



Sarasota - Manatee Traffic Incident Management Team

*June 7, 2016
Meeting Minutes*

Attendees:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Rory Howe	Parsons	Bob Diezi	Road Rangers
Brandy Boccuti	Metric Engineering	Tim McMullen	FDEP
Charles Stratton	Metric Engineering	Richard Fimbel	DBI Services
Chris Williams	FDOT	Greg Mitchell	FHP
Justin Merritt	FDOT	Scott Robbins	FDOT/HNTB
Fabio Capillo	Regional TMC Manager	Timothy Raines	Manatee Co. EMS

Call to Order: The Sarasota-Manatee TIM Team meeting was held on Tuesday, June 7, 2016 at 1:30pm at the Manatee County Public Safety Center, 2101 47th Terrace East, Bradenton, FL 34203. Chris Williams, Charles Stratton, and Rory Howe facilitated the meeting.

Introductions:

Team members introduced themselves and the agencies they represent.

Additionally, Christopher (Chris) Williams was introduced as the new District 1 ITS Operations/TIM Team Coordinator/Road Ranger Program Project Manager. Mr. Williams brings with him a strong background and a wealth of knowledge in the service community, including experience as both a law enforcement officer and a firefighter. We look forward to Mr. Williams leadership and contribution with the District One TIM Teams.

Agency News:

Road Rangers

Bob Diezi informed the team that they are currently trying to fill a couple Road Ranger positions.

The team also spoke about how there have been several recent incidents involving Road Rangers. One of the recent incidents involved several vehicles on the Howard Frankland Bridge on May 26, 2016 which left a Road Ranger in critical condition. To view the news video that was provided to the team on the incident, please click on the following link:

<http://www.fox13news.com/news/local-news/145344555-story>

Additionally, Bob Deizi informed the team about a Road Ranger that had recently saved a baby's life that was in a back seat of a car by performing CPR.

Towing and Wrecker News

No agency updates

Other Agency News

Manatee County Emergency Management informed the team that in March 2016 there was a record high in call volume.

Additionally, the agency is looking forward to the State Road 44 widening project to finish in the County as it will be beneficial eastbound for their units to get through the area.

Law Enforcement informed the team that they have a full DUI enforcement team out every night, and the FDOT grant has helped support the enforcement.

DBI Services is currently preparing for the hurricane season. Additionally, they are in the process of training with first responders on items such as hurricane preparedness, one-way evacuation and cable barriers.

The TMC informed the team that traffic has been down since the Northerners have left for the season. However, due to the recent tropical season, there has been an increase in managing traffic during weather conditions. This has included the Skyway Bridge being closed a couple times due to weather and high wind speed conditions. There has also been more management of the arterial roadways within the counties.

Lastly, the TMC stated they are fully staffed at this time.

Update on TIM Initiatives:National/State/Regional

Rory Howe presented to the team Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21). On July 6, 2012, President Obama signed into law P.L. 112-141, the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21). MAP-21 provides needed funds and represents a milestone for the U.S. economy:

- The first multi-year transportation authorization enacted since 2005
- Funds surface transportation programs at over \$105 billion for fiscal years (FY) 2013 and 2014
- Transforms the framework for investments to guide the growth and development of the country's vital transportation infrastructure.

Some example details that are included in MAP-21 are as follows:

FHWA's Performance Measures & Standards/Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)/DOT's – 4/12/2016

- Track Number of fatalities
- Rate of fatalities per VMT
- Number of serious crash injuries
- Rate of serious injuries per VMT
- Number of non-motorized fatal and serious injuries (Bicycles, etc.)

Push for Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) to include the following:

- Emergency response
- Incident management
- Weather response

- Tolls
- Congestion management
- Carrying out support activities
- TIM Teams
- “The provision of support for maintaining relationships with all responders!”
- Self-assessments (FHWA Performance measures)
- 5.9 GHz Vehicle to Vehicle and Vehicle to Infrastructure within 3 years

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

Charles Stratton informed the team about the National Stop on Red Week Campaign. The campaign will take place August 7-13, 2016.

- Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for children age 4 and the second leading cause of death for children age 3 and 5-14.
- In 2013, more than 697 people were killed and an estimated 127,000 were injured in crashes that involved red-light running.
- Motorists in urban areas are more likely to be injured in crashes involving red-light running than in any other type of crash.
- Red-light runners are more than three times as likely as other drivers to have multiple speeding convictions on their driver records.
- More than 36 percent of drivers continue to run red-lights and take risks, despite the fact that 55 percent of the participants said it is a very serious threat and 73 percent acknowledged that running red-lights is unacceptable.

Charles Stratton informed the team about the 22nd Annual IACP Training Conference on Drugs, Alcohol, and Impaired Driving. Conference will take place August 13-15, 2016. The IACP Drug Recognition Expert Section (DRE) Section has hosted this annual training conference since 1994. This training conference provides certified drug recognition experts, physicians, toxicologists, prosecutors, and other traffic safety professionals with a forum in which to share information, best practices and lessons learned in law enforcement drug recognition settings. Though the technology and practices have changed and are constantly evolving, the conference provides consistent training, professional development, and a national forum for drug recognition experts and others with a professional interest on a broad array of new and emerging issues.

The annual training conference features a mix of plenary sessions and concurrent workshops that are designed to keep attendees up to date on the latest practice and science of drug recognition. This year, topics will include the traffic safety implications of ending marijuana prohibition, the use of Oral Fluid Testing for Driving Under the Influence of Drugs, and improving Drug Recognition Experts (DRE) evaluation and report writing, among many others. Networking events enable conference attendees to meet new colleagues and establish a professional rapport that often extends well beyond the event. To learn more about the event, please visit the following website: <http://www.iacp.org/dreconference>

The April 2016 SWIFT SunGuide Report was reviewed with the team. To view the full report, please visit our TIM team website at: <http://www.swfltim.org>

Charles Stratton informed the team about the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Traffic Incident and Events Management Knowledge Management System (KMS) website.

The KMS is a national repository of traffic incident management (TIM) resources, good practices, lessons learned, and other tools that are relevant to TIM practices for all disciplines. FHWA believes that sharing information among TIM program planners and practitioners will yield stronger

TIM programs at the local, regional, tribal and state levels. This will result in safer and quicker clearance of incidents, as well as improve motorist and responder safety.

Practitioners will find useful resources on such topics as:

- Guidance and Policy
- Quick Clearance Legislation
- Training and Outreach
- Agreements
- After Action Reviews (AARs)
- Traffic Management Center (TMC) Operations
- TIM Committee Formation and Sustainability

FHWA will rely on TIM program managers, committee members, and practitioners, either independently or through the National TIM Network, to collect and provide additional good practices, lessons learned, and other tools that will aid jurisdictions to implement strong, sustainable TIM programs in their localities. FHWA encourages TIM practitioners to submit resources to the KMS as part of their regular TIM operations.

It is important to note that FHWA's goal is to capture formal good practices, such as TIM Guidelines, policy documents, and memorandums of understanding, as well as informal good practices. Examples of informal good practices include: a success story realized from the Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP-2) TIM Responder Training; how a local police department helped improve motorists' awareness of their state's Move Over law; or how a metropolitan planning organization contributed to the success and sustainability of a region's TIM program. To capture these informal good practices, as they might not already be documented, practitioners can use the simple Lessons Learned template.

Ease of Use - Visitors have several easy options to search the KMS, such as by industry topic, state, or keyword. Visitors can also view the "Most Popular" and "Recently Added" resources. In addition, registered users can submit their own resources for inclusion in several simple steps. The KMS also has various user-friendly and interactive features, such as the option for registered users to comment on a resource or rate its usefulness, email the resource to a friend, or ask a question. Questions will be answered by the KMS administrators. To learn more and to access the database, please visit the following website:

<http://kms.timnetwork.org/index.php>

Charles Stratton informed the team that the 2016 Emergency Response Guidebook (ERG) has been released. The ERG is revised every four years, and is available free to public safety agencies in all states and territories through designated state coordinators' offices. The 2016 version of the ERG includes general revisions, expanded sections, and added guide pages for absorbed gases. Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) is distributing approximately 1.7 million free copies of the guidebook to firefighters, emergency medical technicians, and law enforcement officers nationwide.

