



Sarasota - Manatee Traffic Incident Management Team

*October 13, 2020
Meeting Minutes*

Attendees:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Brandy Boccuti	Metric Engineering	Shari Hurst	HNTB
Tom Arsenault	Metric Engineering	Rene Kelly	Manatee County Public Works
Romona Burke	D7 FDOT/RTMC	Adam Chrisman	Cedar Hammock Fire Rescue
Cathie McKenzie	FDOT D7/ Gannett Fleming	Kevin Salsbery	FDOT
Justin Merritt	FDOT	Ray Mikol	TMC/HNTB
Robbie Brown	FDOT	Tristan Morath	Emergency Management
Theresa Chestnut	CTST	Michael Swanson	Professional Towing Services
Scott Ellis	FDOT	Lyndsay Sutton	FDOT
Robin Thayer	Manatee EMS	Raul Corbo	Road Ranger
Shawn Kinney	FDOT	Amjid Hussain	Sarasota County/Public
Tim Smith	FDOT	Scott Ellis	FDOT
Mathew Kindermann	DBI Services	William Hall	East Manatee Fire Rescue
Kevin Salsbery	FDOT	Mark Regis	Manatee County EMS
Uriel Garcia	DBI Services	Mike Swanson	Professional Towing

Call to Order: The Sarasota-Manatee TIM Team meeting was held virtually on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 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 Rangers will have Road Ranger Tow trucks added to their fleet. The tow truck capability will allow the Road Ranger to safely move a vehicle blocking/obstructing traffic safely off the Roadways.

The team was also informed that the Road Ranger coverage has been extended to include 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Towing and Wrecker News

No agency updates

Other Agency News

The TMC informed the team that they are still partially remote and have operators located at each of the center during daytime hours. Additionally, the TMC is working towards transitioning additional staff.

The TMC also address the following TIM Team member chat box question: How far down from a single lane closure traffic incident does the DMS signs provide advance warning to the traveling public. Ray informed the team on a single lane closure the DMS signs are activates 20 miles downstream, a full lane closure is 50 miles downstream, and a severe full lane closure the DMS signs will be activated even further, as needed, to provide appropriate notification.

The Fire Department shared their concern with the team in regards to a recent incident on I-75 at Mile Marker 215 in regards to access to an overturned vehicle. The responders were unable to easily access the traffic incident due to a jersey barrier. The fire agency requested guidance in the best protocol to request emergency access for first responders. The recommendation to the team was to notify the TMC of the situation as most contractors will temporarily remove the barrier or help in certain circumstances.

Additionally, there was also a request for the best protocol to request an emergency access turn arounds. The team was informed there is a list of locations that have been submitted for approved access points and this topic will be updated in future meetings.

Update on TIM Initiatives:

Tom Arsenault, Metric Engineering, informed the team about the Florida TIM Responder Newsletter. The FDOT TIM program publishes a quarterly newsletter called “Florida TIM Responder” containing articles related to Traffic Incident Management. The newsletter includes topics/articles from all Florida Districts; 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and Turnpike. If you would like to contribute to the Florida TIM Responder or subscribe to it, please contact Shawn.Kinney@dot.state.fl.us.

Tom Arsenault, Metric Engineering, informed the team protecting the traffic scene. During a recent incident in District One it was observed that the cone tapering could have been extended further to the front of the scene to protect a Florida Highway Patrol vehicle and the trooper. The trooper was observed getting out of his vehicle as an oncoming vehicle almost struck his vehicle. The asset management on scene was contacted and a request was made to extend the MOT beyond the work zone. The picture on the left shows the cone tapering ending before the troopers vehicle. The picture on the right shows the cone tapering being extended past the trooper’s vehicle.



