Association of Fire Chiefs, and the National Volunteer Fire Council. Participants will receive a National TIM Responder Training certificate from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) after completing the training.

Participants will focus on unified national best practices for traffic incident management. The training provides a coordinated, multidisciplinary approach with safety as the primary focus along with quick clearance to reduce roadway exposure. To learn more and to register for the training, please contact Brandy Boccuti, TIM Coordinator, at [bboccuti@metriceng.com](mailto:bboccuti@metriceng.com)

Tom Arsenault, Metric Engineering, informed the team on the Florida 511 live traffic cameras now available as another tool to the first responders and provided a live demonstration. The application provides up to the minute traffic information for Florida and has the ability to view the real time traffic map with travel times, traffic accident details, traffic cameras and other road conditions. To learn more, please visit the following website: <https://fl511.com>

Luis Hernandez, SWIFT SunGuide Center, presented to the team on arterial incident management and how it has grown over the last three years.

- FDOT District 1 has been providing direct incident reporting and responder coordination for State Roads and U.S. Highways for years.
- With increased communication and cooperation from local agencies, along with better reliability of third-party and crowd-sourced traffic data, we have been able to reliably cover all roads in the 12 County District.
- Snapshots to show how arterial incident management has grown over the last three years where provided.
- The District 1 TMCs are actively inviting all agencies to forward real-time incident information for coordination of state DOT resources and direct reporting to the public.
- Notify TMC by Phone 24/7: 239-225-1960 or,
- Email notifications to: [D1ITS.swiftsunguidecenter@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:D1ITS.swiftsunguidecenter@dot.state.fl.us)
- The District 1 TMCs will contact local agencies to obtain incident information for reporting to the motoring public.
- TMCs will request general incident information including, to include general information on injuries/fatalities for incident severity, internal notification, and trend study purposes.
- The TMCs do not request nor disseminate personally identifiable or sensitive information.
- All operations staff hold valid CJIS Security Awareness credentials

To learn more and to view the full presentation, please visit the TIM Team website: [www.swftim.org](https://www.swftim.org)

Tom Arsenault, Metric Engineering, presented to the team the Road Ranger performance measures below:

## Collier County February and March Road Ranger Assists

**Road Ranger Assisted Events By Event Type**

Event Type	Events	
Abandoned Vehicle	80	5.1%
Crash	74	4.7%
Debris on Roadway	187	11.9%
Disabled Vehicle	1,205	76.9%
Emergency Vehicles	6	0.4%
Pedestrian	2	0.1%
Police Activity	6	0.4%
Vehicle Fire	1	0.1%
Wildfire	3	0.2%
Wildlife	3	0.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,567</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Road Ranger Assisted Events By Notifier**

Notifier Agency	Events	
FHP Troop F	409	26.1%
Road Ranger District 1	885	56.5%
TMC-District 1	272	17.4%
TMC-District 4	1	0.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,567</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## Lee County February and March Road Ranger Assists

**Road Ranger Assisted Events By Event Type**

Event Type	Events	
Abandoned Vehicle	128	10.0%
Crash	110	8.6%
Debris on Roadway	192	14.9%
Disabled Vehicle	839	65.3%
Emergency Vehicles	6	0.5%
Other	2	0.2%
Vehicle Fire	3	0.2%
Wildfire	2	0.2%
Wildlife	3	0.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,285</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Road Ranger Assisted Events By Notifier**

Notifier Agency	Events	
FHP Troop F	241	18.8%
Road Ranger District 1	826	64.3%
TMC-District 1	218	17.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,285</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

# Charlotte County February and March Road Ranger Assists

### Road Ranger Assisted Events By Event Type

Event Type	Events	
Abandoned Vehicle	60	8.8%
Brush Fire	1	0.1%
Crash	13	1.9%
Debris on Roadway	190	28.0%
Disabled Vehicle	405	59.6%
Emergency Vehicles	3	0.4%
Pedestrian	1	0.1%
Police Activity	2	0.3%
Vehicle Fire	1	0.1%
Wildfire	1	0.1%
Wildlife	2	0.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>679</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

### Road Ranger Assisted Events By Notifier

Notifier Agency	Events	
FHP Troop F	84	12.4%
Road Ranger District 1	504	74.2%
TMC-District 1	90	13.3%
TOC-Charlotte County	1	0.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>679</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

After Action Reviews (AAR) provide agencies with actionable intel on an incident or event that can be used for improved strategies for future occurrences, demonstrating the benefit of quick clearance practices and improve cross-agency coordination and communication.

AARs were performed on the following recent major incidents:

RISC 21-20, February 9, 2021, 4:09 PM, Rollover– NB 75 Near Mile Marker 131  
 Prompt Towing  
 Single vehicle a loaded semi with fine sand rollover.



**Lessons Learned:**

- The truck rolled over and was on the grass shoulder.
  - This allowed clean up to be focused on the shoulder.

- Employee on scene from Prompt stated that the quick activation by The FHP was important.
- All times were met.
- Good communication between TMC, Road Ranger, FHP, Local Sheriff, and DBI to coordinate the road and closures.

RISC 21-23, March 6, 2021, 6:56 AM  
Crash with Diesel Spill NB 75 Near MM 73.  
Prompt Towing



Lessons Learned:

- Minor crash with diesel spill.
- The first tow company arrived and was unable to handle.
- Then the RISC was called.
- Prompt did make all required times.
  - Extra equipment was needed for the diesel spill.
  - Employee from Prompt stated that receiving the required information on the equipment needed prior to arrival is very helpful.



RISC 21-25, March 18, 2021, 8:49 AM  
SB 75 Near Exit 111  
Rollover Sand Truck  
Prompt Towing



#### Lessons Learned:

- Rollover Sand Truck with spillage over 2 of 3 lanes.
  - Product was very fines sand and if cars were to continue to roll over sand the pavement could have been damage, per those on scene.
- Full closure of the interstate.
- Prompt did make arrival time but did not make required clearance time.
- Good use of DMS Boards.
- Lieutenant from FHP stated that the closure was pushed back to exit 116 and not at the 111 because 116 can handle more volume.
- RISC was activated within 6 minutes.

#### **FDOT Construction Update**

Brandy Boccuti requested that all TIM Team members make sure they are receiving the District One Weekly Road Watch Reports and to contact him if there were any concerns.

#### ***Active Construction:***

No updated information was provided by the TIM Team.

#### ***Completed Construction:***

No updated information was provided by the TIM Team.

#### ***Anticipated Future Construction:***

No updated information was provided by the TIM Team.

Additional construction information is available on the FDOT Road Watch website located at <http://www.dot.state.fl.us/publicinformationoffice/D1/news/newsreleases/default.shtm>.

**Future Meetings:**

The next Collier-Lee-Charlotte County TIM Team will be held on June 9, 2021 at 9:30 AM.

As always, please continue to visit the TIM Team website for updates, and also help support our TIM Team by providing the TIM Team website to others that may be interested in joining our team!  
<http://www.swftim.org/>

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Brandy Boccuti, Metric Engineering, Inc. at (407) 644.1898 or via email at [bboccuti@metriceng.com](mailto:bboccuti@metriceng.com)