



**Sarasota - Manatee
Traffic Incident Management Team**

*June 8, 2010
Meeting Minutes*

Attendees:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Bruce Hutcheson	DBI Services	Phil Catalano	FDOT
Richard Fimbel	DBI Services	Thom Scrivner	FDOT
Richard Schuldt	DBI Services	Jay Baumann	FHP
Ted Smith	Delcan Corp	Shawna Slate	Metric Engineering, Inc.
Jeff Tobergate	FDEP	Charles Stratton	Metric Engineering, Inc.
Chris Birozak	FDOT		

Call to Order: The Sarasota-Manatee TIM Team meeting was held on Tuesday, June 8, 2010 at 1:30 PM at Sarasota County Public Works, Sarasota, Florida 34240. Charles Stratton and Ted Smith facilitated the meeting.

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

Update on TIM Initiatives:

Newsletter

No new information was discussed.

511 Next Generation

No new information was discussed.

SWIFT SunGuide Center

The Center is now providing traveler information for I-75 in Sarasota and Manatee Counties. This was being done previously by District 7 TMC and was also supplemented by Traffic.com. Their contract has ended and the SWIFT Center is providing all of the information for 511 for I-75 in District 1.

Road Rangers

Bob is not here to provide any updates. The next round of Road Ranger inspections is being scheduled..

A representative from FDOT said that the service patrol being provided within the iROX Contract has ended and District 1 Road Rangers are now providing services throughout all of Collier County.

Towing and Wrecker News

No towing and wrecker news was presented.

Training

The TIM Team watched the fourth module of the video TIMe4 Safety, which is the last module.

Other National, State, and Regional Items to Note:

As previously discussed, Toyota's starting to make some concessions regarding the data retrieval from the on-board black boxes. They have agreed to provide services and professional help for reading and reviewing data from black boxes from Toyota manufactured vehicles. Because of all the problems they have had, Toyota has agreed to work with law enforcement providing the data they have and then going through training. The black boxes are also vulnerable to hackers and it is being discovered that there is a group of hackers that have been identified around the country that are exchanging information on how to affect the electronic controls on automobiles through software intervention. There are a couple of universities looking into this.

Unfortunately, Troop K on the Turnpike has experienced the loss of one of its troopers. During an incident on May 15, 2010, the trooper was struck as he was at the rear of a vehicle off on the shoulder of the road.

Ted Smith recently participated in a pilot course for US DOT. In an effort to better develop the National Unified Goal (NUG) and to develop a certified training class, the Traffic Incident Management coalition has put together a two-day training course that is designed to familiarize responding agencies with some of the roles of other responders. Police, fire, EMS, traffic engineers, traffic homicide investigation, and other groups are represented in the training. After final acceptance a Train-the-Trainer version of the course should be available here for the TIM Team to participate in.

Review of Recent Major Incidents

Ted Smith presented information on a series of three incidents that occurred relatively concurrently along I-75 in Lee County.

The first incident involved a septic/sewage truck. The incident's cause isn't known, but the driver lost control near Alico road southbound and overturned. The truck was on top of and entangled in the steel guardrail and cable system. The wreckage blocked the left lane, shoulder, and median, and debris was scattered extensively. The first trooper to arrive felt the activation of RISC was not deemed as necessary.

ICA, the asset management contractors, responded and DBI stopped and offered assistance. After some minor confusion and coordination issues the road reopened gradually; one lane at a time.

Concurrently, as a result of the first incident, a secondary incident occurred with a Coastland road ranger vehicle which was parked inside the cones and in position behind the crash scene using its arrow board. The ranger truck was struck from behind by a tow truck driving past the scene, forcing the unoccupied road ranger vehicle into a Lee County Sheriff's vehicle. Secondary damage was done to a privately owned vehicle with the out of control tow truck. The only injury reported within this crash was to the tow truck operator and was very minor.

Approximately 5 miles further south at Corkscrew Road, a dump truck over turned. Lee County Sheriff's Office was the first to respond, but the TMC manager, Carlos Bonilla, viewed the incident through the cameras and enabled the RISC Program, even without the FHP Trooper on scene. There was some discussion about the proper traffic control devices set up by the responding wrecker company due to the concurrent incidents, but communication and cooperation were evident. The road closure lasted only 59 minutes. A Critical Incident Review will be conducted during the June 9, 2010 Collier-Lee-Charlotte TIM Meeting.

The two major incidents had some similarity, but were handled differently; one with a single class "C" wrecker off of a rotation list, and the second with a full three-truck RISC response. Scene clearance time varied by approximately one hour. Chris Biorosak noted that the RISC program performed as it was supposed to in clearing the roadway within the 90 minute goal. There was a total of approximately 4 ½ hours from the time of the first incident to the time that all the lanes were opened. The second incident was clear in approximately 3 ½ hours, which was about an hour shorter.

The TMC communicated with the other local TMC locations in Miami and Tampa, and had ample information provided through 511. The motorist awareness reduced the amount of backup, with many taking alternate routes.

TIM Self Assessment for 2010

The TIM Self-Assessment's history and purpose were discussed. After this discussion, details regarding the administration of the self assessment were discussed, and the series of 42 questions were answered as a group. Topics included topics such as Strategy, Tactics, and Support. Once Bill Fuller, District 1 TIM Manager, returns, three areas that need improvement and focus will be identified. These items will be provided to the Team members, and will be discussed over the next year of meetings.

Presentation

Mr. Ted Smith of Delcan Corporation provided a short presentation regarding *The Practical use of Incident Command Systems*. Presentation materials will be available on the TIM Team website located at <http://www.swfltim.org>.

Strategic Direction for TIM Teams 2010

No new information was discussed.

FDOT Construction Update

Active Construction:

- Manatee ATMS Project – encompassing approx. 143 signalized intersections. The current impact is occurring overnight from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- I-75 from University Pkwy to SR 70 is a milling and resurfacing project. No lane closures reported or impact at this time.
- At the SR 70 interchange, it looks like they're scheduled to continue working Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- In Sarasota, the I75 at SR 780 interchange at exit 210, the project is ongoing. Work is schedule from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- I75 at University Pkwy, exit 213, daytime work is scheduled 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. with no lane closures.
- I75 from North of North River to North of SR 681, they just had some lane shifts and lane closures, but everything is running smoothly.

Completed Construction:

- No Completed Construction projects were discussed.

Anticipated Future Construction:

- No Future Construction projects were discussed.

Open Forum

Contact information was provided for Bill Fuller and is available on the TIM Team website located at <http://www.swftim.org>.

Future Meetings

The next meeting is scheduled for August 10, 2010 and will be held at the Manatee County Traffic Management Center, Public Safety Building, 2101 47th Terrace East, Bradenton, Florida. The next newsletter will be published in July.