



## Collier – Lee - Charlotte Traffic Incident Management Team

April 12, 2023  
Meeting Minutes

**Call to Order:** The Collier-Lee-Charlotte TIM Team meeting was held on Wednesday, April 12, 2023, 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 Road Ranger performance measures were provided to the team.

#### Towing and Wrecker News

Towing informed the team of the upcoming 2023 Tow Show taking place 13-16, 2023. To learn more about the event, please visit the following website: <https://floridatowshow.com/events/>

#### Other Agency News

Department of Environmental informed the team that they are currently understaffed.

Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization informed the team that the Cape Coral Police are currently in training for the LiDAR Units to help with crash investigations.

Kevin Salsbery, FDOT, informed the team that they are currently preparing for the upcoming 2023 Hurricane season.

### **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.

Aven Morgan, HNTB/D1 Regional Traffic Management Center, presented to the team on Freeway Operator Management Responsibilities.

Primary Responsibilities:

- Provide real-time travel-related information to the travelling public that helps them make informed travel decisions.
- Perform Traffic Incident Management related duties designed to clear the roadway as quickly as possible (< 90 min) in accordance with Florida's Open Roads policy.
- Coordinate Road Ranger service assistance to incident scenes such as crashes, disabled vehicles, debris removal and any other unplanned instances which impact traffic flow.
- Work with area maintaining agencies to optimize southwest Florida's roadway network.
- Ensure that Intelligence Transportation System devices are operating correctly.
- Assist in emergency operations.

To view the full evaluation report, please visit the FDOT District One TIM Team website at: [www.swfltim.com](http://www.swfltim.com)

Carlos Cabrera, Florida Department of Transportation, presented to the team on Major Incident Evaluation (MIE) of field assessments for the following ramps:

- Mile Marker 101 southbound Exit Ramp
- Mile Marker 111 northbound Exit Ramp
- Mile Marker 141 northbound Exit Ramp

Common conditions in ramps surveyed:

- RPM's Missing/Broken/Non-Reflective
- Striping Deteriorated
- Thermoplastic Messages/Lead-In Lines Deteriorated
- Gore Markings need Refurbishing.
- Additional Wrong Way Signs Considerations
- No Right Turn Signs Considerations

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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:

February 13, 2023

I-75 Northbound at Mile Marker 133

Road Ranger, DCS, FHP, Lee County EMS, Fire, Professional Tow



### Incident Details:

- Multi-Vehicle Crash
- 2:57 pm Initial Notification
- 32 Minutes
- 3:29 pm Activated by Lt. Daniels
- 4:20 pm Vendor on Scene & NTP
- 4:39 pm Notice To Proceed Stopped
- 4:58 pm Notice To Proceed Resumed
- 5:38 pm RISC Complete – Lanes Open
- RISC Time 56 Minutes
- Shoulder work continued after travel lanes cleared to remove debris spilled during crash.
- 161 Total Duration

March 2, 2023

I-75 Southbound Mike Marker 161

Road Ranger, DCS, Charlotte Co. FD. FHP, Prompt Tow



### Incident Details:

- Truck Fire
- RISC Event
- 12:22 pm Initial Notification
- 12:34 pm Activated by Trooper

- 12 Minutes
- Delay of NTP to allow FD to put out fire

2:37 pm Notice To Proceed

3:04 pm RISC Complete – Lanes Open

RISC Time 27 Minutes

162 Total Duration

3/3/2023

I-75 Southbound at Mile Marker 52

Road Ranger, DCS, Collier County CSO, DCS. FHP, Prompt Towing



#### Incident Details:

- Single Semi-Trailer Crash
- 3:54 am Initial Notification
- 7:03 am Activated by Trooper
- Delay in activation due to low visibility of camera view and late arrival of Trooper
- 199 Minutes
- 9:43 am Notice To Proceed
- 10:44 am RISC Complete – Lanes Open
- RISC Time 61 Minutes
- 410 Total Duration.

#### **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](mailto: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 June 14, 2023, 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 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) 949-4283 or via email at [brandy.boccuti@metriceng.com](mailto:brandy.boccuti@metriceng.com)



