



Collier – Lee - Charlotte
Traffic Incident Management Team
October 9, 2013
Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Bud Gruber	Bald Eagle Towing & Recovery	Tim McMullen	FDEP
Stephen Gruber	Bald Eagle Towing & Recovery	Richard Lisenbee	Charlotte County
Lakshmi Gurram	Charlotte Co. Punta Gorda MPO	Donnie Fewell	Lee Co. Sherriff's Office
Bill Fuller	FDOT	Dennis Petracca	Lee Co. Sherriff's Office
Rory Howe	Delcan Corporation	Brian Raimondo	Lee County MPO
Edward McKissack	Delcan Corporation	Scott Robbins	HNTB
Kevin Salsbery	FDOT	Brandy Boccuti	Metric Engineering, Inc.
Jay Anderson	Stay Alive just Drive	Charles Stratton	Metric Engineering, Inc.
Gerald Campbell	Lee Emergency Management	Bob Diezi	Road Ranger
Conner Cardwell	FHP	Patty Hill	Red's OK Auto & Truck Repair
Willam Harris	FHP	Greg Trammell	Tice Fire Department
Nick McFadden	FHP	Richard Fimbel	DBI Services
Tom Watts	FDOT	Kevin Fox	Alligator Towing
Ray Degiovine	FDOT	Chris Oncken	Wanted Dead or Alive Towing
		Joe Saladino	Prompt Towing Services

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

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

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

Agency News:

Road Rangers

Mr. Bill Fuller informed the team that the 2013 Road Ranger Service Patrol Comment Card Report has been released. For the fiscal year 2012/2013 (July 2012 to June 2013), the Department received 7164 comment cards from motorist who received assistance from Road Rangers. The department received 7029 returned cards stating that the Road Rangers where courteous and helpful. To read more about the Road Ranger report please visit the TIM team website: <http://www.swftim.org>

Mr. Bill Fuller also informed the team that the 2013 Road Ranger Holiday Schedule has been released. The Road Rangers will increase their presence around the holidays to help ensure proper coverage for holiday traffic. The 2013 Road Ranger Holiday schedule is available on the TIM team website: <http://www.swfltim.org>

Towing and Wrecker News

No Agency news.

Other Agency News

No Agency news.

Update on TIM Initiatives:

National/State/Regional

Mr. Rory Howe spoke to the team about the National Unified Goal (NUG). Mr. Howe explained the importance of NUG and explained that it encourages State and local transportation and public safety agencies to adopt unified, multi-disciplinary policies, procedures, and practices that will dramatically improve the way traffic incidents are managed on U.S. roadways. One of the important topics under NUG is the upstream warning or warning to traffic coming up to incidents. Mr. Howe explained that last year 52 towing, 14 fire fighters, and 12 law enforcements were struck and killed at traffic incidents. By having unified procedures for first responders responding to incidents is imperative to their safety.

Additionally, the Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP-2) equips responders with a common set of core competencies and assists them in achieving the TIM National Unified Goal of strengthening TIM programs in the areas of:

- **Safety** - The role of human behavior in highway safety
- **Renewal** - More efficient highway project delivery
- **Reliability** - Congestion reduction through improved travel time
- **Capacity** - Improved integration of community, economic, and environmental considerations for new highway capacity

Mr. Rory Howe and Mr. Bill Fuller informed the team of the upcoming four hour SHRP-2 training that will take place in Sarasota and Fort Myers. Please see the details below:

Dates: November 5-6-7th 2013

Time: 08:00am-12:00pm -OR- 1:00pm-5:00pm

Location: South Manatee Fire and Rescue Department, 2451 Trailmate Dr. Sarasota FL 34243

Dates: November 12-13-14th 2013

Time: 08:00am-12:00pm -OR- 1:00pm-5:00pm

Location: SWIFT SunGuide Center, 10041 Daniels Parkway, Ft. Myers FL 33913

Please note that registration will be required to attend the class. To register for the class please visit the TIM team website at: <http://www.swfltim.org>

For more information please contact Bill Fuller at William.fuller@dot.statre.fl.us or call (239) 225.9815.

Also, the video "Why Do We Need The National Unified Goal For Traffic Incident Management?" that was released by the Responder Safety.com was provided to the team. To view the video please visit the following website: <https://learning.respondersafety.com>

Mr. Bill Fuller spoke to the team about clearing sidewalk and crash debris. Mr. Fuller explained that it is a team effort by all responders that are out on scenes to clean up debris from the sidewalk and the road to help ensure the safety of pedestrians and the public.

Mr. Richard Fimbel from DBI Services spoke to the team about the high tension cable barriers. Mr. Fimbel explained and demonstrated the ways that the tension from a high tension cable barrier can be released in case of an emergency. Mr. Fimbel also informed the team that he is available to come into any agency and provide a thirty minute training on the procedures of high tension cable barriers.

2013 Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Program Self-Assessment

Traffic Incident Management (TIM) programs continue to play a vital role in the safe and quick clearance of traffic incidents while providing a framework for reducing congestion and maximizing use of existing transportation infrastructure. A critical component of capitalizing on the success of existing programs and aiding the development of new TIM programs is periodic evaluation of the components of successful multi-agency TIM programs. The TIM Self-Assessment (TIM SA) was designed to provide an easy-to-use tool for measuring TIM program performance.

Mr. Charles Stratton informed the team of the 2013 Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Program Self-Assessment Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) results summary. The TIM Team participated in the 2013 Traffic Incident Management Self-Assessment which consisted of a series of 54 questions and included the following categories; tactical, support, and strategic. The team utilized an automated audience response system to gather data about the status of the TIM Team progress. Mr. Stratton compared the results of the 2012 and 2013 results to show areas that may need improving and the positive direction that the TIM Teams are achieving. Below are the results:

SECTION	2012	2013
OVER ALL SCORE	87.2	91.3
STRATEGIC	25.0	25.0
TACTICAL	39.1	38.8
SUPPORT	23.1	27.5

Quarterly Performance Review:

Mr. Bill Fuller presented the 2013 Third Quarter (July, August, and September). We are providing the performance measures in a new format, as shown to the right. The reports can now be found on the TIM website at www.swfltim.org.



FDOT Construction Update

Mr. Bill Fuller 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/construc/constmap/d1.shtm>. This resource is updated on a weekly basis.

Future Meetings:

The next Collier-Lee-Charlotte County TIM Team will be December 11, 2013 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.swfltim.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.