



Sarasota - Manatee Traffic Incident Management Team

October 10, 2023
Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: The Sarasota-Manatee TIM Team meeting was held on Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 1:30 PM at the Manatee County Public Safety Center, 2101 47th Terrace East, Bradenton, FL 34203. Tom Arsenault and Brandy Boccuti facilitated the meeting.

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

Agency News:

Road Rangers

The team was informed that the Road Rangers are fully staffed. Additionally, a Road Ranger shift has been added between 7:00 PM – 7:00 AM.

Towing and Wrecker News

No agency updates

Other Agency News

Sterling Bond, FDOT District One SWIFT Sunguide Center, introduced himself to the team as the new Traffic Management Center Manager.

Kevin Salsbery, FDOT, informed the team that their staff was deployed in Madison County area during the Idalia Hurricane to provide support to the area.

Law Enforcement informed the team of a successful speeding enforcement in September.

Update on TIM Initiatives:

Tom Arsenault, 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 the communication, coordination, and collaboration among our incident responders.

David Burnside, TransCore, presented to the team in the District One Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS).

- Currently involved in the maintenance of District One over 250 miles of ITS deployments in the State of Florida alone, no other team has this experience nor the resources available in equipment and personnel.
- TransCore, is the current maintenance contractor for the Florida Department of Transportation.
- Provides maintenance to the ITS systems for the Collier, Lee, Charlotte, Sarasota, Manatee, Okeechobee, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, Desoto, and Polk Counties.

Tom Arsenault, Metric Engineering, provided the Road Ranger performance statistics.

Tom Arsenault, Metric Engineering, informed the team about the upcoming training for the National Traffic Incident management (SHRP2) Training which will take place November 7, 2023.

The training was developed BY RESPONDERS - FOR RESPONDERS, with the objective that nationally, responders acquire a common set of core competencies that promote a shared understanding of the requirements for achieving the safety of responders and motorists, quick response, and effective communications at traffic incident scenes.

Participants will receive a National TIM Responder Training certificate from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) after completing the training.

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:

August 20, 2023

I-75 Southbound Exit 217



Incident Details:

- Single vehicle fatal crash
- 5:21 PM Initial Notification
- 5:27 PM Right Shoulder Blocked
- 5:29 PM Entry Ramp Blocked
- 8:20 PM Wreckers On Scene
- 9:09 PM M. E. On Scene
- 10:18 PM 4 FHP Units Still On Scene
- 11:26 PM All Lanes Open
- Incident Clearance Duration: 6 hours 5 minutes.

September 5, 2023
I-75 Northbound at Exit 195



Incident Details:

- Single vehicle fatal crash
- 3:19 PM Initial Notification
- 3:23 PM S/B Exit Ramp Blocked
- 3:35 PM FHP and EMS On Scene
- 3:51 PM Confirmed Fatal
- 4:11 PM DCS On Scene
- 7:51 PM All Lanes Open
- Incident Clearance Duration: 4 hours 35 minutes

September 15, 2023
I-75 Northbound at Exit 173



Incident Details:

- 11:55 PM Initial Notification
- 11:55 pm 2 Lanes Blocked
- 11:56 PM CSO On Scene
- 11:59 FD - EMS On Scene
- 12:13 AM FHP On Scene
- 12:07 AM All Lanes Blocked
- 5:35 AM All Lanes Open
- Incident Clearance Duration: 5 hours 48 minutes

FDOT Construction Update

The team was provided with recent construction updates. The FDOT District 1 weekly construction updates are also available to all first responders by request to Janella Newsome, FDOT, Janella.Newsome@dot.state.fl.us or by calling (863) 519-2828.

Future Meetings:

The next Sarasota-Manatee County TIM Team will be held on December 12, 2023, at 1:30 PM.

Meeting Adjourned

*The list of attendees is attached to these meeting minutes.

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

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