



Sarasota - Manatee Traffic Incident Management Team

*October 13, 2015
Meeting Minutes*

Attendees:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Richard Fimbel	DBI Services	Justin Merritt	FDOT
Rory Howe	Parsons	Tim McMullen	FDEP
Bill Fuller	FDOT	Fabio Capillo	Regional TMC Manager
Jeff Tobergte	FDOT	Mukunda Gopalakrishna	Manatee Co. Public Works
Brandy Boccuti	Metric Engineering	Scott Robbins	FDOT/HNTB
Charles Stratton	Metric Engineering	Gary Spraggins	Sarasota County
Mike Maholtz	Sarasota/Manatee MPO	Pete Yauch	Albeck Gerkin
Greg Mitchell	FHP	Matt Binkley	Sarasota Sheriff's Office
Ushasree Nadella	Manatee County	Sherilyn Clark	Manatee Co. Emerg. Mgt.
Mark Every	FDOT		

Call to Order: The Sarasota-Manatee TIM Team meeting was held on Tuesday, October 13, 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

The Road Ranger Comment Card Annual Report - Fiscal Year 2014/2015 has been released. To read the full report, please visit the TIM team website at: <http://www.swfltim.org>.

The Rapid Incident Scene Clearance (RISC) Annual Report and the Road Ranger Performance Measures Annual Report for - Fiscal Year 2014/2015 has been released. To read the full report, please visit the TIM team website at: <http://www.swfltim.org>.

The team was informed that on Tuesday, Sept. 15, the Florida's Turnpike Incident Management Team lost one of our own in a tragic crash in Miami-Dade County. State Farm Safety Patrol Road Ranger Andres Garcia was assisting the Florida Highway Patrol on scene of an initial incident when he was struck and killed by another vehicle. Mr. Garcia was a nine-year veteran with Florida Turnpike Services (FTS).

Towing and Wrecker News

No agency news

Other Agency News

Law Enforcement informed the team of several promotions/changes of staff within the Police Department which include (1) new Colonel, (1) Lieutenant Colonel, (4) new Chiefs, and (1) new Major for Troop F, John Baumann.

Additionally, the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicle's Executive Director Terry L. Rhodes announced the promotion of Gene Spaulding to become the next Florida Highway Patrol Director, effective Aug. 21, 2015. Colonel Spaulding brings 22 years of law enforcement knowledge and experience of serving the residents and visitors of Florida to this position.

DBI Services informed the team that they are currently working with the Technical Large Animal Response Team (TLAER) and the Florida State Agriculture Response Team (Florida SART) in regards to training and dealing with incidents with live stock, particularly with bees and bee hives. The team was further informed that the state of Florida is the highest exporter of bees and the largest for pollination.

The Sarasota Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is currently about to submit their draft of the Manatee County Diversion and Evacuation Routes to their board. To learn more about the plan and view the entire presentation on this topic, please visit our TIM team website at: <http://www.swfltim.org>

Update on TIM Initiatives:National/State/Regional

Rory Howe presented to the team on the National Unified Goal (NUG). The National Unified Goal (NUG) for Traffic Incident Management is a unified national policy developed by major national organizations representing traffic incident responders, under the leadership of the NTIMC.

The NUG is not mandatory. It encourages State and local transportation and public safety agencies to adopt unified, multi-disciplinary policies, procedures, and practices that will dramatically improve the way traffic incidents are managed on U.S. roadways.

The NUG does not address funding; it describes what we need to do to improve traffic incident management. By joining together to pursue common goals, TIM stakeholders can leverage their opportunities to secure resources to pursue these goals.

The Detailed Explanation of [National Unified Goal document](#) provides information on how the NTIMC is working with national, State, regional, and local TIM partners to implement the NUG's 18 strategies.

