



## Collier – Lee - Charlotte Traffic Incident Management Team

December 10, 2014

Meeting Minutes

### Attendees:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Bud Gruber	Bald Eagle Towing	Rich Lisenbee	Charlotte County
Steven Gruber	Bald Eagle Towing	Brandy Boccuti	Metric Engineering, Inc.
Rory Howe	Parsons	Charles Stratton	Metric Engineering, Inc.
Richard Fimbel	DBI	Bob Diezi	Road Ranger
Bill Fuller	FDOT	Dennis Petracca	Lee Co. Sheriff's Office
Dave Morgan	FDOT	Brian Raimondo	Lee County MPO
Robbie Brown	FDOT	Kevin Salsbery	FDOT
Mark Bush	N Naples Fire & Rescue	Joe Hamby	Parsons
Bill Rule	Collier Sheriff's Office	Lee Mayfield	Lee Co.
Jay Anderson	Stay Alive, Just Drive	Nick McFadden	FHP

**Call to Order:** The Collier-Lee-Charlotte TIM Team meeting was held on Wednesday, December 10, 2014 at 9:30 AM at SWIFT SunGuide Center, 10041 Daniels Parkway, Fort Myers, Florida 33913. Bill Fuller, Rory Howe, and Charles Stratton facilitated the meeting.

The team was reminded that the new goal for the TIM meetings will be “practicing what we preach”: the goal will be to keep meetings to 90 minutes!

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

### **Agency News:**

#### Road Rangers

The Road Ranger Comment Card 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Report has been released. To read the full report, please visit the TIM team website at: <http://www.swfltim.org>.

#### Towing and Wrecker News

No agency news.

#### Other Agency News

No agency news.

## **Update on TIM Initiatives:**

### *National/State/Regional*

Mr. Rory Howe spoke to the team about safe parking and scene safety for first responders while responding to incidents.

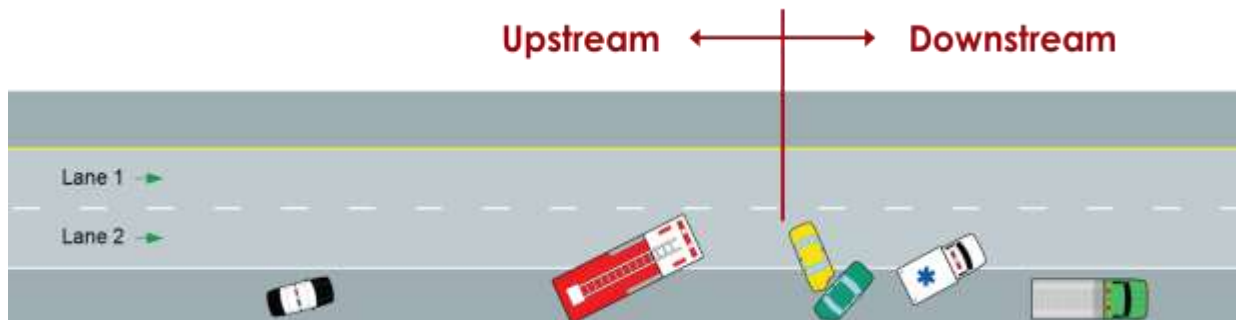
When positioning emergency vehicles at an incident it should be in a manner that attempts to:

- Protect the responders performing their duties
- Protect road users traveling through the incident scene
- Minimize, to the extent practical, disruption of the adjacent traffic flow

Typical vehicle positioning should be set up as the following:

Upstream vehicles include law enforcement, fire, and DOT or safety service patrol vehicle.

Downstream vehicles include ambulance, tow truck, and other support units. Also see below illustration of typical vehicle positioning.



