



## Collier – Lee - Charlotte Traffic Incident Management Team

*June 8, 2011  
Meeting Minutes*

### Attendees:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Lourdes Daniel	Anchor Towing	Chris Spears	G&C Auto Towing
Bud Gruber	Bald Eagle Towing	Nolen Sapp	Golden Gate Fire/ Rescue
Thomas Scott	Charlotte Sherriff's Office	Ron Hoffer	Hoffer & Associates
Emmett Merritt	Charlotte Sherriff's Office	Phil Smith	Hoffer & Associates
Les Williams	Collier County	Randy Hart	Lee County DOT/Traffic
Mathew Schindler	Cloverleaf Corp.	Bill Ritz	Lee County DOT/Sign
Gary Millsaps	Delcan Corporation	Steve Jensen	Lee County DOT
John Sparks	Delcan Corporation	Brian Raimondo	Lee County MPO
Richard Fimbel	DBI Services	J.A Stakenbur	Lee Co. EMS
Uriel Garcia	DBI Services	Dennis Petracca	Lee County SO
Chris Birosak	FDOT	Brandy Boccuti	Metric Engineering, Inc.
Carlos Bonilla	FDOT	Scott Agans	Metric Engineering, Inc.
Bill Fuller	FDOT	Joe Saladino	Prompt Towing Service
Kevin Salsbery	FDOT	Patty Hill	Red's Auto & Truck Repair
Wayne Hartstein	FDOT	Bob Diezi	Road Rangers - Dist. 1
Martin Scheid	FDOT	David Tarquino	S&T Towing of SW FLA
Teresa Zilko-Miller	FL Dep. Of Environ.	Mari Bacon	SWIFT Sunguide Traffic
Ed Mac	Florida Turnpike	Nicholas Favazzo	10-Eight Towing
Mike Washburn	Florida Turnpike		

**Call to Order:** The Collier-Lee-Charlotte TIM Team meeting was held on Wednesday, June 8, 2011 at 9:30 PM at Sarasota County Public Works, Sarasota, Florida 34240. Bill Fuller, Gary Millsaps, and Scott Agans facilitated the meeting.

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

### **Agency News:**

#### **Road Rangers**

Mr. Bill Fuller informed the team that unfortunately over time for the Road Rangers was not provided in the 2010-2011 budgets. Also, the Road Rangers were informed to roll pass FHP traffic stops unless the trooper request assistance. Last, Road Rangers are to perform MOT at every stop and no side by side parking is allowed.

Towing and Wrecker News

No updated information was provided by the TIM Team

Other Agency News

No updated information was provided by the TIM Team

**Update on TIM Initiatives:**

Mr. Gary Millsaps spoke about the Response, Emergency Staging, Communications, Uniform and Management and Evacuation (R.E.S.C.U.M.E). Mr. Millsaps explained that the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) is looking at Dynamic Mobility Applications. The USDOT is looking across the entire field of transportation to see how they can use technology today or in the future to improve the transportation industry. One of the programs that resulted from this research is called (R.E.S.C.U.M.E). Mr. Millsaps explained that there is a shift from passive interaction between fixed and mobile transportation system entities to connected, interacting entities. There were four main components that the (R.E.S.C.U.M.E) would help improve the Incident Responder systems. The categories included the following; Emergency Communication and Evacuations, Incident Scene Pre-Arrival Guidance for Emergency Responders, Incident Scene Work Zone Alerts for Drivers and Workers, and Mayday Relay.

Mr. Bill Fuller informed the team that the new Collier-Lee-Charlotte and the Sarasota-Manatee Notification and Agency Resource Guides are now complete. Mr. Fuller explained that hard copies will be provided to certain departments and that an electronic version will be available on the TIM Team website in the near future.

Cable Barrier Systems

Mr. Matt Schindler from Cloverleaf Corporation presented on the Cable Barrier Systems.

Mr. Schindler stated that Cloverleaf Corporation supplied the Cable Barrier Systems to the Contractors that worked on the I-75 Sarasota and Manatee Project, Freeway Management System (FMS) in Charlotte County, and a portion in Lee County. There are several different Cable Barrier Systems. The following is a list of some of the systems; NUCOR Cable Barrier, Quick Kurb, Safe Link Barrier Gate, TAU-ii Crash Cushion, QMB, and Safe-T-Grip High Friction Surface. Mr. Schindler stated that there are different types of Cable Barrier systems on I-75 & I-275, FDOT District one which one of the systems is the NUCOR Cable Barrier, and also on Alligator Alley there is a low tension Activation System which is not a barrier but a notification system that notifies when the barrier has been penetrated.