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

Bill Fuller discussed with the team the importance of the 3 C's among incident responders. The 3 C's are as follows:

- 1) Communication
 - Exchange of information among organizations
 - Better understanding of each other
- 2) Coordination
 - Working together to achieve a goal (efficiently)

- Decreases overlap, redundancy, and/or separation
- 3) Cooperation
- Work side-by-side with the group (be a “team player”)

Charles Stratton informed the team about the 2015 National Teen Driver Safety Week (NTDSW). This campaign took place October 18 - 24, 2015. NTDSW is a time designated by Congress each year to raise awareness of teen driver safety topics and to encourage safe teen driver and passenger behavior.

- Motor vehicle crashes are a leading cause of death for 15 to 19 year-olds in the United States.
- In 2013, there were 2,614 teen (15-19 year old) passenger vehicle drivers involved in fatal crashes, and an estimated 130,000 were injured.

Charles Stratton spoke to the team about the teen that created the SMART Steering Wheel. The device "snaps onto any steering wheel, and uses a patented sensing technology to encourage safe hand position and help drivers stay focused on the road. Unlike devices that simply record vehicle data, SMARTwheel™ provides real-time feedback to alert drivers to common distracted driving behaviors, allowing them to make corrections before a potential accident. It also delivers teachable insights wirelessly to a smartphone app, letting parents and teens track improvement with a simple grading system. Its smart technology combines advanced linear potentiometers with a proprietary algorithm to analyze driver hand position, contact area and motion. To learn more and to view the full video, please visit our TIM team website at: <http://www.swfltim.org>

Charles Stratton informed the team about the 2015 International Association of Chiefs of Police Annual Conference and Expo. The conference took place October 24 - 27, 2015 in Chicago, Illinois. Every year, the IACP Annual Conference and Exposition supplies you and your department with powerful advantages, bringing together an unmatched educational program, renowned keynote speakers, community-building special events and the largest collection of tactical equipment and technology solutions available for law enforcement.

Charles Stratton informed the team about the 2015 International Forum on Traffic Records and Highway Safety Information System. The conference took place October 25-28, 2015 in Costa Mesa, California. The 2015 Traffic Records Forum will focus on the transition to autonomous vehicles and its effect on traffic safety information systems. The Forum will also include our standard wide variety of topic areas of interest to traffic safety information professionals.

Pete Yauch, P.E., PTOE, Albeck Gerken, Inc. presented to the team an update on the Manatee County Diversion and Evacuation Routes, Definition and Signal Timing Development. The objective of the project:

- Strategic plan for maximizing the throughput of diversion or evacuation route through traffic engineering practices
 - Traffic signal timing patterns
 - Traffic operational improvements
 - Law enforcement deployment strategies
 - Decision matrix and operations guide development
- Ease of implementation

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

Michael L. Maholtz, Sarasota Manatee MPO, Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) presented to the team the Long Range Transportation Plan. To view the full presentation, please visit our TIM team website at: <http://www.swfltim.org>

Bill Fuller reviewed with the team recent Rapid Incident Scene Clearance (RISC) incidents that occurred within District 1.

The RISC program is operationally managed at the District level. The RISC Contractor has the responsibility to respond to a request of activation within 15 minutes, and arrive at the incident within a certain time negotiated, by mile marker, at the beginning of their agreement with the Department. Once on scene and provided a Notice to Proceed by the lead official on scene, the vendor will have 90 minutes to open the travel lanes for traffic. If the proper equipment arrives on scene within the negotiated time for that location, and the tower clears the travel lanes within 90 minutes, they are eligible for the bonus as outlined in the contract. To view the full presentation of each RISC incident that was reviewed, please visit our TIM team website at: <http://www.swfltim.org>

Bill Fuller reminded the team of the importance of taking the free Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP-2) and for any agency to contact him if they are interested in the training.

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 will 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 or are interested in the training, 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

The team was informed that the October 2015 TIM meeting would be the last meeting for Bill Fuller, ITS Traffic Incident Management Project Manager, as he will be retiring the end of November 2015. Mr. Fuller has been a true champion for the TIM teams and we appreciate his service and dedication he has given to our District One TIM team.

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 December 8, 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.swftim.org/>

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the District One TIM Team Manager, Mr. Bill Fuller at (239) 225-1915 or via email at william.fuller@dot.state.fl.us.