



Collier – Lee - Charlotte Traffic Incident Management Team

*February 9, 2022
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	Bud Gruber	Bald Eagle Towing
Justin Merritt	FDOT	Raul Corbo	Road Ranger
Robbie Brown	FDOT	Denise Hannemann	FHP Communications
Luis Hernandez	RTMC/HNTB	Mike Dowling	Prompt Towing
Ray Mikol	TMC/HNTB	Randall Miller	Cape Coral PD
Mike Swanson	Professional Towing	Tony Clark	FDOT
Steve Corbin	AutoBase	Anthony Pasqualini	Professional Towing
Jeana Ritter	Ferrovial Services	Glenn Hedgecoth	FHP
Mary Webber	CTST	Brent Hertenlehner	Collier Co. Sheriff's Office
Shari Hurst	HNTB	Shawn Kinney	FDOT
David Burnside	Transcore	Dennis Petracca	Lee Co. Sheriff's Office
Ray DeGiovine	FDOT	Lina Cerquera	FDEP
Brian Bird	FDOT	Scott Philips	Collier MPO
John Yanc	FDEP	Anna Horowitz	Collier Co. Sheriff's Office
Steve Corbin	Autobase/Road Rangers		
Derek Daniels	FHP		

Call to Order: The Collier-Lee-Charlotte TIM Team meeting was held virtually on Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at 9:30 AM. 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 are currently hiring. The Road Ranger performance measures were also provided to the team.

Towing and Wrecker News

Prompt Towing requested an update on the debris cleanup along the shoulders which Ferrovial Services provided.

Professional Towing informed the team about the upcoming Tow Show taking place April 21-23 2022 in Orlando, Florida.

Bald Eagle Towing requested the protocol in regard to utilizing turnarounds at the Alligator Alley area as there are a limited number of exits in the area. FHP requested that the responders not to use the turnarounds to avoid incidents. However, they stated the agencies can call FHP dispatch and request if they can safely use the turnaround areas.

Other Agency News

The TMC informed the team that they have (3) new operators that have joined the team. Additionally, they also currently have positions still open.

Mary Weber, CTST Coordinator, informed the team of upcoming Collier and Lee CTST team meetings coming up and invited the participants to participate.

Shawn Kinney, Statewide TIM Program Manager, thanked the team for their participation and informed the team of future initiatives to continue to help improve safety for responders working along the roadways. The team was also informed of the National Struck Bys database that is now on the [Respondersafety.com](https://www.respondersafety.com).

Update on TIM Initiatives:

Brandy Boccuti informed the team about the success of the recent National Traffic Incident management (SHRP2) Training that took place virtually on January 27, 2022. The training certified over 50 first responders from the FDOT District One TIM Team.

The training was developed *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 National Traffic Incident Management Responder Training is endorsed by the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the International Association of Fire Chiefs, and the National Volunteer Fire Council.

Participants received a National TIM Responder Training certificate from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) after completing the training.

Some of the topics include:

- Notification and Scene Size-Up
- Safe Vehicle Positioning
- Command Responsibilities
- Traffic Management

- Clearance and Termination

Tom Arsenault, Metric Engineering, provided a training session on working the activity area/work zone.

The Buffer Space:

- Separates the Transition Area from the Incident Space
- No vehicles should be positioned within the upstream Buffer Space
- Provides recovery area for errant vehicles
- Speed of passing traffic and sight distance should be considered when determining the length of the buffer space

Incident Space:

- Location where the incident has occurred, and emergency responders are working
- A blocking vehicle should be positioned at the upstream end of the Incident Space to protect workers from impacts by errant vehicles
- Cones should continue alongside the Incident Space to help define the boundary between responders working and moving traffic

Termination Area:

- Used to notify drivers that the Traffic Incident Management Area is ending, and they may resume normal driving
- Includes the downstream buffer space and taper
- Protects emergency responders working at the end of the Incident Space
- Remember drivers will likely be frustrated from being stuck in traffic and may quickly accelerate

Tom Arsenault, Metric Engineering, provided the Road Ranger performance statistics.

Ray Mikol, D1 SWIFT SunGuide Center, provided the performance measures.

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:

December 10, 2021

Rollover Crab Truck

I-75 at Mile Marker 98

FHP, Road Ranger, Ferrovial Services, and Professional Towing

Single vehicle a loaded semi with fine sand rollover.



Lessons Learned:

- A truck loaded with crab rolled over.
- Full closure downstream.
- The scene was challenging as there was (1) Road Ranger working the MOT at a specific point until Ferrovial Services was able to arrive on scene.
- The scene had substantial fog.
- Clearance Time 47 minutes
- Total incident time 135 minutes.

December 16, 2021

Jones Loop w/o I-75

Charlotte Sheriff's Office, Road Ranger, Ferrovial Services, Prompt Towing



Lessons Learned:

- Crashes involved a dump truck and several cars.
- The RISC activation could have been called if an incident of affecting a ramp location.
- Clearance Time 55 minutes
- Total incident time 96 minutes

January 16, 2022

Semi Blown over by tornado

FHP, Road Ranger, Ferrovial Services, Professional Towing



Lessons Learned:

- A tornado blew over a full-sized Walmart semi-trailer.
- Full closure incident
- The incident was a good example of working the scene and clearing the roadways.
- RISC Activated Event
- Clearance Time 28 minutes
- Total incident time 110 minutes

February 1, 2022

I-75 Northbound at Mike Marker 92

Fatal Crash

FHP, Collier County Sheriff's Office, South Collier Fire Department, Road Ranger, Ferrovial Services



Lessons Learned:

- Semi-Trailer attempted to make a u-turn in the “officials only” turn around when collided with another vehicle.
- FHP was able to only close one lane during incident which alleviated the traffic queue.
- Road Rangers also set up a good example of MOT in regards with the tapering and protecting the scene.
- The wrecker on-scene also was noted as making an illegal U-turn onto scene and continued to pull out into the oncoming traffic. It is recommended for the safety of the responders and traveling public to go to the next exit where a safe turn around can take place.
- Total incident time 411 minutes

FDOT Construction Update

The District 1 Roadwatch construction report is available to all first responders by visiting the following website: <http://www.fdot.gov/info/D1/news/newsreleases/default.shtm>

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 13, 2022 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