



## Collier – Lee - Charlotte Traffic Incident Management Team

October 14, 2015

Meeting Minutes

### Attendees:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Bud Gruber	Bald Eagle Towing	Rich Lisenbee	Charlotte County
Rory Howe	Parsons	Jay Anderson	Stay Alive Just Drive
Bill Fuller	FDOT	Richard Fimbel	DBI Services
Scott Robbins	HNTB	Kevin Salsbery	FDOT
Dennis Petracca	Lee Co. Sheriff's Office	Steven Erwin	South Trail Fire Dept.
Conner Cardwell	FHP	Isaac Santos	HNTB
Mathew Loeb	Risk Management	Patrick O'Grady	Cape Coral Police
Tim McMullen	FDEP	Jon Kulko	Cape Coral Police
Brandy Boccuti	Metric Engineering, Inc.	Clinton Meek	Jaimes Towing
Charles Stratton	Metric Engineering, Inc.	Nick McFadden	Collier Sherriff's Office
Brian Raimondo	Lee County MPO	Bob Diezi	Road Rangers
Robbie Brown	FDOT	Vincent Lee	Lucent Group D1 TMC
		Frank Gentilquore	Bald Eagle Towing

**Call to Order:** The Collier-Lee-Charlotte TIM Team meeting was held on Wednesday, October 14, 2015 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.

Bill Fuller reminded the Team of the TIM meeting(s) goal will be "practice what we preach" by keeping the meetings to 90 minutes!

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

### **Agency News:**

#### Road Rangers

The Road Ranger Comment Card Annual Report - Fiscal Year 2014/2015 has been released. To read the full report, please visit the TIM team website at: <http://www.swftim.org>.

The Rapid Incident Scene Clearance (RISC) Annual Report and the Road Ranger Performance Measures Annual Report for - Fiscal Year 2014/2015 has been released. To read the full report, please visit the TIM team website at: <http://www.swftim.org>.

The team was informed that on Tuesday, Sept. 15, the Florida's Turnpike Incident Management Team lost one of our own in a tragic crash in Miami-Dade County. State Farm Safety Patrol Road Ranger Andres Garcia was assisting the Florida Highway Patrol on scene of an initial incident when he was struck and killed by another vehicle. Mr. Garcia was a nine-year veteran with Florida Turnpike Services (FTS).

Bob Diezi informed the team that there will be a couple Road Rangers leaving this month. Additionally, there will also be new Road Rangers added to the team.

The team was also informed that any agency that is interested and would like to participate in a ride along with a Road Ranger, arrangements can be made.

#### Towing and Wrecker News

Bald Eagle Towing informed the team that they will be going to Washington, DC in December this year to speak to them about the Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP-2).

Jaimes Towing informed the team that their American Automobile Association (AAA) service calls have almost doubled each month and has added 40 trucks this year to help support the increase in calls.

Additionally, it was mentioned that the towing industry along with the Road Ranger trucks are working towards getting their tow trucks classified as an emergency vehicles.

#### Other Agency News

Law Enforcement informed the team of several promotions/changes of staff within the Police Department which include (1) new Colonel, (1) Lieutenant Colonel, (4) new Chiefs, and (1) new Major for Troop F, John Baumann.

Additionally, the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicle's Executive Director Terry L. Rhodes announced the promotion of Gene Spaulding to become the next Florida Highway Patrol Director, effective Aug. 21, 2015. Colonel Spaulding brings 22 years of law enforcement knowledge and experience of serving the residents and visitors of Florida to this position.

#### **Update on TIM Initiatives:**

##### National/State/Regional

Rory Howe presented to the team on the National Unified Goal (NUG). The National Unified Goal (NUG) for Traffic Incident Management is a unified national policy developed by major national organizations representing traffic incident responders, under the leadership of the NTIMC.

The NUG is not mandatory. It encourages State and local transportation and public safety agencies to adopt unified, multi-disciplinary policies, procedures, and practices that will dramatically improve the way traffic incidents are managed on U.S. roadways.

The NUG does not address funding; it describes what we need to do to improve traffic incident management. By joining together to pursue common goals, TIM stakeholders can leverage their opportunities to secure resources to pursue these goals.

The Detailed Explanation of [National Unified Goal document](#) provides information on how the NTIMC is working with national, State, regional, and local TIM partners to implement the NUG's 18 strategies.

To view the full presentation, please visit our TIM team website at: <http://www.swfltim.org>

Charles Stratton informed the team about the 2015 National Teen Driver Safety Week (NTDSW). This campaign took place October 18 - 24, 2015. NTDSW is a time designated by Congress each year to raise awareness of teen driver safety topics and to encourage safe teen driver and passenger behavior.

- Motor vehicle crashes are a leading cause of death for 15 to 19 year-olds in the United States.
- In 2013, there were 2,614 teen (15-19 year old) passenger vehicle drivers involved in fatal crashes, and an estimated 130,000 were injured.

