



## Collier – Lee - Charlotte Traffic Incident Management Team

August 9, 2023  
Meeting Minutes

**Call to Order:** The Collier-Lee-Charlotte TIM Team meeting was held on Wednesday, August 9, 2023 at 9:30 AM. Tom Arsenault and Brandy Boccuti facilitated the meeting.

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

### **Agency News:**

The team was reminded that the Road Rangers trucks will have red and white lights on the rear of their vehicles.

### **Towing and Wrecker News**

No agency updates

### **Other Agency News**

Ray Mikol, D1 SWIFT SunGuide, informed the team of the performance measures for 2023.

Heidi Hoffman, Department of Environmental Protection, informed the team they have hired a new employee to add to their workforce.

The team was informed that the expansion of the Lee County Emergency Operations Center building is currently under construction.

### **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 informed the team about Road Ranger Yosvanys Hernandez Garcia receiving an award for his outstanding efforts while working along the highway.

On Tuesday June 27, 2023 at 11:48 pm, Road Ranger Yosvanys Hernandez Garcia was patrolling his zone on Alligator Alley Northbound around the 80 Mile Marker when he noticed headlights coming at him from the wrong way. The vehicle was southbound in the left northbound lane. Road Ranger

Garcia immediately activated his emergency overhead lights to notify the traffic behind him. He was able to get the traffic to stop and intercept the wrong way driver between the off ramp and on ramp for Exit 80.

Road Ranger Garcia spoke with them quickly and was able to get them to pull off to the shoulder. It was a young driver with her parents in the back seat. After talking to the driver, he assessed that no drugs or alcohol were involved.

They informed him they were headed to Ave Maria from Miami and had just missed the exit. (Exit 80). He was able to safely get them turned around and headed to Naples in the correct direction. Road Ranger Garcia also advised them that it was highly dangerous and illegal to turn around anywhere while on the interstate.

Amber Allen and Robert Langston, Air Methods Corporation, presented to the team on the role and coordination of medical flight during traffic incidents. Air Methods Corporation is a leading air medical services provider that plays a crucial role in responding to incidents on highways. They operate a fleet of helicopters and fixed-wing aircraft equipped with medical equipment and highly trained medical professionals. Their rapid response capability helps in transporting critically ill or injured individuals from highway incidents to medical facilities swiftly, providing essential care during transit. To view the full presentation, please visit the FDOT District One TIM Team website at: [www.swftim.com](http://www.swftim.com)

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

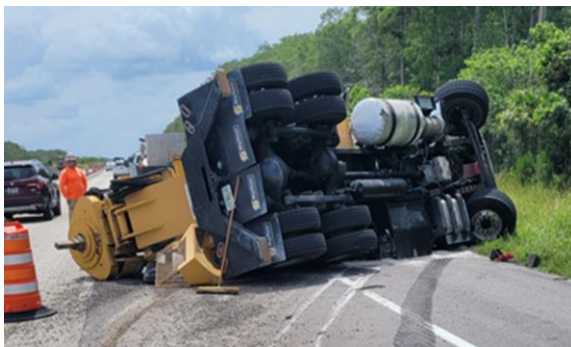
After Action Reviews (AAR) provide agencies with actionable intel on an incident or event that can be used for improved strategies for future occurrences, demonstrating the benefit of quick clearance practices and improve cross-agency coordination and communication.

AARs were performed on the following recent major incidents:

June 16, 2023

I-75 Southbound at Exit 69

FHP, Road Ranger, Collier Police Department, Collier Fire Department, DCS, Professional Towing



#### Incident Details:

- Rollover pipe truck
- RISC Event
- 11:29 AM Initial Notification
- 11:36 AM Activated by Ray Mikol
- 12:58 PM Vendor On-Scene

- 1:02 PM NTP
- 2:11 PM All Lanes Open
- 69 Total Duration

June 21, 2023

I-75 Southbound at Mile Marker 65

FHP, Road Ranger, Collier Police Department, Collier Fire Department, DCS, Professional Towing



Incident Details:

- Rollover pipe truck
- RISC Event
- 4:05 PM Initial Notification
- 4:23 PM Activated by Trooper
- 5:44 PM Vendor On-Scene
- 5:58 PM NTP
- 6:27 PM All Lanes Open
- 29 Total Duration

July 5, 2023

I-75 Southbound at Mile Marker 93

FHP, Road Ranger, Collier Police Department, Collier Fire Department, DCS, Professional Towing



Incident Details:

- 12:42 PM Initial Notification
- 12:53 PM Activated by Trooper
- 2:20 PM Vendor On-Scene
- 1:58 PM NTP
- 2:51 PM All Lanes Open

- 54 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 October 13, 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.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](mailto:bboccuti@metriceng.com)

