



Collier – Lee - Charlotte Traffic Incident Management Team

*February 10, 2021
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	Lina Cerquera	FDEP
Justin Merritt	FDOT	Uriel Garcia	DBI Services
Robbie Brown	FDOT	Bud Gruber	Bald Eagle Towing
Jason Cuomo	DBI Services	Tony Camps	Collier County EMS
Jeff VanArsdale	FHP	Joseph Maguire	Lee Gov
Elise Hodges	FHP	Glen Van Brunt	San Carlos Fire
Luis Hernandez	RTMC/HNTB	Shane Sibert	Estero Fire Department
Ray Mikol	TMC/HNTB	Gary Harrell	Charlotte Co. Punta Gorda MPO
Shauna Griffin	FDOT	Myles Kittleson	FGCUPD
Dennis Petracca	Lee County Sheriff's Office	David Tarquino	S&T Towing of SW FLA, Inc.
Edward Canfield	Prompt Towing	Bill Floyd	Lee Co. Emergency Mgt.
Mike Dowling	Prompt Towing	Domenic LetoBarone	FDEP

Call to Order: The Collier-Lee-Charlotte TIM Team meeting was held virtually on Wednesday, February 10, 2021 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 reminded that the Road Rangers in Sarasota-Manatee and Collier-Lee-Charlotte County area has added Road Ranger Tow trucks to their fleet. The tow truck capability will allow the Road Ranger to safely move a vehicle blocking/obstructing traffic safely off the Roadways.

Towing and Wrecker News

No agency updates

Other Agency News

No agency updates

Update on TIM Initiatives:

Brandy Boccuti discussed with the team about taking advantage of the increase selection of online learning opportunities as well as staying connected with current topics in the Traffic Incident Management community. Additionally, the team was informed about the Web-Based National First TIM Responder Training Refresher Video. The online training is for participant that has already attended the FHWA National TIM Responder Training Program. The training is not designed to replace the training, but to provide a refresher after some period of time has passed.

The refresher course includes a handout and a short 60 minute video. At the end of your training there will be an opportunity to download a certificate. To access the online course, please visit the following website: <https://timtraining.org/>

Tom Arsenault, Metric Engineering, tested the responders on their knowledge of the Traffic Incident Response Lane Designation Terminology. The responders were shown a slide with an example of travel lanes and asked to provide the position of the vehicle and/or crash. Providing precise and accurate location helps State, regional, and local responders use often and distinct terminology when communicating the location of crashes or responding to vehicles on roadways. Disparate terminology in communications could potentially lead to confusion on the scene, impact responder and victim safety, and adversely affect emergency response and traffic clearance times. The goal is to provide a common terminology for adoption as needed by responding agencies during traffic incidents to identify incident location and the preferred position for arriving response vehicles and equipment. The National Traffic Incident Management Coalition and the TIM Network support adoption of this terminology to coordinate multidisciplinary responses to incidents. To learn more

To learn more about the lane designation terminology or for a “refresh” visit the [Respondersafety.org](https://respondersafety.org) and take the free online National First Responder (SHRP2) Training modules which include the topic.

Tom Arsenault, Metric Engineering, informed the team about Road Ranger recognition of Dan Rice. On December 14, 2020 around 5:30 pm, Road Ranger Dan Rice did a great job getting a potentially dangerous driver off the road. Dan stopped at a disabled vehicle that was out of gas going Southbound at the 51 mile marker (event 913265). Mr. Rice noticed the motorist was incoherent and smelled strongly of alcohol. He called in to the Traffic Management Center and voiced his concerns. At which time the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) was notified. A Trooper responded to investigate. EMS was eventually called by the Trooper and the motorist was transported to the hospital for testing. The driver was charged with Driving Under the Influence by the Trooper. Great job by Dan helping keep our roadways safe!

Luis Hernandez, SWIFT SunGuide Center, updated the team on the FDOT District One Traffic Management Center.