Charles Stratton spoke to the team about the teen that created the SMART Steering Wheel. The device "snaps onto any steering wheel, and uses a patented sensing technology to encourage safe hand position and help drivers stay focused on the road. Unlike devices that simply record vehicle data, SMARTwheel™ provides real-time feedback to alert drivers to common distracted driving behaviors, allowing them to make corrections before a potential accident. It also delivers teachable insights wirelessly to a smartphone app, letting parents and teens track improvement with a simple grading system. Its smart technology combines advanced linear potentiometers with a proprietary algorithm to analyze driver hand position, contact area and motion. To learn more and to view the full video, please visit our TIM team website at: <http://www.swfltim.org>

Charles Stratton informed the team about the 2015 International Association of Chiefs of Police Annual Conference and Expo. The conference took place October 24 - 27, 2015 in Chicago, Illinois. Every year, the IACP Annual Conference and Exposition supplies you and your department with powerful advantages, bringing together an unmatched educational program, renowned keynote speakers, community-building special events and the largest collection of tactical equipment and technology solutions available for law enforcement.

Charles Stratton informed the team about the 2015 International Forum on Traffic Records and Highway Safety Information System. The conference took place October 25-28, 2015 in Costa Mesa, California. The 2015 Traffic Records Forum will focus on the transition to autonomous vehicles and its effect on traffic safety information systems. The Forum will also include our standard wide variety of topic areas of interest to traffic safety information professionals.

The video on managing non-involved persons during incidents that was produced by <http://www.respondersafety.com> was provided to the team. The video discussed the issues created when persons other than responders and victims are present at a roadway incident scene, bringing together topics including scene control, bystanders, family or friends of victims, and the media into a more comprehensive examination of how to handle a scene where people who are not directly involved in the incident are present. Although the problems caused by noninvolved persons have long existed, examining the issue comprehensively is an emerging area of interest that has taken on new urgency as technology and social media make it easier for people to learn about incidents and insert themselves into the scene where their presence can be distracting, disruptive, or even dangerous. Please visit the following website to view the full learning module: [www.Respondersafety.com](http://www.Respondersafety.com)

[Respondersafety.com](http://www.Respondersafety.com) is a "free" website that includes learning modules and up to date information on the traffic incident community.

Bill Fuller reviewed with the team recent Rapid Incident Scene Clearance (RISC) incidents that occurred within District 1.

The RISC program is operationally managed at the District level. The RISC Contractor has the responsibility to respond to a request of activation within 15 minutes, and arrive at the incident within a certain time negotiated, by mile marker, at the beginning of their agreement with the Department. Once on scene and provided a Notice to Proceed by the lead official on scene, the vendor will have 90 minutes to open the travel lanes for traffic. If the proper equipment arrives on scene within the negotiated time for that location, and the tower clears the travel lanes within 90 minutes, they are eligible for the bonus as outlined in the contract. To view the full presentation of each RISC incident that was reviewed, please visit our TIM team website at: <http://www.swfltim.org>

Bill Fuller reminded the team of the importance of taking the free Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP-2) and for any agency to contact him if they are interested in the training.

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) of the U.S. Department of Transportation continues to train trainers in all U.S. States and two U.S. territories to launch classroom sessions of the newly released Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Responder Basic Training Course. To date, almost 5,200 fire, law enforcement and transportation TIM experts have received training on how to implement the course in a classroom setting. The FHWA highly encourages Safety Service Patrol professionals to attend a course offering in their area.

A Congressionally mandated effort managed by the Transportation Research Board (TRB), the American Association of State Highway Officials (AASHTO), and the FHWA through the Second Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP 2) resulted in a Traffic Incident Responder training course to address on-scene operations and management. This multi-disciplinary training course promotes a shared understanding of the requirements for quick clearance and for safeguarding responders and motorists.

TIM experts will conduct the classroom-based course. The training objectives are:

- Promoting more effective multi-agency, coordinated, and planned incident response.
- Improving responder safety.
- Improving travel-time reliability for person and freight trips on the Nation's highways by improving incident clearance time.
- Reducing congestion, collisions, and delays caused by secondary crashes.

If you have any questions or are interested in the training, 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)

The team was informed that the October 2015 TIM meeting would be the last meeting for Bill Fuller, ITS Traffic Incident Management Project Manager, as he will be retiring the end of November 2015. Mr. Fuller was presented a plaque in appreciation of his service and dedication that he has given to our District One TIM team.

### **FDOT Construction Update**

Mr. Bill Fuller 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/construc/constmap/d1.shtm>.

This resource is updated on a weekly basis.

**Future Meetings:**

The next Collier-Lee-Charlotte County TIM Team will be held on December 9, 2015 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 the District One TIM Team Manager, Mr. Bill Fuller at (239) 225-1915 or via email at [william.fuller@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:william.fuller@dot.state.fl.us).