



Collier – Lee - Charlotte
Traffic Incident Management Team
 December 11, 2013
 Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Mac McKissack	Delcan Corporation	Dennis Petracca	Lee Co. Sherrifs Office
Bill Fuller	FDOT	Ray DeGiovine	FDOT
Jay Anderson	Stay Alive just Drive	Brandy Boccuti	Metric Engineering, Inc.
Frank Gentilquore	Bald Eagle Towing & Recovery	Charles Stratton	Metric Engineering, Inc.
Bud Gruber	Bald Eagle Towing & Recovery	Bob Diezi	Road Rangers - Dist. 1
Jennifer Dorning	Cella Molnar & Associates	Raul Corbo	Anchor Towing
Scott Robbins	HNTB	Steven Devore	FHP
Gerald Campbell	Lee County Emergency Mgmt.	Lina Cerquera	FDEP
Brian Raimondo	Lee County MPO	Richard Fimbel	DBI Services
Donnie Fewell	Lee Co. Sherrifs Office	Joe Saladino	Prompt Towing Service
		Gene Rogers	South Trail Fire District
		Lenny Diogo	James Towing and Recovery

Call to Order: The Collier-Lee-Charlotte TIM Team meeting was held on Wednesday, December 11, 2013 at 9:30 AM at SWIFT SunGuide Center, 10041 Daniels Parkway, Fort Myers, Florida 33913. Bill Fuller, Mac McKissack, and Charles Stratton facilitated the meeting.

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

Mr. Bill Fuller reminded the Team that a new goal for the TIM meetings will be “practicing what we preach”: the goal will be to keep meetings to 90 minutes!

Agency News:

Road Rangers

Mr. Bill Fuller provided the 2012-2013 Road Ranger Survey for Incident Responders results. The Department developed the Statewide Road Ranger Survey for Incident Responders as a result of a suggestion by District TIM personnel that reporting information on how other agencies’ incident responders gauged Road Rangers performance would be helpful, especially since direct program feedback from field level incident responders is limited. The survey was designed to gather data from those who work and communicate with the Road Rangers on a regular basis.

Since the inaugural survey was such a success, the Department decided to execute and publish the Road Ranger Incident Responder survey annually. This survey has a threefold purpose:

- Determine the incident responders’ opinion of the program
- Compare results and customer satisfaction to last year’s survey

- Solicit comments and suggestions to improve the program from the incident responder's perspective

Please visit the TIM team website to view the results of 2012-2013 Road Ranger Survey for Incident Responders.

Mr. Fuller also informed the team that he has requested that the Road Rangers be in the Festival of Lights Parade.

Mr. Bob Diezi, Road Ranger in District One updated the team on Road Rangers. Mr. Diezi informed the team that they hired new Road Rangers for the Alligator Alley area.

Mr. Diezi briefly reviewed the District One Road Ranger response statistics. Please see the breakdown of incidents/activities for the month of November 2013 below:

DISTRICT ONE ROAD RANGER RESPONSE STATISTICS	
TYPE OF SERVICE	November 2013
Crashes	524
Disabled Vehicles	1427
Abandoned Vehicles	191
Debris in Roadway	692
Vehicle Fires	11
Amber Alert	0
Brush Fire	11
Congestion	70
Emergency Vehicles	4
Pedestrian	8
Police Activity	120
Road Work – Emergency	2
Road Work – Scheduled	52
Special Events	2
Visibility	10
Weather	0
Wildlife	3
Silver Alert	12
“Other”	55
TOTALS:	3,140

To review the full report, please visit the TIM team website at: <http://www.swfltim.org/>

Mr. Fuller also informed the team that the 2013 Road Ranger holiday schedule is available on the TIM team website.

Towing and Wrecker News

No agency news.

Other Agency News

No agency news.

Update on TIM Initiatives:**National/State/Regional**

Mr. Mac McKissack, Delcan Corporation, presented to the team on the Rural Incidents Management Concepts and Best Practices. Below are some points that were presented to the team.