Additionally, the team participated in a hands on table top exercise. The purpose of tabletop exercise is to educate responders on how to apply the basic principles of traffic control and scene management for various incident scenarios. Training participants explore challenges associated with operations at the scene of a crash. Each participant takes on a different role to understand the challenges from another's perspective. For example, a law enforcement official might play the role of a tow truck operator. To view the full presentation, please visit the TIM team website at: <http://www.swfltim.org>

Bill Fuller informed the team about the National Traffic Incident Management Responder Training Web-based Training (WBT). The National Highway Institute (NHI) trainings cover a range of transportation issues and are available in a variety of formats in order to best meet the needs of the transportation community. Additionally, NHI's no-cost Web-conference seminars and Web-based trainings offer valuable training and information at no cost. The series features guest speakers presenting case studies on problems or issues they've faced in the field and what steps were taken to solve the problems. Participants are able to ask questions and receive answers. Select the link below to view detailed information on the course via the NHI Web site: [Course Details- 133126.pdf](#). For further information on registering for NHI courses, please click here: [click here](#).

Bill Fuller informed the team about the upcoming Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP 2) training classes that are taking place in January 2015.

The Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP-2) has developed a program 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 program was created by Congress to address the challenges of moving people and goods efficiently and safely on the nation's highways. This short-term research program addresses four strategic focus areas:

- Safety - The role of human behavior in highway safety
- Renewal - More efficient highway project delivery
- Reliability - Congestion reduction through improved travel time
- Capacity - Improved integration of community, economic, and environmental considerations for new highway capacity

## **CLASS LOCATION AND OPTIONS**

Swift SunGuide Center  
10041 Daniels Parkway  
Fort Myers, FL, 33913

### **January 8, 2015**

Option (1): 8:00AM - 12:00PM

Option (2): 1:00PM - 5:00PM

### **January 9, 2015**

Option (3): 8:00AM - 12:00PM

Option (4): 1:00PM - 5:00PM

Additional information on the SHRP-2 training along with registration will be sent to the TIM members. If you have any questions, 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).

Bill Fuller informed the team about the upcoming District 7 TIM team meetings for Pinellas County, February 3<sup>rd</sup> and also in Hillsborough County, February 17<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Fuller also informed the team about the upcoming Polk County TIM team meeting taking place on January 8<sup>th</sup>.

Bill Fuller spoke to the team about the dangers of possible chemical suicide(s) during the holidays. This is the new way to commit suicide. Unfortunately, first responders could be potential victims if they do not remain acutely aware of their surroundings. First responder awareness and education regarding this method is key in saving their own life. To learn more about chemical suicide, please click on the following link: [Chemical Suicide](#)

Charles Stratton informed the team about the upcoming 2014 Florida Automated Vehicles Summit that will be taking place December 15-16, 2014 at the Disney's Coronado Springs Resort located in Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830. This is the 2nd Annual Summit that Florida DOT has organized to help advance the framework for implementation of automated vehicles on Florida's roads. Learn about efforts led by Florida DOT, other state agencies, Florida universities, and the private sector regarding plans to take advantage of automated vehicle technologies to save lives and enhance mobility on our roadways. Experience autonomous and connected vehicle technologies for yourself to get a better understanding of these emerging technologies and weigh-in on the challenges and opportunities these technologies pose for Florida's economy, transportation infrastructure, and citizens.

Bill Fuller briefly spoke to the team about the importance of the "Move Over Law" and also the need to continue pushing public awareness of the law. Additionally, the video called "Drivers Disobey "Move Over Law" For Service Vehicles" was provided to the team. To view the full video, please click on the following link: [Video](#)

Mr. Charles Stratton reviewed with the team the 2014 Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Self-Assessment Fact Sheets. To read the full report, please visit the TIM team website at: <http://www.swftim.org>.

Bill Fuller briefly spoke to the team about a recent article from the Los Angeles Daily News about distracted responders. There is another category of drivers that most people don't think of when they think about distracted or dangerous drivers - emergency first responders. Police cars, ambulances and other emergency vehicles have several distractions while they are driving such as GPS devices, cell phones, and laptop computers. Unfortunately, using these technologies while attempting to save lives may also put many other people in harm's way. To read the full article, please visit the TIM team website at: <http://www.swftim.org>

### **FDOT Construction Update**

Mr. 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/construct/constmap/d1.shtm>. This resource is updated on a weekly basis.

### **Future Meetings:**

The next Collier-Lee-Charlotte County TIM Team will be February 11, 2015 at 9:30AM 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.swftim.org/>

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).