



Sarasota - Manatee Traffic Incident Management Team

*February 9, 2021
Meeting Minutes*

Attendees:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Brandy Boccuti	Metric Engineering	Shari Hurst	D1 Satellite TMC/HNTB
Tom Arsenault	Metric Engineering	Rene Kelly	D1 Satellite TMC
Romona Burke	D7 FDOT/RTMC	Ray Mikol	TMC/HNTB
Cathie McKenzie	FDOT D7/ Gannett Fleming	Tristan Morath	Emergency Management
Justin Merritt	FDOT	Michael Swanson	Professional Towing Services
Robbie Brown	FDOT	Raul Corbo	Road Ranger
Shawn Kinney	FDOT	William Hall	East Manatee Fire Rescue
Kevin Salsbery	FDOT	Mike Swanson	Professional Towing
Uriel Garcia	DBI Services	Luis Hernandez	D1 SWIFT SunGuide Center/HNTB
Lindsay Brantley	FDEP	Md Hasibur Rahman	Sarasota County Public Works
Mike Bloski	Manatee County Hazmat	Steve Corbin	AutoBase
Shauna Griffin	FDOT	Domenic LetoBarone	FDEP
Travis Taylor	DBI Services	Ryan Brown	MPO
		Patricia Kirby	FDOT

Call to Order: The Sarasota-Manatee TIM Team meeting was held virtually on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 1:30 PM via GoTo Meeting. Tom Arsenault and Brandy Boccuti facilitated the meeting.

Introductions: The team members provided their name and agency in the chat box for introductions and meeting attendance record.

Brandy Boccuti informed the team that the virtual TIM Team meeting is being provided to the TIM Team stakeholders to allow the opportunity to connect safely during this COVID19 time.

Additionally, the virtual meeting guidelines were reviewed with the team to help the meeting run more smoothly.

Agency News:**Road Rangers**

The team was informed that the Road Ranger Tow trucks which were recently added to their fleet has been a success. As a reminder the tow truck capability will allow the Road Ranger to safely move a vehicle blocking/obstructing traffic safely off the Roadways.

Towing and Wrecker News

No agency updates

Other Agency News

Law Enforcement spoke to the team about the concern with the increase in panhandling at I-75 Interchanges.

The TMC informed the team they have expanded the video walls at the Center by adding video walls on both sides, right and left, of the operation staff of both the TMC operators and the FHP staff which will provide more video capability for FHP when they are dispatching for a scene.

The FDOT is expanding arterial operations to include some of the signal retiming that monitor and manage the ramps of the arterials that feed off the interstate.

Update on TIM Initiatives:

Brandy Boccuti discussed with the team about taking advantage of the increase selection of online learning opportunities as well as staying connected with current topics in the Traffic Incident Management community. Additionally, the team was informed about the Web-Based National First TIM Responder Training Refresher Video. The online training is for participant that has already attended the FHWA National TIM Responder Training Program. The training is not designed to replace the training, but to provide a refresher after some period of time has passed.

The refresher course includes a handout and a short 60 minute video. At the end of your training there will be an opportunity to download a certificate. To access the online course, please visit the following website: <https://timtraining.org/>

Tom Arsenault, Metric Engineering, tested the responders on their knowledge of the Traffic Incident Response Lane Designation Terminology. The responders were shown a slide with an example of travel lanes and asked to provide the position of the vehicle and/or crash. Providing precise and accurate location helps State, regional, and local responders use often and distinct terminology when communicating the location of crashes or responding to vehicles on roadways. Disparate terminology in communications could potentially lead to confusion on the scene, impact responder and victim safety, and adversely affect emergency response and traffic clearance times. The goal is to provide a common terminology for adoption as needed by responding agencies during traffic incidents to identify incident location and the preferred position for arriving response vehicles and equipment. The National Traffic Incident Management Coalition and the TIM Network support adoption of this terminology to coordinate multidisciplinary responses to incidents. To learn more

To learn more about the lane designation terminology or for a “refresh” visit the [Respondersafety.org](https://respondersafety.org) and take the free online National First Responder (SHRP2) Training modules which include the topic.

Tom Arsenault, Metric Engineering, informed the team about Road Ranger recognition of Dan Rice. On December 14, 2020 around 5:30 pm, Road Ranger Dan Rice did a great job getting a potentially dangerous driver off the road. Dan stopped at a disabled vehicle that was out of gas going Southbound at the 51 mile marker (event 913265). Mr. Rice noticed the motorist was incoherent and

smelled strongly of alcohol. He called in to the Traffic Management Center and voiced his concerns. At which time the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) was notified. A Trooper responded to investigate. EMS was eventually called by the Trooper and the motorist was transported to the hospital for testing. The driver was charged with Driving Under the Influence by the Trooper. Great job by Dan helping keep our roadways safe!

Luis Hernandez, SWIFT SunGuide Center, updated the team on the FDOT District One Traffic Management Center.

Freeway and Arterial Management

- Headquarters in Bartow
 - Covers 12 counties in Southwest Florida, including Polk County
 - Operates two traffic management centers:
 - SWIFT SunGuide Center in Fort Myers FL, collocated with FHP FMRCC (24/7/365)
 - Bradenton-Sarasota Satellite Center in Bradenton, FL (M-F 6:00A-10:30P)
 - A robust network of interconnected and monitored traffic signals
 - Close relationships with Districts 5 (Orlando), 7 (Tampa Bay), and Turnpike help facilitate multi-district Integrated Corridor Management (ICM)

Polk County Coverage

- District 1 TMC (Southwest)
 - Polk County is entirely part of FDOT D1
 - Primary responsibility: incidents on all State and US Highways in Polk County
 - Exceptions are I-4 (SR-400) and Polk Pkwy (SR-570)
 - Assists D7 with incidents on/near I-4
 - Assists FTE with incidents on/near SR-570/Polk Parkway

District 7 TMC (Tampa Bay)

- Primary responsibility: Incidents on I-4 mainline, ramps, and cross streets.

