



Collier – Lee - Charlotte Traffic Incident Management Team

*October 14, 2020
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	Rob Low	Greater Naples Fire Rescue
Justin Merritt	FDOT	Ray Mikol	TMC/HNTB
Robbie Brown	FDOT	Lina Cerquera	FDEP
Jason Cuomo	DBI Services	Uriel Garcia	DBI Services
Jeff VanArsdale	FHP	Lyndsay Sutton	DBI Services
Gene Rogers	Southtrail Fire Rescue	Lakshmi Gurram	Charlotte Co. -Punta Gorda MPO
James Lear	Cape Coral Police	Bud Gruber	Bald Eagle Towing
Elise Hodges	FHP	Frank Gentilquore	Bald Eagle Towing
Luis Hernandez	RTMC/HNTB	Glenn Hedgecoth	FHP
Shauna Griffin	FDOT	Richard Oppelt	City of Ft Myers
Theresa Chestnut	CTST	David Burnside	Transcore
Tim Palmore	TIM	Tony Camps	Collier County EMS
Sammy Edara	CC MPO	Jessica Ogden	D7 RTMC
Dennis Petracca	Lee County Sheriff's Office	Brian Raimondo	Lee County MPO
Tim Stanberry	FDOT	Mathew Kindermann	DBI Services
Haris Marcel Domond	Collier County	Craig Soosh	Charlotte Fire and Rescue
Edward Canfield	Prompt Towing	Bob Murphy	AECOM/Fog Task Force
		Joseph Maguire	Lee Gov
		Brandy Otero	Collier MPO

Call to Order: The Collier-Lee-Charlotte TIM Team meeting was held virtually on Wednesday, August 12, 2020 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 will have Road Ranger Tow trucks added to their fleet. The tow truck capability will allow the Road Ranger to safely move a vehicle blocking/obstructing traffic safely off the Roadways.

The team was informed that the Road Rangers hours will be extended during the upcoming holidays.

Towing and Wrecker News

The Towing Agency notified the team of their concern of the high rate of Tow Truck drivers being struck out on the highways. Additionally, the agency mentioned the possibility of adding additional lighting to emergency vehicles such as blue and red lights to help prevent struck by's.

Other Agency News

The TMC informed the team that they are still partially remote and have operators located at each of the center during daytime hours. Additionally, the TMC is working towards transitioning additional staff.

Law Enforcement informed the team they will be performing campaigns over the holidays from October to December.

The Lee County MPO informed the team that they will be putting out an RFP for the Cape Coral LiDar Scanner.

Brian Raimondo, Lee County MPO, updated the team on the LiDAR radar technology stating they will be putting out an RFP for the Cape Coral LiDar Scanner. Laser scanning offers many benefits to law enforcement, including:

- More complete evidence gathering than ever before
- Reduced time in the field
- Significant road closure time reduction
- New innovative and engaging ways to present evidence
- Data can assist in crime scene and collision analysis.

This will be an ongoing topic as this technology is continually reviewed among the corresponding agencies.

Update on TIM Initiatives:

Tom Arsenault, Metric Engineering, informed the team about the Florida TIM Responder Newsletter. The FDOT TIM program publishes a quarterly newsletter called "Florida TIM Responder" containing articles related to Traffic Incident Management. The newsletter includes topics/articles from all Florida Districts; 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and Turnpike. If you would like to contribute to the Florida TIM Responder or subscribe to it, please contact Shawn.Kinney@dot.state.fl.us.

Tom Arsenault, Metric Engineering, informed the team protecting the traffic scene. During a recent incident in District One it was observed that the cone tapering could have been extended further to the front of the scene to protect a Florida Highway Patrol vehicle and the trooper. The trooper was

observed getting out of his vehicle as an oncoming vehicle almost struck his vehicle. The asset management on scene was contacted and a request was made to extend the MOT beyond the work zone. The picture on the left shows the cone tapering ending before the trooper's vehicle. The picture on the right shows the cone tapering being extended past the trooper's vehicle.



Tom Arsenault, Metric Engineering, informed the team that on August 3, 2020 around 2:30 a.m. Road Ranger, Yosvanys Hernandez while on routine patrol came across a serious crash involving a tractor-trailer and one other vehicle. The driver of the tractor-trailer advised Mr. Hernandez that he had moved an unknown male that was ejected from the vehicle from the roadway in fear that traffic would hit him. Additionally, Mr. Hernandez was advised that there were other victims in the vehicle. Both the truck driver and Mr. Hernandez worked quickly removing the unresponsive female passenger by cutting their seatbelt and removing them from the vehicle. As they observed smoke starting to come out from underneath the hood of the vehicle, they then turned their attention to the unresponsive driver at which time a deputy arrived at the scene and was able to suppress the fire long enough for them to remove him from the vehicle. A certificate of appreciation will be presented to Road Ranger Hernandez for a job well done.

Tom Arsenault, Metric Engineering, informed the team that FDOT District One has implemented a Major Incident Evaluation breakout meeting(s) to review any major traffic incident that involved a fatality, wrong-way driving, and/or any major lane closure incident within 7 days of the incident. Participation in the meetings include an FHP representative. The evaluation includes a thorough investigation of the incident(s) to identify any solutions to reduce and/or prevent the incidents in the future.

