



Heartland Counties Traffic Incident Management Team

July 2, 2024

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: The Heartland County TIM Team meeting was held virtually on Tuesday, July 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

No agency updates

Other Agency News

Robbie Brown, FDOT, reminded the responders of the importance of communication with the Traffic Management Center (TMC) when on-scene.

Ray Mikol, HNTB, informed the team they are posting detour routes on the DMS signs if there is a set route and/or a preferred route if there is a full closer. The TMC requests that the first responders communicate any detours, and they will update their notification system.

Tim Web, Field Operations Supervisor, for Piece River Operations Heartland, introduced himself to the team. Mr. Web's responsibilities include filtering all phone calls that come through dispatch for LaBelle, Sebring, and Piece River.

Paul Keller, FDOT, informed the team that Aim Asset and Maintenance will be the Asset Maintenance Contractor in Okeechobee and recommended they be added to the Heartland Team.

The team brought up their concern with the increase in oil bucket waste and other debris that has been abandoned on the side of the highways. It was recommended that if there is a specific location where the incidents seem to occur to inform law enforcement and/or Tom Arsenault and he can communicate with law enforcement in regard to patrolling the area.

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 an educational video on Flagger Operations by Virginia Department of Transportation. To view the training video, please click on the following link: [Flagging 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:

4/14/2024

US-27 Shady Acres Lane
Glades County



Incident Details/Lessons Learned:

- Fatal Crash
- 11:44 PM Initial Notification/One entrapment – S7
- 11:45 PM Northbound lanes blocked
- 11:55 PM Pronounced S7 by EMT

- 12:02 AM THI Advised
- 12:04 AM TMC Keenan Notified.
- 02:08 AM Prompt Towing dispatched
- 02:18 AM Fire responder required to extract D1 from vehicle
- 1:28 PM Northbound traffic diverted through the Southbound lanes
- 2:24 PM Roadway Cleared
- Total Duration 880 Minutes

4/17/2024

CR 833 .40 Mile North of CR-846

Fatal Crash

Hendry County



Incident Details/Lessons Learned:

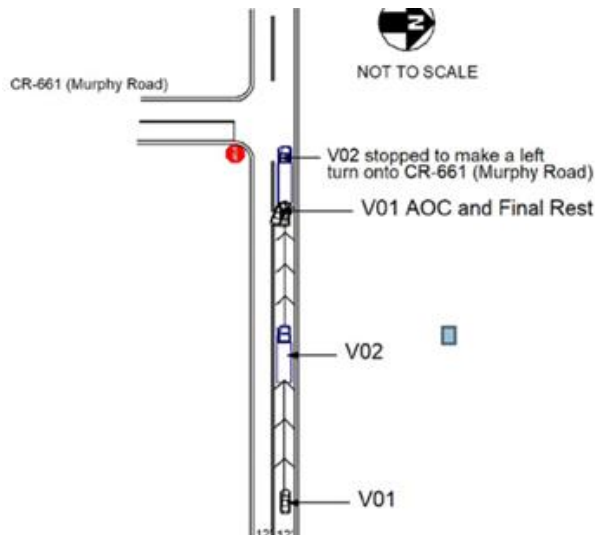
- Fatal Crash
- 6:54 AM Initial Notification
- 6:54 AM Southbound lanes blocked
- 7:11 AM Medic on scene
- 7:20 AM D1 Confirmed S7 by Paramedic
- 8:53 AM D2 transported to hospital
- 8:59 AM Clewiston Towing dispatched
- 9:02 AM Northbound and Southbound lanes closed
- 10:49 AM Medical Examiner advised
- 11:08 AM Northbound and Southbound lanes open/Roadway cleared
- 12:05 PM Body Removed
- Total Duration 254 Minutes

4/23/2024

SR-64 Murphy Road

Fatal Crash

Hardee County



Incident Details/Lessons Learned:

- 2:59 PM Initial Notification
- 3:00 PM All lanes blocked
- 3:11 PM S7 confirmed by EMS
- 3:40 PM Body removal
- 5:06 PM TIM's Towing on-scene
- 6:22 PM Roadway Open
- Total Duration 203 Minutes

4/23/2024

SR-80 / Birchwood Parkway

Fatal

Hendry County



Incident Details/Lessons Learned:

- 7:14 AM Initial Notification – Dump Truck Rollover
- 7:15 AM CSO Report Sig7
- 7:28 AM Closed DR-80 WB and SB Birchwood

- 7:57 AM Need more cones from DOT
- 8:41 AM Clewiston Tow
- 9:15 The other subj stable at hosp.
- 12:12 PM Tow company has vehicles
- 12:14 PM FDOT is Patching gouges in roadway.
- 2:00 PM Roadway Open.
- Total Duration 406 Minutes

1/29/2023 (Update)
US-27 Near CR-773
Fatal Crash X 4
Glades County



Incident Details/Lessons Learned:

- On June 27, 2024, the driver was sentenced to 54 years in prison and 5 years' probation.
- 1:18 AM Initial Notification
- 1:18 AM Two vehicle crash, one vehicle fully engulfed with two people fully trapped.
- 1:27 AM Glades Co. advised multiple S7's.
- 2:06 AM MedFlight on scene
- 2:33 AM All Lanes Blocked
- 3:25 AM Body removal
- 7:50 AM TIM's Towing on scene
- 11:28 AM Roadway Open
- Total Duration 610 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 or by calling (863) 519-2828.

Future Meetings:

The next Heartland County TIM Team will be October 1, 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/>

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Brandy Boccuti, Metric Engineering, Inc. at (407) 949-4283 or via email at brandy.boccuti@metriceng.com

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