



Sarasota-Manatee Traffic Incident Management Team

October 14, 2025
Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: The Sarasota Manatee TIM Team meeting was held on Tuesday, August 12, 2025, 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

The Road Ranger performance statistics were provided to the team.

Towing and Wrecker News

No agency updates

Other Agency News

No agency updates

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.

Crash Responder Safety Week (CRSW) – Beau Baggett, Metric Engineering

- What is Crash Responder Safety Week?
 - Crash Responder Safety Week will be observed from November 17–21, 2025.
 - This nationwide initiative, coordinated by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and supported by TIM Teams, honors those who risk their lives at roadway incident scenes.
 - Responder safety requires action from responders, agencies, and the public.
 - The theme for this year is “Responders Ahead! Reduce Your Speed As You Proceed.”
- First Responder Struck-By Crisis:

- Struck-by incidents are a leading danger for first responders on roadways, with 6 to 8 fatalities monthly in the U.S. and many life-altering injuries.
- Many incidents and near misses go unreported, leaving gaps in understanding.
- Most occur during secondary accidents when responders are already on scene.
- Reporting struck by or near misses matters because every report provides valuable data for identifying patterns, improving training, and preventing future tragedies.
 - For a national struck-by reporting and database with open access to reports visit: ResponderSafety.com
- The Importance of Roadway Safety: Survivor Stories video was shared with the team.
- Florida's Move Over Law is one of the most important tools to reduce struck-by incidents and protect responders. The requirements and changes to the law were discussed.
- National TIM Responder (SHRP2) Training is a four-hour course aimed at enhancing safety for responders on active roadways through best practices.
 - Uses realistic tabletop crash simulations that mirror real-world scenarios.
 - Trained responders apply consistent, proven practices in the field.
 - Results include faster incident clearance, stronger coordination, and reduced risk of struck-by incidents.
- TIM Meetings:
 - TIM Meetings improve safety by building trust among first responders, reviewing incidents and lessons learned, and sharing best practices.
 - Goal of TIM Teams – Safer crash scenes, faster clearance, and better protection for both responders and motorists.
- Additional Comments:
 - It was discussed that on occasion, Road Ranger vehicles would pull up behind law enforcement vehicles without an offset and therefore take away the effectiveness of the front vehicles' safety lights. Ideally, 10-15 feet of space would be left between the vehicles.

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 improving cross-agency coordination and communication. AARs were performed on the following recent major incidents:

09/24/2025

Southbound I-75 at Mile Marker 179, north of Toledo Blade Blvd.

Incident Details:

- Landscaping Sand Truck with Trailer Rollover
- 10:24 AM Initial Notification
- RISC Case 26-09
- All three lanes were blocked due to sand spilling on the roadway. Traffic passing on the shoulder.
- Road Ranger called the scene in and was immediately able to begin setting up MOT.
- Total Event Duration: 2 Hours (All lanes open)

09/26/2025

Northbound I-75 Mile Marker 195

Incident Details:

- Four Vehicle Crash with Fire
- 11:10 AM Initial Notification
- RICS Case 26-10

- Traffic was backed up in this area due to a vehicle fire (mechanical issue) at MM 203 at the time. An Amazon truck struck the rear end of a roofing truck in the center lane, pushing it into a semi. The Amazon truck then stuck an SUV in the left lane.
- Two of the three lanes had to be repaired due to fire damage, with the remaining lane reopened at 1:15 PM
- Total Event Duration: 6 Hours 13 Minutes (All lanes open)
- The Road Ranger on duty was complimented on his on-scene response.

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 December 9, 2025, at 1:30 PM.

Meeting Adjourned

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