



Collier – Lee - Charlotte Traffic Incident Management Team

*June 12, 2019
Meeting Minutes*

Attendees:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Kevin Smith	Parsons	Bill Floyd	Lee Co. Emergency Mgt.
Brandy Boccuti	Metric Engineering, Inc.	Mark Cunningham	Lee County Transit
Charles Stratton	Metric Engineering, Inc.	Joe Saladino	Prompt Towing
Robbie Brown	FDOT	John Schultz	FHP
Brian Raimondo	Lee Co. MPO	Tom Arsenault	FDOT-LEL
Raul Corbo	Anchor Towing	David Burnside	TransCore
Reginald Faust	DBI Services	Rich Fimbel	DBI Services
Chris Oncken	Wanted Dead or Alive Towing	Deise Hannemann	FHP
Roman Serrano	Lee Co. Sheriff's Office	Glenn Hedgecoth	FHP
Tim Palmore	TIM	David Howell	HNTB
Lakshmi Gurram	Charlotte Co. Punta Gorda MPO	Kevin Salsbery	FDOT
Dennis Petracca	Lee Co. Sheriff's Office	Lyndsay Sutton	DBI Services
James Lear	Cape Coral PD	Carlos Ogando	Transcore
		Richard Leatherwood	Uh Oh Towing
		Sammy Edara	Charlotte County MPO

Call to Order: The Collier-Lee-Charlotte TIM Team meeting was held on Wednesday, June 12, 2019 at 9:30 AM at SWIFT SunGuide Center, 10041 Daniels Parkway, Fort Myers, Florida 33913. Charles Stratton, Brandy Boccuti, and Kevin Smith facilitated the meeting.

Introductions:

Team members introduced themselves and the agencies they represent.

Agency News:

Road Rangers

Road Rangers informed the team that State Farm is now sponsoring the Road Ranger program and the trucks have been updated with the State Farm logos.

Towing and Wrecker News

The towing agency informed the team that there is a light duty training class coming up the month of June.

Other Agency News

The SWIFT SunGuide Traffic Management Center informed the team that they have an Assistant Management position open at the District One Satellite Traffic Management Center.

Emergency Management informed the team that they are currently preparing for the upcoming hurricane season.

Lee County EOC informed the team that the EOC Facility expansion is close to completion.

Brian Raimondo, Lee County MPO, updated the team on the funding for the LiDAR radar technology to help Law Enforcement with crash investigations. Laser scanning offers many benefits to the forensic world, 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:

National/State/Regional

Richard Fimbel, DBI Services, presented to the team the 2019 Emergency Shoulder Use (ESU) Preparation and Plans.

ESU is Florida's innovative strategy to increase traffic capacity during hurricane evacuations on key corridors within the state.

- Uses existing paved shoulders
- Replaces former One-Way Plans, also known as contraflow and reverse laning
- First used during Hurricane Irma in 2017 and again in 2018 for Hurricane Michael

ESU LOCATIONS

- I-4 Corridor
- I-10 Corridor
- I-75 Corridor
- I-75 Alligator Alley Corridor
- I-95 Corridor
- Turnpike

Roadway	Direction	Beginning Mile Marker	Beginning Roadway - Location	Ending Mile Marker	Ending Roadway - Location	Counties	FDOT District(s)
I-75 / Alligator Alley	NB	MM 23	US-27	MM 101	SR-951	Broward & Collier Co	D-4 to D-1
I-75 / Alligator Alley	SB	MM 101	SR-951	MM-23	US-27	Collier & Broward Co	D-1 to D-4
I-75 North	NB	MM 101	SR-951	MM 467	SR-143	Collier, Lee, Charlotte, Sarasota, Manatee, Hillsborough, Pasco, Hernando, Sumter, Marion, Alachua, Columbia, & Hamilton Co	D-1, D-7, D-5, & D-2
I-4	EB	MM 3	US-41	MM 60	SR-417	Hillsborough, Polk, & Osceola Co	D-7, D-1, & D-5
I-10	WB	MM 335	SR-23	MM 303	I-75	Duval, Nassau, Baker, & Columbia Co	D-2
I-10	WB	MM 303	I-75	MM 203	US-319	Columbia, Suwannee, Madison, Jefferson, & Leon Co	D-2 & D-3
I-95	NB	MM 87	SR-706	MM 382	GA State Line	Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River, Brevard, Volusia, Flagler, St. Johns, Duval, & Nassau Co	D-4, D-5, & D-2
FL Turnpike	NB	MM 267	SR-50	MM 305	US-301	Orange, Lake, & Sumter Co	D-5

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

Charles Stratton, Metric Engineering, discussed the following 2019 areas of focus, which were selected from the 2018 Traffic Incident Management Self-Assessment results.

