



Sarasota - Manatee Traffic Incident Management Team

*June 9, 2015
Meeting Minutes*

Attendees:

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Agency</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Agency</u> |
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| Frank Dickson | DBI Services | Brandy Boccuti | Metric Engineering, Inc. |
| Richard Fimbel | DBI Services | Charles Stratton | Metric Engineering, Inc. |
| Rory Howe | Parsons | Bob Diezi | Road Rangers |
| Bill Fuller | FDOT | Amjid Hussain | Sarasota Co. /Public Works |
| Don Martin | FDOT | Justin Merritt | FDOT |
| Jeff Tobergte | FDOT | Tim McMullen | FDEP |
| | | Tom Shirley | Sheriff's Office |
| | | Carolyn Eastwood | Sarasota Co. /Public Works |
| | | George Taunton | FHP |

Call to Order: The Sarasota-Manatee TIM Team meeting was held on Tuesday, June 9, 2015 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 of the TIM meeting(s) goal will be “practice what we preach”, by keeping the meetings to 90 minutes!

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

Agency News:

Road Rangers

Bill Fuller discussed with the team the May 2015 SunGuide Road Ranger incident report. To view the full report, please visit our TIM team website at: <http://www.swfltim.org>

Towing and Wrecker News

No agency news

Other Agency News

No agency news.

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

Rory Howe presented to the team on the National Incident Management System (NIMS) Incident Command System (ICS).

The NIMS is a systematic, proactive approach to guide departments and agencies at all levels of government, nongovernmental organizations, and the private sector to work together seamlessly and manage incidents involving all threats and hazards—regardless of cause, size, location, or complexity—in order to reduce loss of life, property and harm to the environment. The NIMS provides the template for the management of incidents and operations.

The ICS is a systematic tool used for the command, control, and coordination of an emergency response. ICS allows agencies to work together using common terminology and operating procedures for controlling personnel, facilities, equipment, and communications at a single incident scene.

Transportation agencies are an integral part of ICS because of their role in monitoring and controlling traffic flow in response to a disruption in roadway system operations. Private towing companies play an indispensable role in incident removal and restoring the affected road section back to normal operation. While these stakeholders have a prominent role in day-to-day highway incident management, they may require a more substantive understanding of their function under an established ICS — particularly one in which a multiagency team of responders provides for the command, control, and coordination of resources at the scene of a highway incident.

The use of ICS for day-to-day highway incident management activities has numerous benefits. ICS helps communities facilitate a more consistent response to any highway incident by employing a common organizational structure that can be expanded or contracted in a logical manner based on the level of required response. It defines responder roles and responsibilities, and establishes a clear decision-making process. It accommodates any responding agency, regardless of jurisdiction or discipline, and minimizes redundancy in roles, thereby optimizing resource deployment. ICS also provides effective two-way communication between response personnel, facilitating improved inter-agency coordination while reducing the overall communications load associated with highway incident response. To view the full presentation, please visit our TIM team website at: <http://www.swfltim.org>

The Scene Safe: A Video Training Program for First Responders was provided to the team. The video is an important training guide for EMS, firefighters, law enforcement officers and any other types of first responders that respond to incidents. The video can be used by all responders to learn the best practices and safety measures for addressing roadway incidents so they can avoid mistakes that could have life-changing consequences. To view the full video, please visit our TIM team website at: <http://www.swfltim.org>

A video was provided to the team which showed how proper communication can help save lives during traffic incidents. The video is of a recent incident that involved seven people on their way to church that avoided a potentially deadly crash, thanks to the combined efforts of a thoughtful stranger, emergency dispatchers and a roadside assistance worker. To view the video and to read the full article, please visit the following site: <http://abcnews.go.com/US/dispatcher-warning-helps-family-highway-shoulder-dodge-crashing/story?id=30651368>. Please note that the video will also be available on the TIM website at: <http://www.swfltim.org>

