



## Sarasota - Manatee Traffic Incident Management Team

*August 11, 2009  
Meeting Minutes*

### **Attendees:**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
John Baumann	FHP	Mark Perez	A.C.T.
Chris Birosak	FDOT	Kevin Salsbery	FDOT
Bob Diezi	Road Rangers	Richard Schuldt	DBi Services
Keith Drake	Sarasota/Manatee MPO	Thom Scrivner	FDOT
Gilbert Fernandez	City of Sarasota	Ruth Terry	Venice Police Dept
Chad Harrell	Florida Gas	Don Olson	FDOT
Herbert Head	FHP	Ted Smith	Delcan Corp
Bruce Hutcheson	DBi	Jessica Schuh	Delcan
Scott Meabon	NRFD	Christina Florez	VANUS

**Call to Order:** The Sarasota-Manatee TIM Team meeting was held on Tuesday, August 11, 2009 at 1:30 PM at the Manatee County Public Safety Center, 2101 47<sup>th</sup> Terrace East, Bradenton, Florida. Ted Smith and Don Olson facilitated the meeting.

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

### **Update on T I M Initiatives:**

#### Newsletter

Don Olson mentioned the TIM newsletter, inquired if all the members received the newsletter, and identified the topics included in the July Newsletter. Don asked if anyone had questions or wanted to be added to the mailing list. The newsletters and addendums can be found by clicking on 'Document Archives' at <http://www.swftim.org>. Newsletters are an opportunity for TIM Team member agencies to provide information about themselves, their respective discipline mission and role at an incident scene.

#### 511 Next Generation

The new 511 system was launched on June 17 and the computer is in a learning mode. The new system successfully integrates all regional databases and presents statewide information to the user. Additionally, the new website is easy to navigate and presents users with personal route features for alerts. Furthermore, increased accuracy and timeliness of information are the theme for the new system.

SWIFT SunGuide Center

The contractor is working on completing the punch list items. It is anticipated that the SWIFT SunGuide Center will be operational by the end of the year.

Road Rangers

Beginning on July 1, 2009, the Road Ranger Service Patrol began enhanced operations in District One on I-75 to include weekend patrol and an additional truck/operator during weekdays. Road Ranger Service Patrol operators are specially trained Traffic Incident Management responders.

Road Ranger training for Temporary Maintenance of Traffic at an incident scene was held for two consecutive weekends in June. 16 hours of classroom and field operations training was provided. The Road Ranger's primary function is Incident Response, including assisting motorists with disabled vehicles.

The FHWA has developed a National Service Patrol Handbook and is in the process of developing a new companion book. This companion is intended to be the operators' field guide and should be released in the near future.

Diversion Routes

John Scarpellino and Carlos Bonilla have been gathering diversion route information and compiling them into a binder. All the diversion routes will be uniform in design. A draft binder was passed around showing the maps with routes. This project is on-going.

RISC

There is currently one approved RISC contractor (Prompt Towing) for Manatee, Sarasota, Charlotte and Lee Counties. Webb's Towing and Stepp's Towing are RISC contractors for I-4 in Polk County. Road Rangers and Asset Management (DBi) will continue with the MOT coordination. Training should be completed within the next two months for FHP Troopers and dispatchers. The FHP training/orientation presentation has been developed since March at the FHP Central Office in Tallahassee. Once all personnel have been trained, RISC activation will be requested by the Trooper in the Field. There is a current Invitation to Negotiate advertisement for the RISC program should any other professional wrecker companies choose to participate.

Training

Mark Perez from A.C.T. stated that he was in the process of developing a mock traffic incident training with respect to hazardous waste.

**TIM Program Self-Assessment:**

Every two years the Federal Highway Administration requests each TIM Team complete a self assessment. This comparison and analysis tool is used to show the growth of each TIM Team compared to the previous assessment. The FHWA tool does not compare one team to another team. As a team, the S-M stakeholders completed the 2009 self assessment. The following table shows the 2006 and 2009 scores:

	Sarasota-Manatee TIM 2006 Score*	Sarasota-Manatee TIM 2009 Score	Team Self- Improvement
Overall Score	55.2%	63.8%	8.6%

\*Previously the Charlotte-Sarasota-Manatee TIM

**Construction/Maintenance Update:**

Weekly project information can be found on the FDOT website:

<http://www.dot.state.fl.us/publicinformationoffice/construc/constmap/d1roadwatch.htm>

**Incident Review:**

During a rainy evening, there was a tractor trailer unlawfully parked under an overpass with a part of the trailer in the roadway merge lane. A car ran into the trailer that was in the roadway. No parking is allowed at this location. Emergency stopping only is allowed on the interstate. The team discussed the issue of vehicles parking under overpass and resolved to remain vigilant. Road Rangers will report parked vehicles to FHP. DBi will report parked vehicles to FHP. FHP will investigate any parked vehicle reported.

Kevin Salsbery reported that there was an accident at the 229mm NB. A secondary accident occurred involving DBi truck when a motorist went through the MOT and struck the DBi truck. Two individuals from DBi were injured and went to the hospital with back and neck injuries.

Don requested the TIM Team member call or email him regarding any incidents they are interested in discussing at the next TIM Team meeting. [Don.olson@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:Don.olson@dot.state.fl.us)

**Scheduled 2009 Meeting Dates:**

October 13  
December 8

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