



Sarasota - Manatee Traffic Incident Management Team

*August 9, 2011
Meeting Minutes*

Attendees:

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Agency</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Agency</u> |
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| Bill Vest | City of North Port | Kevin Salsbery | FDOT |
| John Brown | City of North Port | Thom Scrivner | FDOT |
| Richard Schuldt | DBI Services | John Baumann | FHP |
| Dejan Lazic | DBI Services | Robert Papac | Manatee Co. Gov. |
| Gary Millsaps | Delcan | Brandy Boccuti | Metric Engineering, Inc. |
| Jeff Tobergte | Environmental Protection | Charles Stratton | Metric Engineering, Inc. |
| Bill Fuller | FDOT | Bob Diezi | Road Rangers - Dist. 1 |
| Patrick Odom | FDOT | Jim Quinn | Sarasota Sheriff's Office |

Call to Order: The Sarasota-Manatee TIM Team meeting was held on Tuesday, August 9, 2011 at 1:30 PM at Sarasota County Public Works, Sarasota, Florida 34240. Bill Fuller, Gary Millsaps, and Charles Stratton facilitated the meeting.

Introductions: Team members introduced themselves and the agencies they represent.

Agency News:

Road Rangers

Mr. Bob Diezi, Road Ranger in District One, briefly reviewed the District One Road Ranger response statistics for the second quarter, April, May, and June. The total incidents for the second quarter that were reported were 10,725.

Towing and Wrecker News

No wrecker

Other Agency News

Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) reported a large decrease in their staff. FHP also spoke of concern in a recent incident in regards to guidelines to follow to know which department is responsible for certain clean ups after an incident.

Update on TIM Initiatives:

National/State/Regional

Mr. Gary Millsaps spoke about distracted driving in regards to Incident Responders. Mr. Millsaps explained that distracted driving was one of the main focuses of Mr. Ray LaHood, Secretary of Transportation.

Mr. Millsaps provided an Incident Responder scenario to relay the message of distracting driving and how it affects the responders. There are three main goals of the TIM Team initiatives: The first goal is the safety for the responders. The second goal is motor safety and the last goal is to keep congestion down. Mr. Millsaps provided a timeline of events when Incident Responders respond to incident.

- ✓ Detection and Verification – The incident is detected and reported.
- ✓ Respond - First responders will need accurate information and decide the proper staff and equipment to promptly send to the incident.
- ✓ Clearance - This step can include maintenance of traffic, investigators, etc., that can help clear a scene safely and as quickly as possible.
- ✓ Return to Normal- The flow of traffic will return to the normal flow for that time of day.

Mr. Millsaps explained that during a response along the time line there are several distractions occurring to incident responders such as radio's, paperwork, other responders at scenes etc., along with highly stressful situations. It was advised that Incident Responders take time accessing their surroundings and if arriving safely to a scene by driving slower or being more precautionous to the surrounding distractions makes a difference of arriving later to a scene by seconds or mere minutes it was worth the safety of the incident responders.

Mr. Richard Schuldt, DBI Services, provided a Hazmat handout which included Hazmat guidelines along with a contact list to reference in regards to a spill. Mr. Schuldt explained that the Hazmat reporting regulation is required of any spill over 25 gallons or more of petroleum products to a pervious surface. This includes gasoline, diesel fuel, motor oil, kerosene, jet fuel, hydraulic oil, etc. FAC 62-770 exempt's spills less than 25 gallons provided they are cleaned up, properly disposed, and no contamination remains. Otherwise, such spills will be fully regulated per FAC 62-770.

The full report is available on the TIM Team website at the following link: [Hazardous Materials Reporting Procedures Form](#)

Mr. Bill Fuller informed the team that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) launched the new Florida 511 traffic application (app). The Florida 511 iPhone app is now available for free download on iTunes. The Florida 511 Traveler Information System provides traffic information on all of Florida's interstates, toll roads and many major metropolitan roadways. The app is available for the iPhone, iPad and iPod Touch in the [iTunes App Store](#). The new app provides the same real-time traffic and travel time information as the 511 phone system and [FL511.com](#).

Mr. Charles Stratton reminded the team of the Incident Responders Training for Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) which is provided online. It provides training for incident responders on the proper use of Temporary Traffic Control (TTC) at traffic incident scenes. Mr. Stratton explained that each person who works in or near moving traffic should receive appropriate training for their job. Please visit the following site at: <http://wbt.dot.state.fl.us/ois/MOTTIRCBT/index.htm>

The MOT training information is also located on the Florida Tim Team website along with the results of the Road Ranger survey. Please visit the Florida TIM Team website at: <http://www.floridatim.com/index.shtm>

Mr. Charles Stratton also provided information on the free admission day for the 2011 ITS World Congress. The 2011 World Congress is having an Incident and Emergency Responder day October 19th, 2011, will be a free admission day for all Incident and Emergency Responders.

They are also offering a discount price to the Incident and Emergency responders for a 4 day delegate. The registration form is located on the TIM Team website at: <http://www.swftim.org/default.htm>. To read more about the 2011 World Congress event please visit the following website: <http://www.itsworldcongress.org/>

Mr. Bill Fuller reviewed a Rapid Incident Scene Clearance (RISC) incident that occurred on I-75 Northbound, North of exit # 170 Kings Highway in Sarasota County on July 15th, 2011. The incident was a secondary crash that involved a tractor trailer which caused damage to right lane and shoulder. The first incident was a single vehicle fatality where a person had a medical emergency and crashed. Soon after the congestion was clearing for the accident a secondary incident occurred between two tractor trailers which caused a fire and damage to the right lane and shoulder. From notice to proceed it was 85 minutes and the total duration of lane closures was a little over two hours.

Strategic Direction for TIM Teams 2011

Traffic Incident Management (TIM) programs continue to play a vital role in the safe and quick clearance of traffic incidents while providing a framework for reducing congestion and maximizing use of existing transportation infrastructure. A critical component of capitalizing on the success of existing programs and aiding the development of new TIM programs is periodic evaluation of the components of successful multi-agency TIM programs. The TIM Self-Assessment (TIM SA) was designed to provide an easy-to-use tool for measuring TIM program performance.

The TIM Team participated in the 2011 Traffic Incident Management Self-Assessment which consisted of a series of 65 questions and included the following categories; tactical, support, and strategic. Mr. Bill Fuller informed the team that the results will be provided at which time three areas of improvement will be identified.

Review of Recent Major Incidents

FDOT Construction Update

Mr. Bill Fuller requested that all TIM Team members make sure they are receiving the D1 Weekly Roadwatch Reports and to contact him if there were any concerns.

Active Construction:

Mr. Bill Fuller informed that there will be a bridge lengthening in Lee County

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.

Open Forum

No open forum items were presented

Future Meetings

The next Sarasota-Manatee County TIM Team will be October 11th at 1:30pm at the Sarasota County Public Works, Sarasota, Florida, 34240. 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 maybe interested in joining our team! [The TIM Team Website](#)

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.