He explained that there is three categories of cable barriers; Warning Cable Systems which do not contain or redirect a vehicle but indicates there has been a breach .i.e. Alligator Alley. Second, Low Tension Cable Barrier which may redirect vehicles but is designed to contain it by wrapping vehicles in wire ropes. He stated that there is significant collateral damage to the barrier when impacted. FDOT does not allow the use of low tension cable barriers on their roadways. Third, High Tension Cable Barrier, which is designed to redirect vehicles onto impact side of barrier. FDOT only allows the high tension barriers on their roadway. Mr. Schindler has stated that cable barriers have been saving lives since the 1930's. He also explained the options and procedure in releasing the tension in the cable wires in emergency incidents. There was the option of cutting the wire although it was expressed as using as last resort. Second the tension can be released by turning the bolts and lastly it can be released by slowly running over the very last post which falls over releasing the tension.

Southern Traffic Incident eXchange (STIX) Program

Mr. Gary Millsaps presented the South Traffic Incident eXchange (STIX) program. Mr. Millsaps stated that the program is part of the I-95 coalition which Florida is a member, as well as states

all the way up to Canada. The I-95 Corridor Coalition goals are to “improve mobility for people and goods, enhance safety for all travelers, and improve the economic vitality of the region.” To attain this objective, the Coalition created the Southern Incident eXchange (STIX) program. The Southern Region Incident Management Information Exchange Program, referred to as the Southern Traffic Incident eXchange (STIX) Program, was created to develop interstate incident notification, information sharing, and coordination across state lines. Within the Southern Incident eXchange (STIX) program there is a centralized location for all the vital information. The central communications hub is located at the Atlanta, Georgia’s Transportations Management Center (TMC) where STIX incident information is collected and distributed. The following circumstances with a potential multi-state/regional impact typically qualify as a Southern Traffic Incident eXchange (STIX) incident; Major Incidents, Planned Special Events, and Emergencies. Mr. Millsaps also spoke about the operational protocols and about the reporting procedures. He provided an example of the report that would be submitted to the NaviGator.

To report these significant incidents, contact NaviGator at 1.877.HWY-STIX (877.499.7849), Email: [STIX@dot.ga.gov](mailto:STIX@dot.ga.gov)

### **TIM Self-Assessment for 2010**

The top-three goals previously identified during the 2010 Self-Assessment were:

1. Develop multi-agency agreements/memoranda of understanding detailing resource sharing (facilities, services, personnel and budget)  
Team Members will provide Bill Fuller with current operating procedures and any multi-agency agreements or memoranda of understanding for the Team to review and analyze.
2. Utilizing traffic control procedures for the end of the incident traffic queue
3. Establish training goals (NTIMC and other areas of interest)

Mr. Bill Fuller stated that at the next TIM Team Meeting, August 9, 2011, they will be performing the new 2011 TIM Team self-assessment. They will be looking at the past 2010 goals and achievements and also assessing the 2011 goals.

### Hurricane Preparedness

Mr. Bill Fuller kicked off the hurricane season by presenting on Hurricane Preparedness. Mr. Fuller presented several statistics on Hurricanes which is listed below:

#### Hurricanes Predictions of 2011

- 12-18 Named Storms=39mph+
- 6-10 Wantabee Hurricanes= 74mph+
- 3-6 Major Cat 3, 4, 5 = 111mph+
- 70% likely

#### Seasonal Average of Hurricanes

- 11 Named
- 6 Hurricanes
- 2 Major Hurricane

Mr. Fuller also provided a helpful website to help prepare for the hurricane season. The website below provides critical hurricane preparedness for families, children and also small business. The website for children allows kids to have an active role in the hurricane preparedness process and also helps educate. The site also provides tools to small businesses on how to prepare for hurricanes.

<http://www.ready.gov>

Please see below additional helpful sites to help prepare for Hurricanes;

[Scgov.net](http://scgov.net)

<http://www.mymanatee.org/home/government/departments/public-safety/hurricane-readiness-center/before-the-storm.html>

### **Review of Recent Major Incidents**

#### **FDOT Construction Update**

Mr. Bill Fuller requested that all TIM Team members make sure they are receiving the D1 Weekly Roadwatch 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.

### **Open Forum**

No open forum items were presented

### **Future Meetings**

The next Collier-Lee-Charlotte County TIM Team will be August 10th at 9:30am at the Manatee County Traffic Management Center, Public Safety Building, 2101 47<sup>th</sup> Terrace East, Bradenton, Florida.

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 maybe interested in joining our team! [The TIM Team Website](#)

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).