Freeway and Arterial Management

- Headquarters in Bartow
 - Covers 12 counties in Southwest Florida, including Polk County
 - Operates two traffic management centers:
 - SWIFT SunGuide Center in Fort Myers FL, collocated with FHP FMRCC (24/7/365)
 - Bradenton-Sarasota Satellite Center in Bradenton, FL (M-F 6:00A-10:30P)
 - A robust network of interconnected and monitored traffic signals
 - Close relationships with Districts 5 (Orlando), 7 (Tampa Bay), and Turnpike help facilitate multi-district Integrated Corridor Management (ICM)

Polk County Coverage

- District 1 TMC (Southwest)
 - Polk County is entirely part of FDOT D1
 - Primary responsibility: incidents on all State and US Highways in Polk County
 - Exceptions are I-4 (SR-400) and Polk Pkwy (SR-570)
 - Assists D7 with incidents on/near I-4
 - Assists FTE with incidents on/near SR-570/Polk Parkway

District 7 TMC (Tampa Bay)

- Primary responsibility: Incidents on I-4 mainline, ramps, and cross streets.

Florida's Turnpike

- Primary responsibility: Incidents on SR-570/Polk Parkway mainline, ramps, and cross streets.

The Importance of Working with District 1

- District One allows your agency to inform the motoring public of traffic incidents on crucial arterial highways via the Florida 511 Automated Traveler Information System.
- Helps expedite FDOT/contractor response for Maintenance of Traffic or emergency road repair needs.
- Assistance with FDEP/SWO/NRC notification standards for spills/release due to roadway incidents.
- Allows for vital incident data collection which can be useful in roadway safety, retrofit, or redesign projects.

How to contact the SWIFT Center 24/7/365 with incident notifications or requests for response on any State or US Highway in Polk County: [239-225-1960](tel:239-225-1960)

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

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.

Tom Arsenault, Metric Engineering, presented to the team the Road Ranger performance measures below:

Collier County

Road Ranger Assisted Events By Event Type

Event Type	Events	
Abandoned Vehicle	41	5.8%
Crash	45	6.3%
Debris on Roadway	80	11.3%
Disabled Vehicle	540	75.9%
Other	2	0.3%
Police Activity	2	0.3%
Wildfire	1	0.1%
Total	711	100.0%

Road Ranger Assisted Events By Notifier

Notifier Agency	Events	
FHP Troop F	204	28.7%
Road Ranger District 1	387	54.4%
TMC-District 1	119	16.7%
Waze	1	0.1%
Total	711	100.0%

Lee County

Road Ranger Assisted Events By Event Type

Event Type	Events	
Abandoned Vehicle	63	9.7%
Crash	36	5.5%
Debris on Roadway	129	19.9%
Disabled Vehicle	411	63.3%
Emergency Vehicles	3	0.5%
Other	2	0.3%
Pedestrian	2	0.3%
Vehicle Fire	3	0.5%
Total	649	100.0%

Road Ranger Assisted Events By Notifier

Notifier Agency	Events	
FHP Troop F	135	20.8%
Road Ranger District 1	382	58.9%
TMC-District 1	132	20.3%
Total	649	100.0%

Charlotte County

Road Ranger Assisted Events By Event Type

Event Type	Events	
Abandoned Vehicle	26	8.7%
Crash	4	1.3%
Debris on Roadway	66	22.1%
Disabled Vehicle	199	66.6%
Emergency Vehicles	1	0.3%
Other	1	0.3%
Police Activity	1	0.3%
Wildlife	1	0.3%
Total	299	100.0%

Road Ranger Assisted Events By Notifier

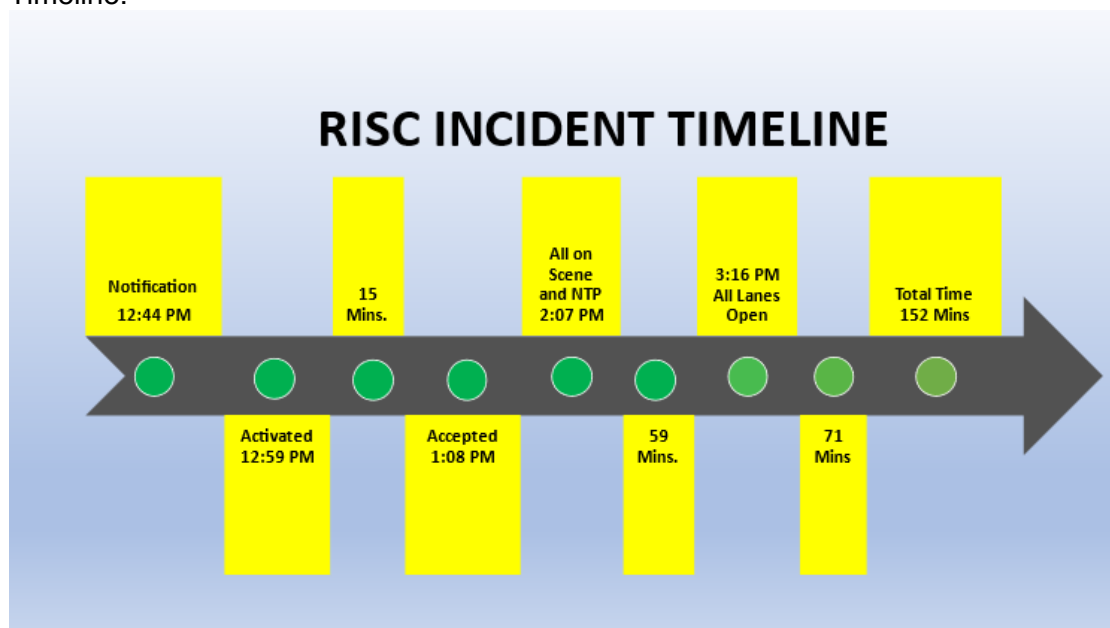
Notifier Agency	Events	
FHP Troop F	35	11.7%
Road Ranger District 1	198	66.2%
TMC-District 1	66	22.1%
Total	299	100.0%

