



Collier – Lee - Charlotte Traffic Incident Management Team

*August 9, 2017
Meeting Minutes*

Attendees:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Frank Gentilquore	Bald Eagle Towing	Uriel Garcia	DBI Services
Bud Gruber	Bald Eagle Towing	Raul Corbo	Anchor Towing
Chris Williams	FDOT	Rich Pascarelli	AFA Texaco
Rory Howe	Parsons	Mark Taylor	A Budget Towing
Brandy Boccuti	Metric Engineering, Inc.	Alexandar Velez	DBI Services
Charles Stratton	Metric Engineering, Inc.	Shawn Jones	A Budget Towing
Brian Raimondo	Lee County MPO	James Rankine	Lee County Sheriff's Office
Robbie Brown	FDOT	Anthony Call	Red's OK Auto & Truck
Joseph Bowers	FHP	Glenn Hedgecloth	FHP
Lourdes Daniel	Anchor Towing & Marine Towing	Chris Oncken	Wanted Dead or Alive Towing
Renee Daniels	SWIFT SunGuide	Robert Ortiz	Road Ranger
Lakshmi Gurram	Charlotte Co. Punta Gorda MPO	Brandy Otero	Collier MPO

Call to Order: The Collier-Lee-Charlotte TIM Team meeting was held on Wednesday, August 9, 2017 at 9:30 AM at SWIFT SunGuide Center, 10041 Daniels Parkway, Fort Myers, Florida 33913. Chris Williams, Charles Stratton, Rory Howe, and Brandy Boccuti facilitated the meeting.

Introductions:

Team members introduced themselves and the agencies they represent.

Agency News:

Road Rangers

The team was informed that the Road Rangers are currently fully staffed. Additionally, the team was informed that the Road Ranger are proud to announce that they have recently hired the first female Road Ranger.

Towing and Wrecker News

No agency updates

Other Agency News

Law Enforcement requested that the Road Rangers provide coverage over the entire Labor Day weekend to help during the holiday.

The team was informed about the Community Traffic Safety Teams, which are locally based groups of highway safety advocates that are committed to a common goal of improving traffic safety in their communities. To learn more about the meetings, please visit the following website: <http://www.communitytrafficsafety.org/>

Update on TIM Initiatives:

National/State/Regional

Rory Howe presented to the team lessons learned from the I-25 Fuel Service Truck Fire incident, which resulted in a large fuel fire on northbound I-25 between Orchard Road and Belleview Avenue on Wednesday, May 31, 2017. Both directions of I-25 were shut down while fire fighters battled the blaze. The accident happened around noon when the northbound truck carrying 500 gallons of diesel fuel and 500 gallons of eight different types of oil lost a tire and crashed into the median.

Below is the timeline of the event:

11:45 - Fuel service truck crashed that was carrying 500 gallons of diesel and 500 gallons of additional hazardous materials traveling Northbound on I-25 at Orchard Road.

11:50 - Driver is pulled from wreckage by two Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) maintenance workers who were behind the vehicle. 911 receives call about fire.

11:53 – South Metro Fire Rescue Authority (SMFRA) arrived on scene.

11:55 - I-25 Full highway closure of both I-25 Northbound and Southbound; disruption of 260,000 travelers, SMFRA foam truck arrived on scene.

14:34 - Fire is extinguished, vehicle is monitored until cool enough for fuel transfer.

15:15 - HAZAMT crews begin fuel transfer.

15:30 - Three lanes southbound (lanes 3, 4, and 5) are opened.

18:13 - Burnt out fuel truck is removed, milling operations began on southbound lanes which included left shoulder and lanes 1 and 2.

19:10 - Crews begin clean-up of northbound Lanes

21:30 – Milling operations began northbound lanes which included left shoulder and lanes 1 thru 4.

To view the video of the incident, please click on the following link: <https://youtu.be/HeNISq0wIRM>

To view the full presentation, please visit our TIM team website at: [http://www.swfltim.org/CL/CL%20Docs.htm#Handouts & Presentations](http://www.swfltim.org/CL/CL%20Docs.htm#Handouts%20&%20Presentations)

Brandy Boccuti informed the team about the “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” campaign that will be taking place August 16th through Labor Day weekend. Law enforcement nationwide will be joining the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in the high-visibility campaign. To learn more, please visit the following website: <https://one.nhtsa.gov/drivesober/>

Brandy Boccuti informed the team about the Governors Highway Safety Association Annual Meeting which will take place September 16-20, 2017. “Highway Safety in a New Era” is the theme for the 2017 GHSA Annual Meeting. From a new Administration in Washington, D.C., to new technologies, to new behavioral challenges, we are truly entering a new era in traffic safety. The

Governors Highway Safety Association's 2017 Annual Meeting will explore these new challenges and opportunities and consider how the highway safety community can best respond to drive down crashes and fatalities.

