



Sarasota - Manatee Traffic Incident Management Team

*February 16, 2010
Meeting Minutes*

Attendees:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Glen Fox	Alligator Towing	Thomas Przybylowicz	FHP
Marianne Fox	Alligator Towing	Shawna Slate	Metric Engineering, Inc.
Frank Gentilquore	Alligator Towing	Charles Stratton	Metric Engineering, Inc.
John Brown	City of North Port	Aaron Nick	North Port Police Dept.
Bruce Hutcheson	DBI Services	Scott Meabon	North River Fire District
Richard Schuldt	DBI Services	Bob Diezi	Road Rangers
Ted Smith	Delcan Corp	Darrell Seckendorf	Sarasota County SO
Chris Birozak	FDOT	Keith Drake	Sarasota/Manatee MPO
Carlos Bonilla	FDOT	Gilbert Fernandez	City of Sarasota
Patrick Odom	FDOT	David Wyrick	Venice Police Dept.
Thom Scrivner	FDOT		

Call to Order: The Sarasota-Manatee TIM Team meeting was held on Tuesday, February 16, 2010 at 1:30 PM at the Sarasota County Public Works Office, 1001 Sarasota Center Boulevard, Sarasota, Florida. Charles Stratton and Ted Smith facilitated the meeting.

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

Update on TIM Initiatives:

Newsletter

No Newsletter feedback was provided.

511 Next Generation

No 511 feedback was provided.

SWIFT SunGuide Center

Carlos Bonilla reported the SWIFT SunGuide Center became operational on January 19, 2010, and is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days per week. Carlos encouraged visits and interested parties should contact him for further information regarding a tour of the facility. The Center currently houses Department of Transportation personnel along with Motor Carrier Compliance, and Florida Highway Patrol is in the process of finalizing their required documentation for their move. The Team can look forward to pictures of the new facility in an upcoming newsletter.

Road Rangers

A survey regarding the Road Rangers was recently distributed to all first responders. Charles verified and ensured that all applicable parties in attendance received the survey. These surveys need to be returned by March 1, 2010.

Bob Diezi reported that a Road Ranger vehicle was recently involved in a rear-impact collision a few weeks ago on I-75 in Manatee County (MM 217 NB). No Road Ranger personnel were injured, but the motorist who caused the crash was transported to the hospital.

Bob also reported Road Rangers will be demonstrating one of their vehicles at an event at a local Home Depot hosted by the Manatee/Sarasota Community Traffic Safety on Saturday, February 20, 2010.

Towing and Wrecker News

The 2010 Florida Independent Tow Show will be held at the State Fairgrounds in Tampa March 25, 2010 through March 28, 2010. Further information can be found at <http://www.tampafits.com>.

Rapid Incident Scene Clearance (RISC)

Ted mentioned that there has been one RISC contractor selected, and an additional contractor is in the process of selection.

RISC training for the Florida Highway Patrol will be held on Friday, February 19, 2010 and training for all other stakeholders will be held on Friday, February 26, 2010.

Training

Due to technical difficulties the TIM Team was unable to watch the third module of the video *TIMe4 Safety*. The team will view modules three and four at the next TIM meeting. Additionally, copies of the video are being made available to any agency interested. To obtain a copy, a sign-up list was made available at the meeting or interested parties can contact Chris Birozak via email at Chirs.Birosak@dot.state.fl.us.

CSX is providing an online interactive training for first responders to railroad emergencies free of charge. This web-based program takes less than an hour to complete, and is intended to provide important information to public agency personnel in fire and police departments, rescue and emergency medical organizations. Participants will be able to view the training module, take a quiz, and print a certificate of completion. For further information, please visit <http://www.csxsafe.com> or visit the TIM Team website located at <http://www.swfltim.org>.

Other National, State, and Regional Items to Note:

A National Unified Goal (NUG) flyer was distributed to all those in attendance regarding a February 24, 2010 webinar being hosted by FHWA. The web conference will host topics such as the NUG Goals and 18 Strategies, nationwide efforts to produce guidance and tools to help address these strategies, State and local TIM programs that successfully integrated the NUG into their TIM program, and the roles of the National TIM Coalition and the FHWA in supporting NUG adoption at State and local DOTs.

Currently, 27 states have adopted legislation prohibiting the use of hand-held cellular devices. Ted discussed two recent studies that were published on the topic that appears to be conflicting. The Engineering School at the University of Illinois published that the cell phone ban has much

more of an impact in dense urban areas. The Highway Loss Institute recently published article indicated that there was no significant decline in the crash rates in the states that have the ban.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is working with Toyota on their recent recalls on many Toyota brands. The problems appear to be further than the stated mechanical throttle problems and the braking systems. Toyota is performing computer software updates to the recalled vehicles, to prevent simultaneous full-throttle acceleration and braking. Additional problems are being reported across many manufacturers with respect to the keyless ignition systems, and the inability to shut down the vehicles in emergency situations.

Review of Recent Major Incidents

Ted briefly discussed a recent fatal incident on Florida's Turnpike in Lake County. A fire engine responding to a call intended to make a u-turn in the median opening. The engine's driver was traveling in the left lane until they were approximately ¼ mile from the opening when they drifted into the right lane, affecting both travel lanes. The vehicles following behind the engine collided when the engine proceeded to make the turn.

Ted briefly discussed a recent incident in the Atlanta metropolitan area in which vehicles involved in a minor collision stopped in the travel lanes. An oncoming motorist struck and killed three people involved in that collision. The motorists did not move their vehicles out of the travel lanes, and had they done so, this potentially could have been prevented.

Charles stated that more emphasis will be placed on the review of incidents in the upcoming meetings. Ted emphasized the learning and training values of reviewing major incidents.

Presentation

Mr. Ted Smith of Delcan Corporation provided a presentation regarding *Secondary Crashes*. Presentation materials will be available on the TIM Team website located at <http://www.swfltim.org>.

Strategic Direction for TIM Teams 2010

As a part of the TIM in '10 Initiative, the North Florida TPO has partnered with law enforcement, fire rescue, transportation and towing entities in north Florida to jointly develop a module-based training DVD and handbook named *TIMe4 Safety*. This training contains five modules, approximately five to ten minutes in length. Topics include Traffic Control, Scene Safety, and Incident Management. The TIM in '10 Initiative goal is to have every responder go through this video and text-book training.

Additionally in 2010, more interaction between Team members is desired, including suggestions and improvements Team members would like to see. This can be achieved by utilizing the many resources available on the TIM Team website located at <http://www.swfltim.org>.

FDOT Construction Update

Active Construction:

- I-75 Milling and Resurfacing from SR 70 to University – Anticipated Completion: July 2010

Completed Construction:

- No Completed Construction projects were discussed.

Anticipated Future Construction:

- No Future Construction projects were discussed.

Additional construction information is available on the FDOT website located at <http://www.dot.state.fl.us/publicinformationoffice/construc/constmap/d1.shtm>.

Open Forum

No open forum items were presented.

Future Meetings

The next Sarasota-Manatee TIM Team meeting will be April 13, 2010, and will be held at the Manatee County Public Safety Center, 2101 47th Terrace East, Bradenton, Florida 34203.

Reminder newsletters will be published in mid-March 2010.