Urban Freeway Incident Management

- Ample law enforcement, fire, EMS, and towing resources
- Rapid response – 2 to 8 minutes
- Quick clearance – 30 to 60 minutes
- Multiple detour options
- High percentage of local motorist

Rural Freeway Incidents

- Few law enforcement personnel
- Typically volunteered fire departments
- Limited EMS coverage
- Heavy duty towing/recovery equipment often limited
- Poor detour opportunities
- High percentage of unfamiliar motorist

Rural Incident Problems

- Freeway often closes
- Motorist stuck in queue
- Motorist initiate haphazard u-turns or cut thru's
- Trucks detour down dead end roadways
- Freeways become small temporary communities of trapped

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

Mr. Bill Fuller updated the team on the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Regulations.

OSHA does not have jurisdiction or oversight over local or state government agencies, including FDOT

- FDOT personnel are not subject OSHA investigations or fines.
- FDOT safety is governed by the Department Loss Prevention Manual. In 2000 however, then Governor Jeb Bush issued an Executive Order (#2000-192) directing all state agencies to comply with OSHA 1910, which is the standards for general industry. What this means is that FDOT has been directed to voluntarily comply with OSHA standards.
- Non-FDOT personnel however, such as contractor and consulting companies, are subject to OSHA investigations and fines

Amounts that can be levied by OSHA are as follows:

- \$7,500 maximum for a single serious violation that can or has caused substantial harm death to employee, but such fines would not apply to FDOT personnel. Multiple violations can add up to much higher total fines.

- \$75,000 fine is only levied for rare findings of willful violations, for example, where the employer knew of an unsafe condition that was likely to cause substantial harm to an employee but failed to correct the condition.

Jennifer Dorning, Cella Molnar & Associates, updated the team on I-75 New Construction Projects. The following I-75 projects in Lee County were discussed with the team.

I-75 Airport Direct Connect

- Construction start: October 2012
- Estimated completion: Spring 2015
- Cost \$54.1 million
- Design/build contractor: C3TS/Prince
- Engineering and Inspection: Metric Engineering, Inc.

I-75 Lockett Road to SR 80

- Construction start: June 2011
- Estimated completion: Early 2014
- Cost \$29.2 million
- Contractor: Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, LLC
- Engineering and Inspection: Volkert, Inc.

I-75 Caloosahatchee River Bridge

- Construction start: January 2013
- Estimated completion: Fall 2015
- Cost \$72 million
- Contractor: The de Moya Group/Leware Construction Company Joint Venture
- Design team: Stantec (C3TS)/HDR
- Engineering and Inspection: Eisman & Russo Consulting Engineers

I-75 from SR 78 to Charlotte Count

- Construction start: August 2012
- Estimated completion: Spring 2014
- Cost \$17.3 million
- Contractor: Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, LLC
- Engineering and Inspection: AECOM Technical Services, Inc.

For further information on the projects please contact the appropriate representative below:

I-75—Airport Direct Connect:

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I-75 Lockett Road to SR 80, I-75 Caloosahatchee River Bridge, and I-75 from SR 78 to Charlotte County Line, I-75 Sumter Boulevard to River Road:

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Please visit the following website for all I-75 construction jobs from Collier County to Manatee County
www.I75ontheGO.com

Quarterly Performance Review:

Mr. Bill Fuller presented the quarterly performance measures for November 2013. We are providing the performance measures in a new format, as shown to the right. These handouts are available on the District One TIM website at: <http://www.swfltim.org>.

Mr. Charles Stratton presented the 2013 TIM Self-Assessment Fast Facts National TIM Statistics.

- In November 2011, AAA reported that the societal cost of traffic crashes was \$299.5 billion, more than three times the \$97.7 billion cost of congestion in that year
- The TIM Self-Assessment national score has increased from 48.0 in 2005 to 73.9 in 2013, indicating significant advancement of TIM programs nationwide
- According to the 2013 TIM Performance Measures database, the average roadway clearance time was 73 minutes
- Over 22,000 responders in 27 states have participated in the National TIM Responder Training.



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.i75onthego.com/watch.html>. This resource is updated on a weekly basis.

Future Meetings:

The next Collier-Lee-Charlotte County TIM Team will be February 12, 2014 at 9:30AM 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.swftim.org/>

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.