To learn more, please visit the following website: <http://www.ghsa.org/events/Annual-Meetings/2017>

The TIM Team participated in the 2017 Traffic Incident Management Self-Assessments (TIM SA). The Traffic Incident Management (TIM) programs continue to play a vital role in the safe and quick clearance of traffic incidents while providing a framework for reducing congestion and maximizing use of existing transportation infrastructure. A critical component of capitalizing on the success of existing programs and aiding the development of new TIM programs is periodic evaluation of the components of successful multi-agency TIM programs. The TIM SA was designed to provide an easy-to-use tool for measuring TIM program performance.

The TIM SA consisted of a series of 55 questions which were organized into the following sections and subsections:

Strategic:

- Formal TIM Programs (11 questions)
- TIM Training and After Action Reports (5 questions)
- TIM Performance Measures (12 questions)

Tactical:

TIM Laws (3 questions)

- Policies and Procedures for Incident Response and Clearance (14 questions)
- Responder and Motorist Safety (5 questions)

Support:

- Data Collection/Integration/Sharing (5 questions)

The results will help in identifying areas of improvement in the three categories as shown above.

To learn more about the TIM SA, please visit the following website:

https://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/eto_tim_pse/preparedness/tim/self.htm

The First Responder Appreciation Award was presented to Frank Gentilquore with Bald Eagle Towing. The Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Team in District One has established the First Responder Appreciation Award in order to distinguish leaders in the TIM discipline. The nomination is open to all disciplines and agencies who are a part of the Florida Department of Transportation District One TIM teams: Collier-Lee-Charlotte, Sarasota-Manatee and Polk County. This award recognizes first responders that go "above and beyond" their duty while responding to incidents on the local highways.

Frank Gentilquore has been a true champion in both the towing industry and the Traffic Incident Management community. Frank was named the "2017 Towman of the Year", for his dedication and support to the towman's causes for increased safety, professionalism and respect. The Towman of the Year selection is the highest award that can be given to any tower, nationwide. There is only one tower picked every year from the entire country! The recognition is for dedication to the industry in total; Safety, training, and multi-disciplinary training, with overall dedication to bringing better standards to the industry.

Additionally, Frank has accomplished the following; Petition the Florida Department of Transportation to get four seats for towers on the TIM board, Volunteer with Towing and Recovery Association of America, helped rewrite the National Traffic Incident Management Training (SHRP-2) protocol for implementation by the Tennessee Highway Patrol, Participated in the Xtreme Team, which performed cross-trainings around the country with other first responders, and helped get a Florida Highway Administration representative to the Tow Expo-Dallas in 2016, for a four hour seminar and Q&A.

ITS TIM champions help strengthen our traffic incident management community and help raise awareness for first responder safety. Frank is a true representation of a TIM champion.

Charles Stratton and Chris Williams spoke to the team about the Florida Statewide Traffic Incident Management Workshop that took place July 27-28, 2017. The Florida Statewide TIM Workshop included all Florida Department of Transportation Districts and the Florida's Turnpike Enterprise where TIM topics was discussed such as activities, accomplishments, and goals.

Some of the topics discussed at the meeting included the following:

- The Florida Department of Transportation is creating an ongoing Strategic Plan to layout objectives and goals and create action items for Traffic Incident Management.
 - A statewide TIM working group was created that includes representatives from different agencies such as the Florida Highway Administration, Law Enforcement, Towing, Emergency Management Services, which will provide feedback in regards to items to be added to the Strategic Plan.
- Statewide TIM Newsletter
- Re-engage Fire and Emergency Medical Services in the Traffic Incident Management Community.
- The National TIM Responder Training Program
- Strengthening the Authority Removal Law
- Updating the Florida Administrative Code 15B-9 which is the wrecker qualifications. The wrecker's qualification code was originally created in 1994 and has been a concern of the wrecker's community, as it is very outdated in certain regulations/requirements.
- Improving the Traffic Homicide Investigation with new technology equipment
- Integrated Corridor Management
- Improving the Rapid Incident Scene Clearance Program

Rory Howe reviewed the following major incident with the team:

- 07/31/2017 – I-75 NB @ Exit: 141/ Palm Beach Blvd. (401277/401279)

FDOT Construction Update

Charles Stratton 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 October 13, 2017 at 9:30 AM at the SWIFT SunGuide Center, 10041 Daniels Parkway, Fort Myers, Florida 33913.

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.swfltim.org/>

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Charles Stratton, Metric Engineering, Inc. at (407) 644.1898 or via email at cstratton@metriceng.com or Chris Williams, FDOT District 1 ITS Operations/ TIM TEAM Coordinator/ Road Ranger Program Project Manager at (239) 225.1915 or via email at Chris.Williams@dot.state.fl.us