



## Sarasota - Manatee Traffic Incident Management Team

*August 12, 2014  
Meeting Minutes*

### Attendees:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Rory Howe	Delcan	Mukunda Gopalakrishna	Manatee Co. Public Works
Bill Fuller	FDOT	Brandy Boccuti	Metric Engineering, Inc.
Chris Birosak	FDOT	Charles Stratton	Metric Engineering, Inc.
Jeff Tobergte	FDOT	Greg Bacon	Manatee Co. Emergency Mgt.
Brannon Snead	FHP	Mark Crawford	S. Manatee Fire & Rescue
Frank Dickson	DBI	Alexander Villegas	Waste Pro

**Call to Order:** The Sarasota-Manatee TIM Team meeting was held on Tuesday, August 12th at 1:30pm at the Manatee County Public Safety Center, 2101 47th Terrace East, Bradenton, FL 34203. Bill Fuller, Rory Howe, and Charles Stratton facilitated the meeting.

Bill Fuller reminded the Team that the new goal for the TIM meetings will be “practicing what we preach”: the goal will be to keep meetings to 90 minutes!

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

### Agency News:

#### Road Rangers

There was a concern that Road Rangers are not putting enough cones out during a MOT set up while out on the interstate. Mr. Fuller informed the team that Road Rangers have at least eight cones on their trucks, as required, and the Road Rangers should be using all of their MOT equipment to set up MOT properly. Mr. Fuller requested the agencies to please contact him in the future if they observe Road Rangers not properly setting up the MOT.

Additionally, Mr. Fuller informed the team that the Road Rangers recently went through a MOT certification training.

#### Towing and Wrecker News

No Agency news.

Other Agency News

No Agency news.

**Update on TIM Initiatives:**National/State/Regional

Mr. Bill Fuller informed the team that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will be changing the Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) training. However, the changes will not include the basic training for flaggers. Additionally, the MOT training for flaggers will not be required by FDOT and it will be the responsibility of the agencies to provide the training to them.

Mr. Fuller informed the team about a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that was executed between the Secretary of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) on June 16, 2014. To view the full MOU, please visit the TIM team website at: <http://www.swfltim.org>

Mr. Rory Howe presented to the team, "Let's make it work. Communicate, Coordinate and Cooperate with Everybody".

Mr. Howe spoke about the next step after SHRP-2 and the need to follow up on the items they have learned and next steps that the TIM teams should be participating in the future. Mr. Howe presented national samples that being implemented such as; Debriefs of major incidents that recently occurred as a team, mission statements, and strategic plans

To view the entire presentation, please visit the TIM team website at: <http://www.swfltim.org>

Additionally, the video "Traffic Incident Management Operating Guidelines" was provided to the team. To view the video, please visit the TIM team website at: <http://www.swfltim.org>.

**2014 Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Program Self-Assessment**

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 2014 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.

Mr. Bill Fuller informed the team about the upcoming Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP 2) training classes that are taking place in September 2014.

The Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP-2) has developed a program BY RESPONDERS - FOR RESPONDERS, with the objective that nationally, responders acquire a common set of core competencies that promote a shared understanding of the requirements for achieving the safety of responders and motorists, quick response, and effective communications at traffic incident scenes.

The SHRP-2 program was created by Congress to address the challenges of moving people and goods efficiently and safely on the nation's highways. This short-term research program addresses four strategic focus areas:

- Safety - The role of human behavior in highway safety
- Renewal - More efficient highway project delivery
- Reliability - Congestion reduction through improved travel time
- Capacity - Improved integration of community, economic, and environmental considerations for new highway capacity

### **CLASS OPTIONS AND LOCATIONS:**

Swift SunGuide Center  
10041 Daniels Parkway  
Fort Myers, FL, 33913

American Red Cross  
2610 Northbrooke Plaza Dr.  
Naples FL 34119

#### **September 11, 2014**

Option (1): 8:00AM - 12:00PM  
Option (2): 1:00PM - 5:00PM

#### **September 24, 2014**

Option (5): 8:00AM - 1:00PM

#### **September 12, 2014**

Option (3): 8:00AM - 12:00PM  
Option (4): 1:00PM - 5:00PM

Polk County Sheriff's Office Complex  
1891 Jim Keene Boulevard  
Winter Haven, FL 33880

#### **September 25, 2014**

Option (6): 8:00AM - 1:00PM

For more information and to register for the FREE training course, please click on the following link:  
<http://www.123contactform.com/form-1052361/September-2014-SHRP2>

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Bill Fuller at (239) 225-1915 [william.fuller@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:william.fuller@dot.state.fl.us) or Lieutenant Dennis K. Roberts, Jr at (239) 344-1733 [dennisroberts@flhsmv.gov](mailto:dennisroberts@flhsmv.gov)

#### **FDOT Construction Update**

Mr. Bill Fuller requested that all TIM Team members make sure they are receiving the District One 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 October 7, 2014 at 1:30 PM at the Manatee County Public Safety Center, 47th Terrace East 2101, Bradenton Florida, 34203.

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](mailto:william.fuller@dot.state.fl.us).