



Collier – Lee - Charlotte Traffic Incident Management Team

February 12, 2025
Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: The Collier-Lee-Charlotte TIM Team meeting was held on Wednesday, February 12, 2025, at 9:30 AM at the SWIFT SunGuide Center, 10041 Daniels Parkway, Fort Myers, FL 33913. Tom Arsenault and Brandy Boccuti facilitated the meeting.

Introductions: The team members introduced themselves and the agencies they present.

Agency News:

Road Rangers

The team reviewed Road Ranger assist statistics for each county. No operational changes or personnel updates were announced.

Towing and Wrecker News

No agency updates

Other Agency News

Janella Newsome, FDOT, informed the team that weekly construction update emails are available to first responders upon request. She encouraged agencies to reach out if they are not already on the distribution list.

Charlotte County Fire/EMS thanked the team for the After-Action Reviews and expressed appreciation for being included in communication efforts. The agency emphasized the importance of continued collaboration during major incident response.

David Burnside, TransCore, informed the team they are preparing for the 2025 hurricane season by incorporating lessons learned from last year into their resiliency and outage mitigation planning.

Lee County Sheriff's Office thanked the TIM Team and Road Ranger program for their support during a recent fatal crash response. No new concerns were reported, but they acknowledged the importance of continued interagency coordination.

DeAngelo Contracting Services (DCS) informed the team that their agency continues to see an increase in vehicle intrusions into work zones. They reminded all partners to stay alert and report any intrusion incidents to help improve work zone safety and tracking.

Update on TIM Initiatives:

Tom Arsenault, Metric Engineering, reminded the team about the purpose of the TIM Meeting.

- TIM is the coordinated detection, response to and removal of traffic incidents as quickly and safely as possible. TIM is a coordinated effort among multiple agencies.
- The primary purpose of TIM is to reduce the duration and impact of incidents as well as to improve the safety of motorists and most importantly our incident responders.
- The TIM Meeting is to help prop up the communication, coordination, and collaboration among our incident responders.

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

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:

12/21/2024

Northbound I-75 at Mile Marker 108

Incident Details:

- Road Ranger crash involving fatality
- 3:37 AM Initial Notification
- Road Ranger was assisting with a lane closure
- Collier County Sheriff's vehicle was parked on-scene
- A truck collided with the Road Ranger truck, which then struck the CCSO vehicle
- Driver 1 sustained fatal injuries
- Open Roads Duration: 9 hours
- Incident Clearance Duration: 9 hours 31 minutes

12/26/2024

Southbound I-75 at Mile Marker 85

Incident Details:

- Semi vs Box Truck crash – RISC 25-14
- 4:03 PM Initial Notification
- Roadway clearance required extended efforts
- Fatality confirmed on scene

12/30/2024

Southbound I-75 at Mile Marker 87

Incident Details:

- Road Ranger truck struck by distracted driver
- 2:58 PM Initial Notification
- Road Ranger assisting with a DAV/boat trailer
- Cones and DMS boards activated 15 miles out
- At-fault driver struck RR truck, pushing it into a passing semi
- Injuries sustained by both the RR and the at-fault driver

1/23/2025

Northbound I-75 at Mile Marker 128

Incident Details:

- Rollover crash involving semi-dump sand truck
- Prompted FHP and DCS response
- Incident activated as RISC 25-15
- Extended lane closures and material cleanup

The Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the Charlotte County, Punta Gorda MPO each presented updates on their ongoing Safe Streets for All (SS4A) initiatives. These federally supported programs aim to reduce roadway fatalities and serious injuries through local Safety Action Plans.

Highlights from the presentations included:

Crash Trends and High-Injury Network Corridors:

Both MPOs shared regional crash data identifying key corridors with elevated rates of fatalities and serious injuries. Mapping tools and trend analysis were used to highlight priority locations for future safety investments.

Community Survey Results:

The MPOs conducted public outreach to gather input from residents on safety concerns. Common themes included pedestrian and bicycle safety, unsafe driver behaviors, and the need for better lighting and crosswalk visibility.

Engineering Countermeasures and Education Strategies:

Proposed strategies included road diets, enhanced signage, signal timing adjustments, pedestrian refuge islands, and improved multimodal infrastructure. The MPOs also emphasized the importance of public awareness campaigns to reinforce safe driving behaviors.

Vision Zero and SS4A Funding Goals:

Both agencies reaffirmed their commitment to Vision Zero principles, with long-term goals of eliminating traffic-related fatalities. The MPOs plan to pursue additional SS4A funding opportunities to implement targeted safety projects.

Attendees were encouraged to stay involved in upcoming planning efforts and to help promote public engagement activities as the Safety Action Plans move into the next phases of development. If you have any questions regarding the Lee County MPO presentation, please contact Don Scott, Executive Director, at (239) 330-2243 or via email at dscott@leempo.com. For questions regarding the Charlotte County–Punta Gorda MPO presentation, please contact Gary Harrell, Executive Director, at (941) 883-3535 or via email at gary.harrell@charlottecountyfl.gov.

FDOT Construction Update

The team was provided with recent construction updates. The FDOT District 1 weekly construction updates are also available to all first responders by request to Janella Newsome, FDOT, Janella.Newsome@dot.state.fl.us or by calling (863) 519-2828.

Future Meetings:

The next Collier-Lee-Charlotte County TIM Team will be held on April 9, 2025, at 9:30 AM.

Meeting Adjourned

*The list of attendees is attached to these meeting minutes.

As always, please continue to visit the TIM Team website for updates, and 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) 949-4283 or via email at brandy.boccuti@metriceng.com

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