1. Performance targets to reduce secondary crashes – Review historical crash data of secondary crashes and establish internal targets to reduce secondary crashes.
2. After Action Reviews (AARs) of major incidents - Transitioning TIM Team meetings to a more “working meeting.” Review lessons learned, best practices, and Incident Clearance Time (ICT) Performance Data.
3. Outreach to public officials and local first responders about supporting and attending their local TIM team.

The purpose of the yearly Traffic Incident Management Self-Assessments is to provide a formal process for State and local transportation, public safety and private sector partners to collaboratively assess their traffic incident management programs and identify opportunities for improvement.

Brandy Boccuti, Metric Engineering, informed the team that texting while driving will become a primary offense starting July 1, 2019. Offenders can be fined up to \$165.00 and be given 3 points on their license. Additionally, drivers must be handsfree during construction zones or school zones.

Brandy Boccuti, Metric Engineering, informed the team about the 5-Alarm Task Force website which produces a weekly podcast on first responder topics. Recently on May 27, 2019 a podcast on Responding to Emergencies on the Active Roadways was released.

To learn more and listen to first responder podcast, please visit the following website: <https://www.dalmatianproductions.tv>

A video on the Hidden Dangers of Vehicle Safety Features for First Responders was provided to the team. While advanced technology is helping keep us safer in crashes, it can make rescues more

difficult for first responders. To view the video, please visit our TIM team website at: <http://www.swftim.org/>

As a reminder to first responders of the dangers of working crash scenes a video was provided to the team on a close-call for a Florida Highway Patrol trooper who was nearly hit by a hydroplaning car on Southbound I-95 in Boynton Beach on May 13, 2019. To view the video, please visit our TIM team website at: <http://www.swftim.org/>

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:

04/21/2019 CLC

Event Number 645928

I-75 Northbound at Mile Marker 169

Truck Pulling RV Overturned

Timeline:

0932	TMC	Crash reported; lane 2 and 3 (of 3) blocked
0949	TMC	RISC activated by Officer Bennette
0950	TMC	Prompt Towing called
0955	TMC	Prompt accepted RISC; informed RV trailer broken apart
1007	TMC	Road damaged noted and DBI informed
1017	TMC	1st Prompt wrecker on scene
1019	TMC	FHP suspending RISC due to propane leak at scene
1024	TMC	RISC reactivated
1037	TMC	Jeff at Prompt waiting on NTP from FHP
1052	TMC	All Prompt equipment on scene
1057	TMC	FHP Brown gave NTP
1115	TMC	Jeff @ Prompt- Landall en route to scene
1117	TMC	Landall on scene (ADDITIONAL EQUIP)
1125	TMC	Per DBI Lane #1 & 2 are open
1153	TMC	All lanes open (ROADWAY CLEARANCE)
1200	TMC	RISC Complete, Prompt departed
1211	TMC	All units clear (INCIDENT CLEARANCE)

Lessons Learned:

Early activation of RISC: If the TMC can observe the incident on camera and decide that activating RISC would be appropriate, TMC should activate RISC. Examples of this include overturned tractor-trailer blocking lanes, vehicles on fire or broken/compromised trailers.

Early request for additional equipment: FHP informed TMC of trailer being compromised so RISC vendor could start additional equipment earlier. This shortens the roadway clearance time for the call.

05/24/2019 CLC

Event Numbers 654109

I-75 Northbound at Mile Marker 168

RISC Event

Timeline:

1054	TMC	Initial report, #2, #3 lane and right shoulder blocked
1058	TMC	RISC activated by Ray Mikol (TMC)
1102	TMC	Called Prompt Towing
1108	TMC	Prompt accepts RISC
1124	TMC	1st Wrecker on scene
1142	TMC	2nd wrecker and support truck on scene
1142	TMC	NTP given per Jeff with Prompt
1207	TMC	Additional Prompt equipment on scene (Bobcat)
1224	TMC	Vehicles moved from roadway, still cleaning roadway (sand/rocks)
1235	TMC	RISC complete; DBI patching holes in roadway
1244	TMC	DBI awaiting additional materials on scene to repair road
1303	TMC	Prompt leaves scene
1307	TMC	Roadway open by DBI (Roadway Clearance)
1333	TMC	Incident clearance with FHP departing

Lessons Learned:

TMC early activation of RISC shortens roadway clearance times. TMC observed on camera the cargo was spilled on the roadway and the truck was overturned and did not wait until FHP arrived to activate RISC.

Unified command did a good job of coordinating with Prompt to give the NTP as soon as all equipment was on scene (no delay in starting work).

Good response from DBI for roadway repair while roadway was shut down for RISC. Even though this delayed opening the road, the repairs were necessary to open the roadway and the lane closure only lasted another 45 minutes to make the repairs.

FDOT Construction Update

Charles Stratton 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 August 14, 2019 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