PHMSA partnered with the [National Library of Medicine](#) to provide free Smartphone versions of the ERG which is also part of its "[Wireless Information System for Emergency Responders](#)" that will be available later this year. Printed copies of the 2016 ERG will be available for sale to the general public through the U.S. Government Printing Office Bookstore at <http://bookstore.gpo.gov>

Richard Fimbel, DBI Services, presented to the team on The "Other Side" of Implementing an Emergency One-Way Traffic Evacuation Plan. Mr. Fimbel covered two major components of

Emergency One-Way Traffic Evacuation plans and why it is so important for all stakeholders to be actively involved with both sides of the evacuation equation.

The first component is the initial technical and logistical portion of developing a one-way plan. In this area, he discussed several of the Emergency One-Way Traffic Evacuation plan that Florida has developed, what the normal triggers are to initiate the plan, and what some of the potential challenges of setting up and operating the plan. This includes the significant amount of resources needed to implement a one-way plan, including the significant amount of manpower, which would need to be pulled from their standard operations to support a One-Way operation and the massive amount of equipment needed to properly and safely facilitate the plan.

The second major component or the “Other Side” of any Emergency One-Way Traffic Evacuation plan focuses on the human factor, the evacuees and the cities, counties and towns which will be receiving the evacuees. Most of these receiving / host cities, counties and towns may not be directly affected by the physical characteristics of the storm and if they are going to be brushed by the storm, and if they were, the effects would most likely occur at least 48 hours after they start receiving a massive influx of people. To view the full presentation, please visit our TIM team website at: <http://www.swfltim.org>

Rory Howe reviewed with the team a recent Rapid Incident Scene Clearance (RISC) crash as a “lessons learned”. The incident occurred on 04/12/2016 at I-75 Southbound at Exit 210: Fruitville Road. The crash involved a freightliner which rolled over and resulted in a fuel spill. RISC was activated. Congestion was backed up for 10 miles.

To review the entire presentation along with the SWIFT SunGuide Event Chronology report, please visit our TIM team website at: <http://www.swfltim.org>

FDOT Construction Update

Charles Stratton 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:

The team was provided an update on the I-75/University Parkway DDI Construction project. The start date of the project was August 2015 and the estimated completion date is fall of 2017. Improvements being made as part of this project consist of constructing a diverging diamond interchange, adding an auxiliary lane on northbound and southbound I-75, constructing new bridges on I-75 over University Parkway, widening of University Parkway, widening of I-75 bridges over Errie Creek and Foley Creek, realignment of on-ramps and off-ramps at I-75/University Parkway, addition of ponds, drainage improvements, new lighting and signalization, construction of a noise wall on the west side of I-75, sidewalks, bike lanes, and pedestrian walkways. If you have any questions on the project, please contact Trudy Gerena, Senior Public Information Officer at 813-299-3579 and/or trudy@valerin-group.com

Please also visit <http://www.swflroads.com/i75/university/>, which provides up to date project information.

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/D1/news/newsreleases/default.shtm>

Future Meetings:

The next Sarasota-Manatee County TIM Team will be held on August 9, 2016 at 1:30 PM at the Manatee County Public Safety Center, 47th Terrace East 2101, Bradenton Florida, 34203.

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 Charles Stratton, Metric Engineering, Inc. at (407) 644.1898 or via email at cstratton@metriceng.com or Chris Williams, FDOT District 1 ITS Operations/ TIM TEAM Coordinator/ Road Ranger Program Project Manager at (239) 225.1915 or via email at Chris.Williams@dot.state.fl.us