

Collier-Lee Traffic Incident Management Team

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The initiative to enhance field response and procedures guidelines with respect to appropriate authorities, effective command, and coordination is identified as a major objective in the T I M Team development strategy. The Regional Strategy, published in the Semi-Annual Addendum to the T I M Team Times, titled, "Unified Incident Management System @ Level III Incidents" is not entirely indicative of the Unified Command concept. This article generated tremendous concern and inspired comments that we found to be very valuable. Don Olson stated, "I was not correct in my interpretation of Unified Command structure and concept of operations." We should, as a follows:

Unified Command: Multi Agency Traffic Incident Management

In the spirit of the National Unified Goal, cooperation and collaborative advantage have proven to be the "Best Practice" when professionally managing incidents on Florida's roadways. T I M Teams embody this very principle ... and Florida has emerged as a national leader, due entirely to the commitment of the T I M Team members. The Unified Command empowers each responding agency to take the leadership role to achieve simultaneous, but diverse objectives.

Under the Unified Command structure, members must coordinate their activities through the Operations Chief, and as a team, jointly determine objectives, strategy and priorities. Additionally, step-bystep, one of the members is identified as a "Primary" member to complete their priority objective. As an incident progresses, the primary member will change as the emphasis of the incident changes. For example, the Fire / Rescue may be elected as the primary member to extinguish vehicle fires and extricate trapped victims. The EMS professionals move in to ambulate victims for emergency medical treatment. As investigation, scene control and body recovery

Mission

The TIM Team Program brings together all agencies involved in clearing the roadway crashes with the objective of improving detection, verification, response, and clearance times to expeditiously remove a motor vehicle crash or incident from the roadway while providing the best real-time information to motorists, resulting in a safer highway environment for both incident responders and motorists.

become the major concerns, Law Enforcement could take over command. Finally, as attention turns to vehicle and debris clearance, the professional wrecker operators and asset maintenance personnel take command. All agencies remain represented for the duration of the incident, in a capacity of assisting agency or supporting agency. Vehicle positioning and repositioning, maintenance of traffic, advance warning to motorists and scene safety are only achieved through a cooperative initiative with all responders taking an active role as a supporting agent.

Under the Unified Command structure, the incident commander may be identified on the basis of greatest jurisdictional involvement, first arriving command officer, existing statutory authority, or by mutual knowledge of an agency commander's qualifications, certifications, experience or availability.

TIM Teams have created a forum to develop and implement the Unified Command concept through communication, cooperation, and coordination. In the spirit of the National Unified Goal, cooperation and collaborative advantage have proven to be the "Best Practice" when professionally managing incidents on Florida's roadways.

(US DOT Simplified Guide to the Incident Command System for Transportation Professionals – Federal Highway Administration $)\,$

Upcoming Events:

 $\label{eq:time_problem} \footnotesize \begin{array}{l} \text{TIM Team Meeting} - \text{August 15, 2007} \\ \\ \text{TIM Team Meeting} - \text{October 10, 2007} \\ \end{array}$



Alligator Alley EMS Substation Moves Forward

Don Olson with FDOT and Ted Smith with Delcan, representing the T I M Team, met with National Park Service management at the Big Cypress National Preserve.

A presentation was provided to the NPS leadership on the T I M Team initiative to establish multi-agency support for an Emergency Medical Service station. The proposal was put forward to have the Park Service become an active partner with Collier County, FDOT and the T I M Team in this endeavor. The Park Service recalled earlier discussions with Collier County officials and FDOT over the last few years about the need for an EMS station, however, those discussions were centered around locations in or near the SR 29 interchange with I-75.

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The Superintendent outlined the proposed General Management Plan for the additional land added to the Preserve. Most of the new area is in the northeast portion of the park on both sides of I-75. The GMP currently has five alternatives with various trails for hiking and off road vehicles. The plans are based on three (3) access points from I-75 to the additional lands:

- MM51 The eastern most access point (in the FDOT Work Program) will be at or near the Broward County line and the Snake Road
- MM63 The existing Rest Area is planned as an access point both North and South of I-75.
- MM70 The existing paved parking area on the North side of I-75 area currently with a pedestrian-only access point.

Included in the alternatives are other proposed amenities such as a visitor / welcome center, campgrounds, boardwalk and a new NPS operations center to include a multi-agency facility or a joint use building.

There were productive discussions regarding near term as well as long term possibilities and a solid statement of the National Park Service being "very supportive" and wanting to become a "partner" in the effort to develop the badly needed EMS or Fire-Rescue sub-station on I-75. In the near term they proposed partnering with the T I M team agencies to possibly utilize the existing recreation access area at MM 70. The NPS envisions using a modular building or buildings to provide a joint use or shared public safety sub-station as a means to move forward. NPS staff will evaluate the options and estimate costs for utilities at the site.

There is an NPS meeting scheduled in August on the General Management Plan and a permanent location for a Public Safety / EMS equipped station will be added to the agenda. Edward Clark, the Chief Park Ranger, wishes to become a member of the Collier-Lee TIM Team and represent the NPS.

The issue was raised with respect to possible maintenance of the temporary multi-agency Public Safety sub-station being provided by FDOT participation in the partnering. Community Service workers may be assigned labor with FDOT providing the pick-up and disposal of maintenance waste such as already occurs on Alligator Alley.





























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Contact Information

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The Collier-Lee TIM Team is committed to implementing the Quick Clearance principles of Florida's Open Roads Policy through the "3 Cs" of TIM: Communication, Cooperation and Coordination, and providing the public with the best real-time Motorist Information available. Team membership draws from state, regional, and local transportation agencies, public safety providers, and other organizations and companies that service the traveling public. The Teams, sponsored by the FDOT, meet bi-monthly.

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calls

1.734

Incidents entered into 511 system

1140 Total

