



## Collier – Lee - Charlotte Traffic Incident Management Team

February 12, 2014  
Meeting Minutes

### Attendees:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Mark Taylor	A- Budget Towing	Sandra Tapfumaneyi	Lee Emergency Management
Rob Hamer	A- Budget Towing	Conner Cardwell	FHP
Taylor Clayton	Auto Data Direct, Inc.	Ray Degiovine	FDOT
Roger Tuttle	Auto Data Direct, Inc.	Marinko Gnijidic	City of Fort Myers
Ron Anderson	All Florida Towing	Tim McMullen	FDEP
Frank Gentiluore	Bald Eagle Towing & Recovery	Ronald Hoffer	Hoffer & Associates
Bud Gruber	Bald Eagle Towing & Recovery	Dennis Petracca	Lee Co. Sherriff's Office
Stephen Gruber	Bald Eagle Towing & Recovery	Brian Raimondo	Lee County MPO
Bill Fuller	FDOT	Scott Robbins	HNTB
Rory Howe	Delcan Corporation	Brandy Boccuti	Metric Engineering, Inc.
Edward McKissack	Delcan Corporation	Charles Stratton	Metric Engineering, Inc.
Richard Fimbel	DBI	Bob Diezi	Road Ranger
Robbie Brown	FDOT	Mark Bush	North Naples Fire Rescue
Kevin Salsberry	FDOT	Kevin Fox	Alligator Towing
Jay Anderson	Stay Alive just Drive	Chris Oncken	Wanted Dead or Alive Towing
Adam Thompson	Lee Co. EMS	Joe Saladino	Prompt Towing Services

**Call to Order:** The Collier-Lee-Charlotte TIM Team meeting was held on Wednesday, February 12, 2014 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 5th Annual “Statewide Road Ranger Survey for Incident Responders” is now available.

The survey will be available starting Monday, January 27, 2014 and will conclude on Friday, March 7, 2014. The Department encourages all Incident Responders that interact with the Road Rangers to participate in this short survey.

If you need a hard copy of the survey for distribution, or have any questions or concerns regarding the survey, please contact Patrick Odom at [patrick.odom@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:patrick.odom@dot.state.fl.us) or (850) 410-5631.

The Road Ranger survey is available on the TIM team website at <http://www.swfltim.org> or can be accessed directly at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/6DYFJX7>

### 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 advanced warning at traffic incidents to help promote responder safety.

Line of duty death statistics show working in or near moving traffic places, responders have a significant risk of injury or death.

The Federal Highway Administration publishes the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). The MUTCD is approved as the National Standard for designing, applying, and planning traffic control devices.

Mr. Howe provided the following information on advanced warning procedures at incident sites:

- Established upstream of the incident to alert drivers of the upcoming incident scene
- Should be high priority for emergency responders
- Placement of advance warning devices may need to be adjusted for situations near a corner, hill, or other reduced visibility situations
- A shoulder taper, set up using traffic cones, may also be established in the Advance Warning Area
- Emergency traffic control warning and guide signs should have:
  - Diamond shape
  - Black lettering and a black border
  - Fluorescent pink background
- The signs come in two sizes:
  - 36" x 36" – Low speed, low volume
  - 48" x 48" – High speed, high volume



Additionally, the video "Ten Cones of Highway Safety" that was produced by the National Traffic Incident Management Coalition, was provided to the team to further educate on advanced warning. To view the video, please visit the TIM team website at: <http://www.swfltim.org>.

Mr. Bill Fuller presented a video to the team that included an incident that occurred on Tuesday, February 4, 2014 of a dispute between a California Highway Patrol officer and Chula Vista Fire Department firefighter.

Officials from both the California Highway Patrol and Chula Vista Fire Department responded to an incident that left a firefighter in handcuffs at an accident site when the two responders got into a dispute over where the fire engine should park while firefighters were responding to the crash that happened north on I-805 between Telegraph Canyon Road and East Orange Avenue.

To view the full video, please visit the TIM team website at: <http://www.swfltim.org>

Mr. Bill Fuller presented on distracted driving. Each day in the United States, more than 9 people are killed and more than 1,060 people are injured in crashes that are reported to involve a distracted driver. Distracted driving is driving while doing another activity that takes your attention away from driving. Distracted driving can increase the chance of a motor vehicle crash.

There are three main types of distraction:

- Visual: taking your eyes off the road;
- Manual: taking your hands off the wheel
- Cognitive: taking your mind off of driving

Mr. Fuller also presented a video on distracted driving which included a distracted driver caught on a police officer's dash cam that was texting and driving which resulted in a rollover crash.

To view the video, please visit the TIM team website at: <http://www.swfltim.org>

Mr. Bob Diezi, District One Road Ranger presented on Road Ranger awareness. A brief over view of the information provided was as follows:

- Project manager responsibilities
- Road ranger qualifications and responsibilities
- Required training and certifications
- Authorized Stops
- Standard Operating Guidelines
- Response Priority
- Road Rangers "Do's and Don'ts"
- Authorized equipment on Road Ranger vehicles

To view the full presentation, please visit the TIM team website at: <http://www.swfltim.org>

### **Quarterly Performance Review:**

The 2013 yearly performance report for District One is now available. The report is available on the TIM website at [www.swfltim.org](http://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 April 9, 2014 at 9:30AM at the SWIFT SunGuide Center, 10041 Daniels Parkway, Fort Myers, Florida 33913.

Note: Consideration is being given in regards to holding the April 9, 2014 meeting in Collier County at the Emergency Operations Center. We will solicit the TIM teams comments in reference to this plan.

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](mailto:william.fuller@dot.state.fl.us).