



## Heartland Counties Traffic Incident Management Team

*April 2, 2024  
Meeting Minutes*

**Call to Order:** The Heartland County TIM Team meeting was held virtually on Tuesday, April 2, 2024 1:00 PM. Tom Arsenault and Brandy Boccuti facilitated the meeting.

**Introductions:** The team members provided their name and agency in the chat box for introductions and meeting attendance record.

Brandy Boccuti, Metric Engineering, kicked off the meeting by reviewing the meeting agenda and guidelines.

### **Agency News:**

#### **Road Rangers**

No agency updates

#### **Towing and Wrecker News**

The team was informed of the April 2024 Tow Show that will take place in Orlando, Florida April 2024. To learn more, please visit the following website: <https://floridatowshow.com/>

#### **Other Agency News**

No agency updates

### **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.

Tom Arsenault, Metric Engineering, presented to the team on, The First 15 Minutes at Roadway Incidents are Crucial.

- If the needed resources are called in early, it will decrease clearance times and minimize exposure to roadside hazards for both responders and the public.
- Communicating the proper incident needs will ensure the proper operations will be carried out and the needed resources will be available.
- Setting up a traffic incident management area properly and early on will reduce the chance of a secondary incident.

To view the full presentation, please visit the FDOT District One TIM Team website at: <http://www.swfltim.org/>

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:

01/16/2024

Fatal Crash

SR-64 /George Anderson Road

Hardee County



Incident Details/Lessons Learned:

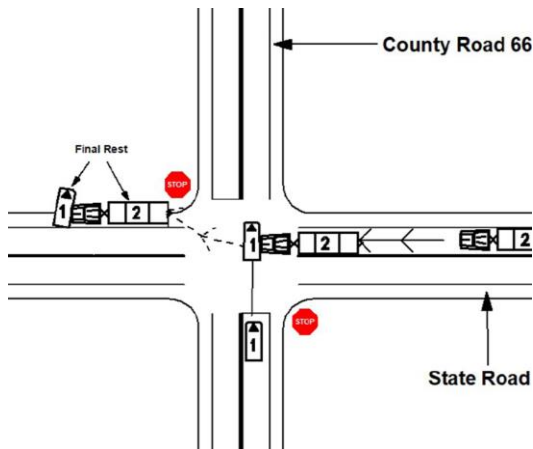
- Fatal Crash
- 3:56 AM Initial Notification
- 3:58 AM Semi Drive hit someone
- 4:08 AM RTMC Keenan Notified
- 4:27 AM All Lanes Closed
- 8:25 AM DOT on scene
- 9:17 AM Body Removal On Scene
- 9:41 AM Cliff's Tow On Scene with Fertilizer
- 11:13 AM All Lane Open
- Duration 437 Minutes

01/8/2024

Semi vs. Vehicle

SR-64 /CR - 663

Hardee County



Incident Details/Lessons Learned:

- Semi vs. Vehicle
- 6:05 AM Initial Notification
- 6:06 AM One Subject Entrapped
- 8:43 AM Tow Company on Scene.
- 8:53 AM Roadway Clear
- 12:17 PM Hospital advised subject is critical in ICU
- 2:44 PM Subject Deceased
- Duration 168 Minutes

12/26/2023

Three Vehicle Crash with Two Semi-Trailers

US-27 / Stitt Ranch Rd.

Hendry County



## Incident Details/Lessons Learned:

- Three Vehicle Crash with Two Semi-Trailers
- 6:53 AM Initial Notification
- 6:54 AM 2 Drivers Trapped
- 7:21 AM One Subj Deceased
- 12:59 PM Tow Trucks on Scene
- 1:32 PM Lanes Open
- 399 Minutes Total Duration

12/18/2023

Fatal Crash

US-98 at Madrid Dr.

Highlands County



## Incident Details/Lessons Learned:

- 6:39 PM Initial Notification – Vehicle vs. Motorcycle
- 6:48 PM Highlands CSO confirm two deceased
- 7:01 PM Contact DOT Close Roads
- 11:17 PM Body Removal on Scene
- 11:56 PM Speed Limit 55 Posted
- 1:04 AM RTMC Updated.
- 1:35 AM Roadway Clear
- Total Duration 416 Minutes

2/29/2024

US-17 (SR-35) Southwest Senate Street

DeSoto County

**Incident Details/Lessons Learned:**

- 2:04 PM Initial Notification - Semi vs. Vehicle
- 2:07 PM Subj. Deceased by Chief on Scene
- 2:55 PM SB US-17 Blocked
- 3:31 PM STMC Notified
- 7:15 PM Body Removal on Scene
- 11:07 PM All Clear
- Duration 543 Minutes

**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](mailto:Janella.Newsome@dot.state.fl.us) or by calling (863) 519-2828.

**Future Meetings:**

The next Heartland County TIM Team will be July 9, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

**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 help support our TIM Team by providing the TIM Team website to others that may be interested in joining our team! <http://www.swfltim.org/>

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