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Upcoming Events:

TIM Team Meeting — April 7, 2009
TIM Team Meeting — June 9, 2009
TIM Team Meeting — August 11, 2009
TIM Team Meeting — October 13, 2009



TIM Team Radio Communications

Under DEM authority, the Department of Management Services, is lead agency for the Emergency Support Function-Communications (ESF 2). The DMS provides communications assistance during

emergencies and disasters. Public safety radio systems (such as those used by police, firefighters and emergency medical technicians) operate in several portions of the 800 MHz band. (<http://www.fcc.gov/pshs/public-safety-spectrum/800-MHz/>)

The Florida Legislature authorized the Department of Management Services to implement a statewide radio communications system to serve law enforcement units of state agencies and to serve local law enforcement agencies through a mutual aid channel. Additionally, the Department of Management Services has Emergency Medical Services (EMS) radio communication responsibilities statewide.

The Statewide Law Enforcement Radio System (SLERS) provides interoperability with local 800 MHz public safety entities either directly or through conventional analog mutual aid channels. The development of SLERS has included the build-out statewide of the National Plan mutual aid channels, MA-CALL and MA-TAC1, co-located at each site along with the trunked system. The frequencies are 866.0125 MHz and 866.5125 MHz. The SLERS is a participant in the [Florida Interoperability Network](#) so all SLERS users can communicate with local and federal public safety agencies. Florida Road Rangers are Traffic Incident Responders and will use SLERS as an affiliate of the Department of Transportation. -- Don Olson

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.

The Vision for Interoperability in Florida

To provide secure interagency and interoperable communications for Florida's entire community of public safety users with dissimilar systems, enabling more timely and effective emergency responses to critical events daily.



Motor Carrier Compliance Office (MCCO) of the FDOT

Florida's Virtual Weigh Station in Punta Gorda is much more than an enforcement tool; as it is also a Commercial Vehicle Operations (CVO) mobility enhancement. Florida weigh stations are modern wonders. They have a sophisticated weigh-in-motion system that weighs CVOs while moving and continue on their route without delay unless, of course, they are overweight or one of the lucky few to be chosen for a random inspection. The facility supports PrePass wireless information, similar to toll transponder technology, but applicable to CVO.



Collier County's new Emergency Services Center is home to the new 911 dispatch center, East Naples Sheriff's Office sub-station, Emergency Medical Services administrative offices and supply warehouse, backup IT systems, offices for the Bureau of Emergency Services and the Department of Emergency Management, and the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). (<http://www.colliergov.net/Index.aspx?page=2210>)

The new center will have a computer work station linked to the Collier County Traffic Management Center (TMC) which is operated by the Collier County Traffic Operations Division. --**Bob Tipton, Director of Traffic Operations**

Commercial Vehicle Information Systems and Networks (CVISN)

The Commercial Vehicle Information Systems and Networks (CVISN) program is a key component of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administrations (FMCSA) drive to improve commercial motor vehicle safety. The CVISN Program supports FMCSA's goals by focusing safety enforcement on high-risk operators; integrating systems to improve the accuracy, integrity, and verifiability of credentials; improving efficiency through electronic screening of commercial vehicles; and enabling online application and issuance of credentials. --**Don Olson**

Over Weight/Over Dimensional Online Road-use Permit Application System

The Florida Department of Transportation (DOT), in an effort to streamline the permitting process, offers a web-based permit application system for overweight and over dimensional permits. This system allows applicants to submit requests for overweight and over dimensional permits over the Internet. Payment for the permit can be made by credit card, check or a pre-paid ARI account. Those applications receiving approval for permit will be issued a permit by the Florida Department of Transportation State Permits Office. Trip permits can be faxed directly to the permit applicant if requested, or sent by U.S. Mail. Annual permits will be sent by U.S. Mail. More information is available at: <http://www.floridatruckinginfo.com/>

Many truck accidents are caused by unsafe loading of the truck's trailer. Problem areas include the following: overweight loads - leading to truck handling problems, trailer and sometimes tractor rollovers, crashes because of greatly increased braking distances, and tire blowouts. (<http://www.patruckaccidents.com/PracticeAreas/Load-Issues-Over-Size-Over-Weight.asp>)



T I M TEAM NEW WEBSITE!

www.swfltim.org

Contact Information

If you have any questions regarding this newsletter, or would like to submit an article, please contact Don Olson at don.olson@dot.state.fl.us.

The 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.

