



Sarasota - Manatee Traffic Incident Management Team

August 13th, 2013

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Rory Howe	Delcan	Brandy Boccuti	Metric Engineering, Inc.
Ed Mac	Delcan	Charles Stratton	Metric Engineering, Inc.
John Morrison	FDOT	Robert Day	Sarasota County Government
Bill Fuller	FDOT	Mark Crawford	Southern Manatee Fire & Rescue
Kevin Salsbery	FDOT	Jim Quinn	Sarasota S.O
Jeff Tobergte	FDOT	Alex DeMarco	DBI Services
John Morrison	FDOT	Tim McMullen	FDEP
Mark Perez	IMS		
Chris Miller	FHP		

Call to Order: The Sarasota-Manatee TIM Team meeting was held on Tuesday, August 13th @ 1:30pm at the Manatee Technical Institute, Charlie Wells Law Enforcement and Allied Health Building, Room 2129, 5540 Lakewood Ranch Blvd, Bradenton Florida, 34211. 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

Mr. Bill Fuller reminded the team that the call boxes are being taken down. Additionally, on January 1, 2014 the Road Rangers team will be increased and available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Towing and Wrecker News

No Agency news.

Other Agency News

No Agency news.

2013 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 2013 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.

Update on TIM Initiatives:

National/State/Regional

Mr. Rory Howe presented on the Incident Management (IM) Virtual Training for First Responders Video. The I-95 Corridor Coalition is created an intensive training program that uses three-dimensional, multi-player computer gaming simulation technology and distance-based learning technologies to test, validate, certify, and reinforce the dissemination of best incident management practices across the Coalition region.

The three-dimensional software program enables practical, scenario-based, interactive, real-time incident management training for up to 500 responders, trainers and “victims” simultaneously at a variety of locations. Participants include state, county, and local transportation departments, toll road authorities, law enforcement agencies, fire departments, emergency service providers, medical examiners, hazardous materials handlers, towing companies, the media, and other operating agencies and entities across the Corridor. The training program can be accessed from any location with an Internet connection thereby reducing training and travel costs and enabling increased participation. A demo of the training video is located on the TIM Website at: www.swftim.org.

Mr. Howe also spoke to the team about the National Unified Goal (NUG). 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.

Mr. Bill Fuller and Mr. Rory Howe updated the team about the Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP 2). As a reminder, the 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

SHRP 2 has developed a new multi-agency national TIM training program named National Traffic Incident Management Responder Training. The final pilot course will be conducted in September in Knoxville TN. After this, the training course will be handed over to FHWA for full implementation. This multi-agency training equips responders with a common set of core competencies and assists them in achieving the TIM National Unified Goal (NUG) of strengthening TIM programs in the areas of:

- Responder safety
- Safe, quick clearance
- Prompt, reliable, interoperable communications

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District One's Traffic Incident Management Team (TIM), and the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) Troop F recognized the need for the training in our local area which resulted in our partners from Metric Engineering and Declan Engineering coordinating a four hour SHRP-2 training course to 295 first responders over a two week period this past June 2013 at the Manatee Technical Institute-Criminal Education Center in Bradenton, Florida and to the Swift SunGuide Center in Fort Myers, Florida.

FHWA has set an ambitious target to reach over one million responders over the next ten years with this multi-disciplinary training course. To assist in this goal District One's TIM Team are planning SHRP-2 sessions in the Polk County area and will be looking for first responders from fire, law enforcement, emergency medical services, and other transportation agency partners to join in the effort to promote "Best Practices" of Traffic Incident Management as National Unified Goal.

For more information please contact Bill Fuller at <mailto:William.fuller@dot.state.fl.us> or call (239) 225.9815.

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 8, 2013 at 1:30PM at the Manatee County Public Safety Center, Merlot Room, 2101 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.