Charles Stratton spoke to the team about a new traffic incident management (TIM) training facility in Nashville. The new training facility teaches emergency responders the best practices for the safe, fast clearance of major highway incidents. First responders are able to practice mock traffic accident, thanks to the new incident management training facility. It cost a little over \$912,000 to build the facility. TDOT applied for and received federal highway safety improvement funds, which covered 90 percent of the facility. Additionally, a video was provided to the team about the new training facility. To view the full video, please visit our TIM team website at: <http://www.swfltim.org>

Brandy Boccuti spoke to the team about the new “Talking about TIM” Podcast. The TIM Network and the I-95 Corridor Coalition have teamed up to create a new way to learn about traffic incident management called the “Talking about TIM” podcast. The podcast will cover important topics to be discussed in the TIM industry that members can download onto their smartphones or computers which they can listen to at their own convenience. The first episode was created on March 27, 2015 – “Keeping Work Zones Moving with TIM” which discussed work zone safety and TIM in support of the National Work Zone Awareness Week 2015. To learn more and to listen to the Podcast, please click on the following link: <http://www.atssa.com/Events/NationalWorkZoneAwarenessWeek.aspx>

Charles Stratton Brandy Boccuti and spoke to the team about the Mobile Emergency Response Guidebook (ERG). Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) and the Department of Health and Human Services collaborated in producing a pair of no-cost ERG mobile applications. The ERG has more than 170 guides that identify the main hazards associated with the general category and general guidance on how to respond. To download the ERG software, go to the Apple iTunes website at ERG 2012 for iPhone or from the Google Play website at ERG 2012 for Android.

Bill Fuller spoke to the team about a recent story called, “Is Noise From Heavy Traffic Making You Fat?” A new study published in the British Medical Journal found living next to a busy road can be a significant risk for obesity because of noise pollution. As the New Zealand Herald notes, this is the first finding linking noise pollution to fat accumulation.

Researchers say traffic can cause a lot of stress levels to go up, prompting the body to produce more fat because your body thinks it's preparing for a time of crisis when food might be scarce.

The study's lead author told The Telegraph the issue of noise pollution is due, in part, to increasing urbanization, and the effects can range from being a simple annoyance to affecting cardiovascular health.

According to The Telegraph, the study found normal traffic noise sits at 45 decibels. But for every increase by five decibels, the average homeowner's waistline gains two tenths of a centimeter. To read the full report and to learn more, please visit the following website: <http://www.naplesnews.com/newsy/is-noise-from-heavy-traffic-making-you-fat>

Bill Fuller reviewed with the team a recent incident that occurred May 29, 2015 as a “lessons learned” with the team. The crash occurred on I-75 South at State Road 681 which resulted in right lane blocked. To view the full incident report, please visit our TIM team website at: <http://www.swfltim.org>

Bill Fuller spoke to the team about the Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP-2) training and the Train the Trainer program. As part of the Florida Department of Transportation and the TIM team's commitment to improve the safety of our responders by providing training and education, we are reaching out the TIM community with a “very short survey” in regards to your

interest in participating in a future 4-hour Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP-2) Training and/or a 1-2 Day Train-The-Trainer Course. These are described below. Please click on the following link to access the survey: [Survey Link](#)

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) of the U.S. Department of Transportation continues to train trainers in all U.S. States and two U.S. territories to launch classroom sessions of the newly released Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Responder Basic Training Course. To date, almost 5,200 fire, law enforcement and transportation TIM experts have received training on how to implement the course in a classroom setting. The FHWA highly encourages Safety Service Patrol professionals to attend a course offering in their area.

A Congressionally mandated effort managed by the Transportation Research Board (TRB), the American Association of State Highway Officials (AASHTO), and the FHWA through the Second Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP 2) resulted in a Traffic Incident Responder training course to address on-scene operations and management. This multi-disciplinary training course promotes a shared understanding of the requirements for quick clearance and for safeguarding responders and motorists.

TIM experts to conduct the classroom-based course. The training objectives are:

- Promoting more effective multi-agency, coordinated, and planned incident response.
- Improving responder safety.
- Improving travel-time reliability for person and freight trips on the Nation's highways by improving incident clearance time.
- Reducing congestion, collisions, and delays caused by secondary crashes.

If you have any questions, 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.

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 held on August 11, 2015 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.swfltim.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.