Tom Arsenault, Metric Engineering, informed the team that on August 3, 2020 around 2:30 a.m. Road Ranger, Yosvany Hernandez while on routine patrol came across a serious crash involving a tractor-trailer and one other vehicle. The driver of the tractor-trailer advised Mr. Hernandez that he had moved an unknown male that was ejected from the vehicle from the roadway in fear that traffic would hit him. Additionally, Mr. Hernandez was advised that there were other victims in the vehicle. Both the truck driver and Mr. Hernandez worked quickly removing the unresponsive female passenger by cutting their seatbelt and removing them from the vehicle. As they observed smoke starting to come out from underneath the hood of the vehicle, they then turned their attention to the unresponsive driver at which time a deputy arrived at the scene and was able to suppress the fire long enough for them to remove him from the vehicle. A certificate of appreciation will be presented to Road Ranger Hernandez for a job well done.

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.

Brandy Boccuti informed the team that District One is currently conducting the 2020 FHWA TIM Team Self-Assessments (TIM SA's). The TIM Self-Assessments are through the Florida Highway Administration (FHWA) and all TIM Teams throughout the nation participate in the self-assessments which are used to evaluate the progress of the teams and help set goals for the teams.

The Self-Assessments are usually completed during the TIM Team meetings. However, due to COVID19 feedback to the survey is being completed via online and will be sent to the corresponding TIM team stakeholders.

Brandy Boccuti reminded the team about the upcoming 2020 National Traffic Incident Response Week which will take place November 9-16, 2020.

National Traffic Incident Response Awareness Week is chance for all responder communities to individually and jointly make a difference by teaching each other, and the motoring public, about our common goal and responsibility to one another.

In the past three years, state DOTs, Turnpike Authorities, and responder agencies and organizations marked Incident Response Week with:

- Targeted DMS messaging
- Ride-along opportunities
- Video Sharing
- Social Media Campaigns
- Open House
- Special Exercise Activities
- Events marking the lives wasted in preventable crashes

Please visit the timnetwork.org for resources and ideas.

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:

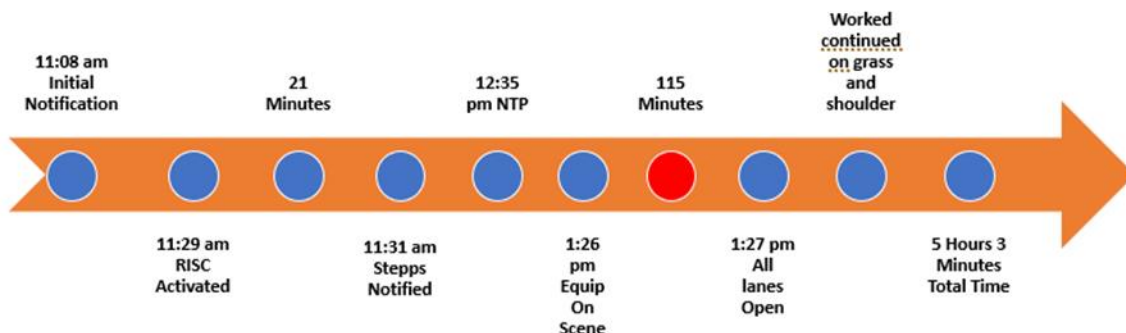
08/14/2020

Event Numbers 879921

Southbound I-75 (Before Mile Marker 201)

Sarasota County

Timeline:



Lessons Learned:

- This was a rolled over coconut truck.
- The MOT truck that was responding received a flat on the way to RISC. This caused a delay for all equipment on scene.
- The NTP was given even though no MOT Truck.
- All lanes were open under an hour after NTP given. Same time the MOT Truck arrived.
- Good communications between units on scene and TMC.
- RISC activated quickly by TMC.
- Good job clearing scene once we achieved roadway clearance, which allowed normal flow quickly.
- Crews continued to work (Picking up coconuts) on shoulder.

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 December 8, 2020 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 Brandy Boccuti, TIM Team Coordinator, Metric Engineering, Inc. at (407) 644.1898 or via email at bboccuti@metriceng.com