Florida's Turnpike

- Primary responsibility: Incidents on SR-570/Polk Parkway mainline, ramps, and cross streets.

The Importance of Working with District 1

- District One allows your agency to inform the motoring public of traffic incidents on crucial arterial highways via the Florida 511 Automated Traveler Information System.
- Helps expedite FDOT/contractor response for Maintenance of Traffic or emergency road repair needs.
- Assistance with FDEP/SWO/NRC notification standards for spills/release due to roadway incidents.
- Allows for vital incident data collection which can be useful in roadway safety, retrofit, or redesign projects.

How to contact the SWIFT Center 24/7/365 with incident notifications or requests for response on any State or US Highway in Polk County: [239-225-1960](tel:239-225-1960)

To view the full the full presentation, please visit the TIM Team website at: <http://www.swfilitim.org/>

Tom Arsenault, Metric Engineering, informed the team that FDOT District One has implemented a Major Incident Evaluation breakout meeting(s) to review any major traffic incident that involved a fatality, wrong-way driving, and/or any major lane closure incident within 7 days of the incident.

Participation in the meetings include an FHP representative. The evaluation includes a thorough investigation of the incident(s) to identify any solutions to reduce and/or prevent the incidents in the future.

Tom Arsenault, Metric Engineering, presented to the team the Road Ranger performance measures below:

Manatee County

Road Ranger Assisted Events By Event Type

Event Type	Events	
Abandoned Vehicle	25	7.4%
Crash	58	17.2%
Debris on Roadway	78	23.1%
Disabled Vehicle	170	50.3%
Emergency Vehicles	2	0.6%
Vehicle Fire	2	0.6%
Wildfire	2	0.6%
Wrong Way Driver	1	0.3%
Total	338	100.0%

Road Ranger Assisted Events By Notifier

Notifier Agency	Events	
D1 Arterial Operators	1	0.3%
FHP Troop F	90	26.6%
Road Ranger District 1	165	48.8%
TMC-District 1	80	23.7%
TOC- Manatee County	1	0.3%
Waze	1	0.3%
Total	338	100.0%

Sarasota County

Road Ranger Assisted Events By Event Type

Event Type	Events	
Abandoned Vehicle	78	11.0%
Crash	55	7.8%
Debris on Roadway	196	27.7%
Disabled Vehicle	372	52.6%
Emergency Vehicles	1	0.1%
Vehicle Fire	1	0.1%
Wildlife	3	0.4%
Wrong Way Driver	1	0.1%
Total	707	100.0%

Road Ranger Assisted Events By Notifier

Notifier Agency	Events	
D1 Arterial Operators	1	0.1%
FHP Troop F	144	20.4%
Road Ranger District 1	418	59.1%
TMC-District 1	143	20.2%
TOC- Manatee County	1	0.1%
Total	707	100.0%

After Action Reviews (AAR) provide agencies with actionable intel on an incident or event that can be used for improved strategies for future occurrences, demonstrating the benefit of quick clearance practices and improve cross-agency coordination and communication.

AARs were performed on the following recent major incidents:

12/20/2020

I-75 Northbound Near Exit 220
Fatal Crash

Timeline/Event Details:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Other Details</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event ID: 914505 • County: Manatee • Facility: I-75 • Direction: Northbound • Location: Before Exit 220 SR-64 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date/Time: 12/20/2020 04:54:40 • Lighting: <u>Well lit</u> with High Mast Lighting • Weather: Dry, Clear • Injuries: Fatal (patient expired after being transported from scene) • Vehicles Involved <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Van & Sedan • Executive Notification: No • Imminent/Severe Notification: Yes • RISC: No • Secondary Crash: No
<u>Performance Measures</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incident Verification: 4 Minutes • Response Time (First Responder): 7 minutes • Open Roads Duration: 27 minutes • Roadway Clearance Duration: 35 Minutes • Incident Clearance Duration: 428 Minutes 	

Lessons Learned:

- The road had a partial closure for only 27 minutes.
 - Discuss good use of keeping lanes open.
 - Power Point about Open Roads and Incident Clearance Duration.
- We discussed Peripheral Vision.
- Crash history of 64 crashes over past 12 months.
- Discussed increasing DMS Boards to include distracted driving messages.

12/14/2020

I-75 Northbound Near Mile Marker 194
Wrong Way Driver Fatal Crash



Lessons Learned:

- The wrong way driver was reported, and an alert was sent.
- 4 minutes later the crash was reported.
- Good responder time (4 Minutes).
- The interstate had full closure due to debris field and fatal investigation.
- Good communication between FHP, Local Sheriff, TMC, and DBI to coordinate the road and closures.

FDOT Construction Update

Brandy Boccuti reminded the team that the District 1 Roadwatch construction report is available to all first responders. To view the weekly District 1 RoadWatch construction report, please visit the following website: <http://www.fdot.gov/info/D1/news/newsreleases/default.shtm>

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/D1/news/newsreleases/default.shtm>

Future Meetings:

The next Sarasota-Manatee County TIM Team will be held on April 13, 2021 at 1:30 PM.

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 Brandy Boccuti, TIM Team Coordinator, Metric Engineering, Inc. at (407) 644.1898 or via email at bboccuti@metriceng.com