



Sarasota - Manatee Traffic Incident Management Team

*June 12, 2012
Meeting Minutes*

Attendees:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Anthony Russo	City of Sarasota	Scott Agans	Metric Engineering
Richard Fimbel	DBI Services	Charles Stratton	Metric Engineering
Chuck Klein	DBI Services	Bob Diezi	Road Rangers - Dist. 1
Gary Millsaps	Delcan	Keith Drake	MPO, Sarasota/Manatee
Bill Fuller	FDOT	Anthony Russa	Public Works, Sarasota
Kevin Salsbery	FDOT	Keith Drake	Sarasota/Manatee MPO
Gregory Potter	FHP	Jim Quinn	Sheriff's Office

Call to Order: The Sarasota-Manatee TIM Team meeting was held on Tuesday, June 12, 2012 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:

Mr. Bill Fuller stated that on June 1, 2012 our Collier-Lee-Charlotte TIM Team Member, Jay Anderson, was appointed as the TSP Executive Director of “Stay Alive...Just Drive” program for the State of Florida’s Strategic Highway Safety Plan with distracted driving emphasis team. Also, in October 2011 this team identified eight areas of emphasis for 2012; distracted driving, aggressive driving, vulnerable road users, intersections, lane departure, aging road user and teens, impaired driving, and traffic records.

Road Rangers

Mr. Bob Diezi, Road Ranger in District One, briefly reviewed the District One Road Ranger response statistics. Please see below the breakdown of incidents/activities for both the months of April, May, and June of 2012.

APRIL 2012 REPORT		MAY 2012 REPORT	JUNE 2012 REPORT
TYPE OF SERVICE	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	AMOUNT
TIRE	362	430	142
MOT	578	672	245
FUEL	195	223	94
WATER	75	93	46
PUSH	1	3	4
MECHANICAL	108	84	48
AGENCY ASSIST.	54	74	34
ORANGE TAG	142	143	72
CRASHES	531	500	214
DISABLED	1284	1332	425
ABANDONED	218	214	89
DEBRIS	719	778	232
VEHICLE FIRE	15	7	6
TOTAL	4282	4553	1651

Road Ranger Recognition Program

The Department is reviewing a Road Ranger Recognition Program. The objective is to recognize the achievement of outstanding Road Ranger personnel who continually display exemplary performance or perform extraordinary actions which are above and beyond the normal duties of a Road Ranger. More information will be provided as it is finalized.

Road Ranger Responder Survey

The results of the 2012 Statewide Road Ranger Survey for incident responders is planned to be released Friday, June 15, 2012.

Update: The results for the 2012 Statewide Road Ranger Survey for Incident Responders has been released. To view the results please click on the following link: [2011-2012 Road Ranger Annual Survey Report FINAL.pdf](#)

Distracted Driving

When does a smart phone make you dumb? When you are Driving! Distracted Driving is an epidemic in the United States; according to the Transportation Secretary, Ray LaHood. In 2010 one in ten traffic fatalities were a result of distracted-affected crashes. Can we come up with a better idea? \$2.4 million dollars is being awarded to Delaware and California for pilot projects to combine more police enforcement with publicity campaigns against distracted driving.

Should we have driverless cars with “No Incidents To Manage ?” It’s called Vehicle to Vehicle communication, or V2V, and more advanced versions of this system can take control of a car to help prevent an accident by applying brakes when the driver reacts too slowly to a warning. The currently available technologies and the future V2V systems may effectively form a kind of auto pilot for the road. This computer driven car with a GPS system will going to make less mistakes than a human being. The question is; is society ready for it?

85 Mile Per Hour in Texas

In their effort to “relieve congestion on state roads”, Texas is currently testing an 85 mph speed limit on a 41 mile segment of a toll facility to ensure that access points and cross sections would still be safe at this speed.

Mr. Fuller informed the team about the upcoming National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities, Lifesavers 2012 conference which will take place June 14-16, 2012 in Orlando, Florida. To read more about the event please visit the following site: [Lifesavers 2012 Conference](#)

Towing and Wrecker News

No agency news was provided.

Other Agency News

No agency news was provided.

Update on TIM Initiatives:

National/State/Regional

Mr. Gary Millsaps presented on resource efforts regarding the Traffic Incident Management Team (TIM) on a national level. Mr. Millsaps discussed the TIM Team Handbooks including specific TIM Framework including “The How”, and “The What”. Mr. Millsaps also discussed the TIM Framework Outline which included the following chapters:

- Chapter I – Planning for Incident Management
- Chapter II – TIM Program Management
- Chapter III – Roles and Responsibilities
- Chapter IV- TIM Response Actions (Concept of Operations)
- Chapter V- Legislative Quick Clearance Initiatives/Legal Parameters
- Chapter VI-Capacity Building and TIM Training Architecture
- Chapter VII- Additional Resources

The final goal for the resource efforts will be to combine the TIM Handbook and the TIM Framework. The document is scheduled to be released in the spring of 2013.

iVEDDS

The Department is releasing the Interagency Video and Event Data Distribution System (iVEDDS) to Emergency Response Agencies such as 911 centers; Police, Fire, and Ambulance Stations; Transportation Management centers, Airports and Transit authorities who benefit from these live images before or during an incident along the freeways by facilitating quicker response. To apply for access please send an E-Mail to Mr. Bill Fuller at william.fuller@dot.state.fl.us. The Department will want justification as to how this tool will benefit your agencies emergency responses to incidents. The success of this system should result in more timely notifications for all response agencies.

Strategic Direction for TIM Teams 2012-2013

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 2012 Traffic Incident Management Self-Assessment which consisted of a series of 54 questions and included the following categories; tactical, support, and strategic. The team utilized an automated audience response system to gather data about the status of the TIM Team progress. This system is unique because the voter and their selections are completely anonymous. The results will help in identifying areas of improvement in the three categories as mentioned above.

One-Way Evacuation:

If you are thinking of evacuating, the secret is to evacuate early. An emergency evacuation plan will not function at optimum capacity if everyone waits until the last minute.

A one-way must be approved prior by the Department. The Department will need to review the agency's plan for the one-way in regards to the impact it will have on the community. They will be looking at the community's capacity to handle an increase in local traffic as a result of closed interchangers on the interstate system.

Also, another tool to use in a state of emergency can be message boards. A County Government can request permission from the State EOC to coordinate the use of Hotel and Retail message boards to post general emergency announcements, such shelter information or local road closure information.

FDOT Construction Update

Mr. Bill Fuller requested that all TIM Team members make sure they are receiving the D1 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 Sarasota-Manatee County TIM Team will be August 14, 2012 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 may be interested in joining our team! <http://www.swftim.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.