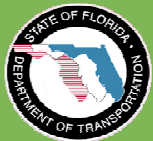




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Colonel David Dees is the Director of the Motor Carrier Compliance Office (MCCO) in the State of Florida. The MCCO daily assists the department in fulfilling its mission in providing a safe transportation system, ensuring the mobility of people and goods, enhancing prosperity and preserving the quality of our environment and communities. One of the major activities of the MCCO is assisting other law enforcement agencies by performing post crash inspections of commercial vehicles to determine if vehicle defects or driver violations were contributing factors to the crash. (Frost. 2007)

Traffic Crash Investigations are conducted by sworn officers of the MCCO for crashes involving commercial motor vehicles resulting in death or serious bodily injury. Officers may determine if the driver/s are impaired due to drugs or alcohol. They assist in the identification of hazardous materials. MCCO officers will mitigate disturbances between principals to maintain order at the crash scene while the investigation is conducted. Additionally, officers will facilitate the flow of traffic, to include procuring the necessary equipment to remove vehicles from the roadway. (Policy 4-2)

As a state law enforcement agency, the MCCO provides a law enforcement response pursuant to the Florida Mutual Aid Act, and the Florida Mutual Aid Plan. The plan provides for the deployment of state police resources when local resources are depleted or overwhelmed to the extent that additional assistance is required. Natural disasters such as hurricanes, floods, and fires have been the most common need for deployment such resources in the past. Other events such as civil unrest, mass migration, and domestic security situations have called for the deployment of agency manpower and equipment.

### Mission

*The TIM Team Program brings together all agencies involved in clearing the roadway crashes with the objective of improving detection, verification, response, and clearance times to expeditiously remove a motor vehicle crash or incident from the roadway while providing the best real-time information to motorists, resulting in a safer highway environment for both incident responders and motorists.*

MCCO In addition to general law enforcement duties at the scene of a mutual aid event such as protecting lives and property, the MCCO is responsible for coordinating size, weight and registration requirements, as they pertain to movement of relief supplies and recovery equipment, including lowering size and weight restrictions. MCCO provides protection for Florida's transportation infrastructure, provides assistance in evacuations, staffs fixed post assignments, and other assignments as required. The agency also provides communication facilities and logistical support through the deployment of mobile command posts.

MCCO's headquarters management team is an integral part of the Statewide Emergency Operations Center located at the Division of Emergency Management, and joins agencies such as the FDLE and FHP in staffing the Emergency Support Function (ESF-16) where executive direction from the Governor is implemented during times of emergencies. In this role, MCCO also serves as liaison between the public safety and security components of ESF-16 and the Department of Transportation's engineering and maintenance emergency support functions.

<http://www.dot.state.fl.us/mcco/>

(Frost, Lt. J. (2007) Tnews September/October) {Policy #4-2 (2005) CFA Std. Ch. 23 MCCO Policy Manual

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TIM Team Meeting – April 8, 2008

TIM Team Meeting – June 10, 2008

TIM Team Meeting – August 12, 2008

TIM Team Meeting – October 14, 2008

TIM Team Meeting – December 9, 2008



# "Slow for the Cone Zone"

## National Work Zone Awareness Week 2008 April 7-11



On November 24, 2008 a new Federal Rule requires incident responders to wear **HIGH VISIBILITY** safety garments on all federally funded highways.

The **final rule on Work Zone Safety and Mobility** was published with an effective date of October 12, 2007. The purpose of the update is to address the changing times of more traffic, more congestion, greater safety issues, and more work zones.

<http://fhwa.dot.gov/legsregs/wzsfr.htm>

The **Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices**,

The **MUTCD** defines the standards used by incident responders nationwide to install and maintain traffic control devices on all streets and highways.

<http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov>

### T I M TEAM NEW WEBSITE!

[www.swfltim.org](http://www.swfltim.org)

### Contact Information

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The Charlotte-Sarasota-Manatee TIM Team is committed to implementing the Quick Clearance principles of Florida's Open Roads Policy through the "3 Cs" of TIM: Communication, Cooperation and Coordination, and providing the public with the best real-time Motorist Information available. Team membership draws from state, regional, and local transportation agencies, public safety providers, and other organizations and companies that service the traveling public. The Teams, sponsored by the FDOT, meet bi-monthly.