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:

01/04/2021
 RISC 21-16
 Northbound I-75, Ramp at Exit 138

Timeline:



Lessons Learned:

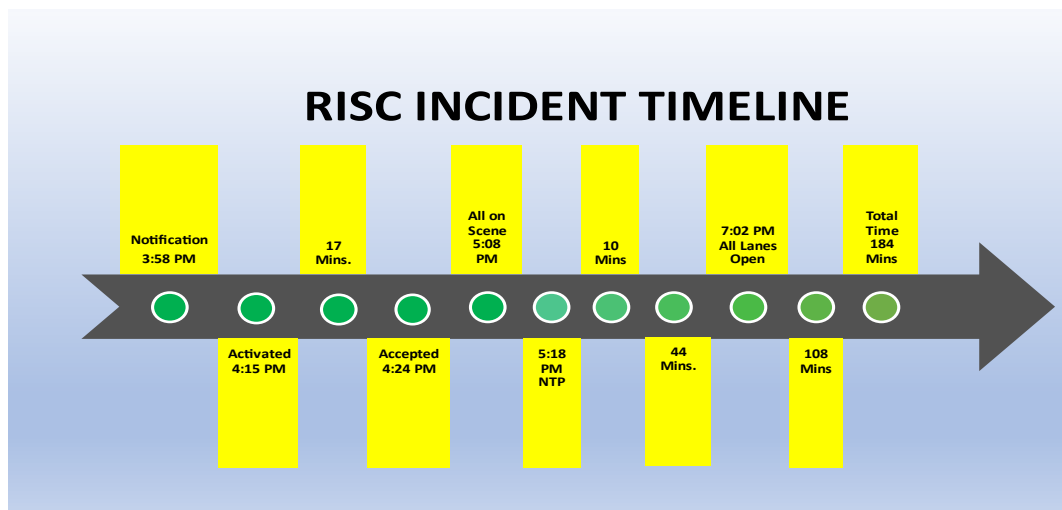
- This was a roll-over loaded beach sand truck with major cargo spillage.
- Only 15 minutes between the crash and RISC activation.
- Activated by FHP Trooper on scene.
 - It is a good lesson that the Troopers on scene have the confidence to activate RISC.
- Having someone on scene (RISC P.M.) giving the TMC real times is very beneficial and works well for all on scene.
- On scene personal called the RISC Vendor and gave detailed description and sent photo of spill to send the extra equipment needed for cleanup.
 - See equipment in upper right picture.
 - This prepared the vendor to have the proper equipment at scene quickly.
- All lanes open in 71 minutes.

01/08/2021

RISC 21-17

Northbound I-75 Near Mile Marker 139

Timeline:

**Lessons Learned:**

- This was a roll-over loaded dirt truck with major cargo spillage.
 - The vehicle's rear axle fell off.
- Only 17 minutes between the crash and RISC activation.
- Activated by FHP Lieutenant VanArsdale from the TMC Floor.
 - It is a good lesson that the Command Staff of FHP will activate RISC from the TMC video feed.
- Having someone on scene (RISC P.M.) giving the TMC real times is very beneficial and works well for all on scene.

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 April 14, 2021 at 9:30 AM.

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