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Charlotte-Sarasota-Manatee Traffic Incident Management Team

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OPERATION SAFE RIDE

Aggressive Drivers Beware: Florida is prepared to offer corrective action.

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In late October, Florida Highway Patrol Troopers lead a concentrated effort to crackdown on aggressive drivers as part of a campaign to reduce crashes. During a two-day effort dubbed "Operation Safe Ride," Troopers targeted large commercial vehicles on all major roadways. While still conscientious of all driving infractions, yet focused on commercial vehicles, Troopers issued 4,037 citations around the State on October 24 & 25.

Troopers used Vascar, radar, video cameras, airplanes, motorcycles, marked and unmarked patrol vehicles. The statewide push is part of a series of long-term enforcement efforts to reduce the number of deaths and injuries on Florida's

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.

roads. Statistics from the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles show that a small percentage of crashes involve commercial motor vehicles but that they are involved in a disproportionate number of fatal crashes.

A professional truck driver said, "Truckers who do drive aggressively should get ticketed!" however, on the flip-side, went on to say, "You can't cut me off and expect me not to hit you." He supports targeting all aggressive drivers.

Lt. Col. John Czernis said, "... because of vehicle size, weight, and the type of cargo hauled by commercial vehicles, the potential for causing vehicles or property damage is very real." (cars can weigh up to 5000 lbs and CVO's legal limit is 80,000 lbs. and even more with proper permits)

- Tampa Tribune / Florida Highway Patrol / Miami Herald / St. Pete Times on 10/24 & 11/16 /2007

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Upcoming Events:

- TIM Team Meeting – December 11, 2007
- TIM Team Meeting – February 12, 2008
- 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



"TIM COMMUNICATIONS INTEROPERABILITY"

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. Communications and Information Technology Services (CITS) is dedicated to optimizing existing technology services and the success for Florida's state agencies.



TIM Communications Interoperability (continued)

Timely communications, often via wireless radios, are vital to the effectiveness and safety of first responders and their supporting agencies, as well as the safety of the public at large. Communications interoperability – also referred to as compatibility or connectivity - refers to the capability of different electronic communications systems to readily connect with each other and thus enable timely communications. In order to respond to emergencies, such as major traffic incidents, with greater effectiveness, public safety agencies need to communicate with their counterparts in other disciplines and jurisdictions. A variety of technical approaches have been adopted to help improve interoperable communications, including the following:

- Swapping radios:** Agencies maintain a cache of extra radios that they can distribute during an emergency response from the incident command post.
- Patching:** Two or more incompatible radio systems are connected to a central switchboard system that translates various signals into a compatible communications system.
- Shared Channels or Mutual Aid Channels:** Agencies agree to set aside a specific channel to channels for connecting to other incompatible systems.
- Shared Systems:** The use of a single or common radio system – typically a trucked system – to provide service to most agencies within a region.
- Internet Protocol based systems:** Using the Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) advanced communications systems.

However, interoperability cannot be achieved solely by implementing technical solutions. Coordination, terminology and procedure among different response agencies must be put into practice. Florida Road Ranger Service Patrol has started their integration onto the State Law Enforcement Radio System in order to improve their support services to the Florida Highway Patrol Troopers.

SLERS provides interoperability with local 800 MHz public safety entities either directly or through conventional analog mutual aid channels.



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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.