Brandy Boccuti informed the team that District One is currently conducting the 2020 FHWA TIM Team Self-Assessments (TIM SA's). The TIM Self-Assessments are through the Florida Highway Administration (FHWA) and all TIM Teams throughout the nation participate in the self-assessments which are used to evaluate the progress of the teams and help set goals for the teams.

The Self-Assessments are usually completed during the TIM Team meetings. However, due to COVID19 feedback to the survey is being completed via online and will be sent to the corresponding TIM team stakeholders.

Brandy Boccuti reminded the team about the upcoming 2020 National Traffic Incident Response Week which will take place November 9-16, 2020.

National Traffic Incident Response Awareness Week is chance for all responder communities to individually and jointly make a difference by teaching each other, and the motoring public, about our common goal and responsibility to one another.

In the past three years, state DOTs, Turnpike Authorities, and responder agencies and organizations marked Incident Response Week with:

- Targeted DMS messaging
- Ride-along opportunities
- Video Sharing
- Social Media Campaigns
- Open House
- Special Exercise Activities
- Events marking the lives wasted in preventable crashes

Please visit the timnetwork.org for resources and ideas.

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:

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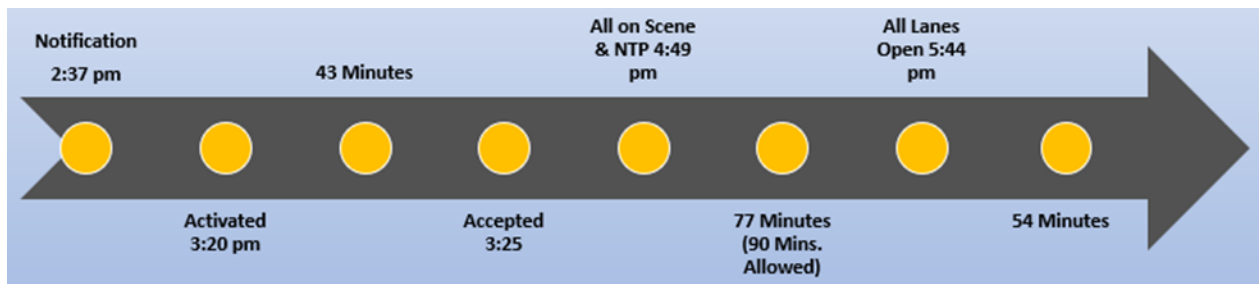
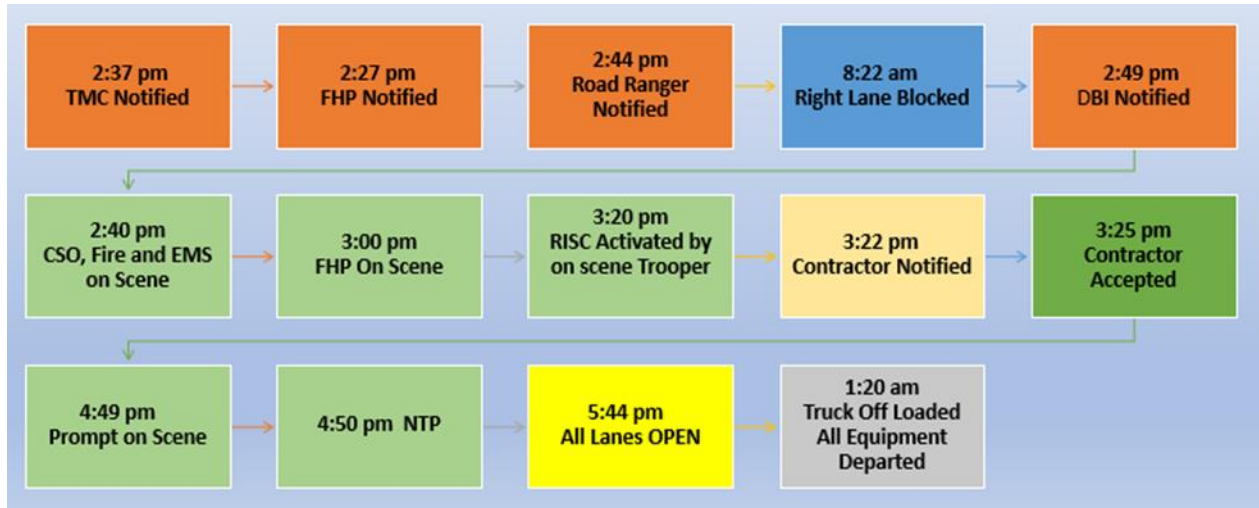
Event Numbers 887408

Northbound I-75 Northbound at Exit 1116

Truck Fire

Lee County

Timeline:



Lessons Learned:

- This was a truck fire on the exit ramp. Once the fire was put out the truck was moved to the E.S.S. This was a good decision because all lanes were open quickly.
- The truck had to off loaded before it could be moved.
- Very good camera view of incident helped TMC.
- Good communication between FHP, TMC and Prompt Towing as to what was happening on scene and what equipment the vendor would need to respond prior to the vendor’s arrival on scene.
- The truck being off loaded too a long time but did not affect any lanes of traffic flow.

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 December 9, 2020 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 Brandy Boccuti, Metric Engineering, Inc. at (407) 644.1898 or via email at bboccuti@metriceng.com