



Sarasota-Manatee Traffic Incident Management Team

February 10, 2026
Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: The Sarasota Manatee TIM Team meeting was held on Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at 1:30 PM at the Manatee County Public Safety Center, 2101 47th Terrace East, Bradenton, FL 34203. Beau Baggett and Brandy Boccuti facilitated the meeting.

Introductions: The team members introduced themselves and the agencies they represent.

Agency News:

Road Rangers

Jason Dawkins, IncidentClear, introduced himself as the new Road Ranger Manager for District One. IncidentClear continues to actively hire Road Rangers, including overnight bridge coverage positions.

Recent operations included winter weather preparation and additional staffing coverage during low-temperature events. Continued coordination between Road Rangers and responding agencies was emphasized to support quick clearance and responder safety.

A discussion occurred regarding the use of arrow boards compared to four-corner emergency lighting when Road Rangers are operating on the shoulder. The team emphasized evaluating lighting configurations based on traffic conditions and incident location to improve visibility and support Move Over Law compliance.

Towing and Wrecker News

Local towing companies continue participating in joint training exercises with fire departments, including vehicle machinery rescue training involving heavy vehicles such as dump trucks and cement trucks.

A reminder was provided regarding the National Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Responder Training requirements under recent state legislation. Wrecker operators are required to complete training, including ICS 700 (NIMS) and TIM training within 180 days of contract. Upcoming training sessions were announced, and agencies were encouraged to register as needed.

Other Agency News

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)

- Traffic Management Center (TMC):
 - An update was provided regarding continued coordination between the Traffic Management Center and field responders. The team discussed real-time reporting to

511 and the integration of incident information with navigation applications such as Waze and Google Maps.

- Rosanna Chambliss was introduced as the new FDOT District One Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Program Manager, working out of the SWIFT SunGuide TMC in Fort Myers. Ms. Chambliss will work in coordination with Tom Arsenault, TIM Program Manager, Metric Engineering, to support TIM.

Emergency Management:

- Manatee County Emergency Management provided an update regarding winter weather monitoring and preparedness activities during recent cold weather events.

Community Traffic Safety Team (CTST):

- The team was informed about the upcoming Safety Jam 2026, a free health and traffic safety expo scheduled for Saturday, February 28, 2026, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the State College of Florida – Bradenton Campus. The event will include interactive safety stations, a bike rodeo with free helmet fittings, food trucks, live music, and other family-friendly activities.

Update on TIM Initiatives:

Beau Baggett, Metric Engineering, reminded the team about the purpose of the TIM Meeting.

- TIM is the coordinated detection, response to and removal of traffic incidents as quickly and safely as possible. TIM is a coordinated effort among multiple agencies.
- The primary purpose of TIM is to reduce the duration and impact of incidents as well as to improve the safety of motorists and most importantly our incident responders.
- The TIM Meeting is to help prop up communication, coordination, and collaboration among our incident responders.

John Parker, Florida Department of Transportation, presented on the Moving Florida Forward Infrastructure Initiative.

- The team was informed about the Mobility and Construction Program, a new initiative focused on improving safety and mobility within major work zones. The program seeks collaboration with TIM partners to address work zone concerns and enhance responder access and operational safety.
- Discussions included ongoing concerns related to the I-75 work zone near Mile Marker 211. The department continues coordinating with the contractor to evaluate potential enhancements, including signage improvements, pavement markings, and enforcement visibility.

Beau Baggett, Metric Engineering, presented to the team Connected Vehicle Technologies and their implications for first responders and Traffic Management Center operations.

- Overview of connected vehicle technology and vehicle-to-infrastructure communication:
 - Opportunities for first responders and TMC operations
 - Preparing agencies for the integration of connected vehicle systems
 - The importance of adapting response strategies to evolving vehicle technology was emphasized.

Beau Baggett, Metric Engineering, provided the Road Ranger performance statistics.

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:

December 1, 2025 – February 4, 2026
Southbound/Northbound I-75, Mile Marker 211 Area
Multiple Work Zone Crashes

Incident Details:

- Multiple crashes were noted in the I-75 work zone lane shift area on the southbound side.
- Barrier was extended to the shoulder overnight on January 7, 2026.
- Crash locations appeared to move south after barrier adjustments.
- Crashes since the barrier extension have primarily been rear-end collisions involving slowing or stopped traffic.
- Incidents are now occurring at or near the Exit 210 ramp.
- Evaluation is underway to determine potential enhancements.
- A signal heat map from December 1, 2025, through February 2, 2026, was reviewed, highlighting crash concentration in the lane shift transition area

January 28, 2026
Northbound I-75, Mile Marker 177

Incident Details:

- MIE 26-11
- Work Zone Crash
- Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) setup in progress for DMS maintenance
- Sedan impacted MOT setup truck
- Sedan driver admitted to not paying attention
- Sedan driver transported to hospital
- MOT setup truck driver sustained head injury and shock
- FHP was on scene and witnessed the crash
- Crash report pending
- 8:51 PM – Initial Notification
- 9:43 PM – Full Northbound Closure
- 9:51 PM – Northbound Reopened (8-minute full closure)
- This incident emphasized the importance of work zone awareness and driver attentiveness during MOT operations.

January 6, 2026
Northbound I-75 Exit Ramp 224 (US-301)

Incident Details:

- MIE 26-01
- Wrong Way Driver
- Driver turned left from second westbound lane of US-301 onto northbound I-75 exit ramp
- Vehicle traveled southbound in northbound ramp lanes
- Driver self-corrected on the ramp
- 10:56 AM – Initial Notification
- Intersection is newly constructed
- Roadway markings and signage appeared new
- No signage or marking deficiencies identified
- Previous wrong-way incident occurred November 5, 2025 involving similar left-turn movement
- The team discussed continued monitoring and public awareness strategies related to wrong-way movements.

FDOT Construction Update

The team received an update on current construction activities. FDOT District 1 weekly construction updates are available to all first responders upon request by contacting FDOT-D1COMM@dot.state.fl.us.

Future Meetings:

The next Sarasota-Manatee County TIM Team will be held on April 8, 2026, at 1:30 PM.

Meeting Adjourned

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