



Heartland Counties Traffic Incident Management Team

April 4, 2023

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: The Heartland County TIM Team meeting was held virtually on Tuesday, April 4, 2023 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

The Road Ranger performance measures were provided to the team.

Towing and Wrecker News

Towing informed the team of the upcoming 2023 Tow Show taking place 13-16, 2023. To learn more about the event, please visit the following website: <https://floridatowshow.com/events/>

Other Agency News

Ray Mikol, SWIFT SunGuide Center, informed the team that communication is critical with the Heartland Counties as the camera coverage in the area is limited.

Kevin Salsbery, FDOT, requested that law enforcement stay on scene while first responders are on scene to help enforce the traveling public from entering the work scene.

May Webber, CTST, informed the team of the upcoming Community Traffic Safety Teams (CTST) meetings.

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, informed the team that training for the National First Responder SHRP2 is currently being planned in the upcoming months and will be announced.

The training was developed *BY RESPONDERS - FOR RESPONDERS*, with the objective that nationally, responders acquire a common set of core competencies that promote a shared understanding of the requirements for achieving the safety of responders and motorists, quick response, and effective communications at traffic incident scenes.

The National Traffic Incident Management Responder Training is endorsed by the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the International Association of Fire Chiefs, and the National Volunteer Fire Council.

Participants received a National TIM Responder Training certificate from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) after completing the training.

Some of the topics include:

- Notification and Scene Size-Up
- Safe Vehicle Positioning
- Command Responsibilities
- Traffic Management
- Clearance and Termination

Tom Arsenault, Metric Engineering, provided a training session on Command Responsibilities. The presentation highlighted the following circumstances:

- Requirements for establishing and participating in the Incident Command System (ICS)
- When it is appropriate to implement Unified Command
- Identifying the need for and use of Staging Areas

To view the full presentation, please visit the FDOT District One TIM Team website at: www.swfltim.com

Tom Arsenault, Metric Engineering, provided the Road Ranger performance statistics.

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:

01/02/2023

Hendry Co. US-27 Near Flaghole Road



Incident Details:

- Single Vehicle Fatal Crash
- 1:00 PM Initial Notification/All lanes blocked
- 1:56 PM CPR in progress
- 1:07 PM THI advised
- 3:42 PM Victim pronounced deceased by doctor at hospital
- 3:56 PM Clewingston Towing on-scene
- 4:02 PM Roadway Open
- Total Duration 182 Minutes

01/29/2023

Glades Co. US-27 Near CR-773

Fatal Crash X 4



Incident Details:

- Fatality Crash
- 1:00 PM Initial Notification/All lanes blocked
- 1:56 PM CPR in progress
- 1:07 PM THI advised
- 3:42 PM Victim pronounced deceased by doctor at hospital
- 3:56 PM Clewingston Towing on-scene

- 4:02 PM Roadway Open
- Total Duration 182 Minutes

02/4/2023

Hardee Co. State Road 64 Near Parnell Road



Incident Details:

- Fatality Rollover
- 7:14 AM Initial Notification
- 7:14 AM Rollover with entrapment
- 7:26 AM Hardee Co. advised S7
- 7:32 AM SR 64 westbound Lanes Closed
- 10:39 AM Body removal
- 10:47 AM Roberts Towing on-scene
- 12:44 PM Roadway Open
- Total Duration 330 Minutes

02/11/2023

Highlands Co. US-27 Near Tanglewood



Incident Details:

- Fatality Crash
- 6:41 PM Initial Notification/All lanes blocked
- 6:42 PM Highlands Co. Advised S7
- 8:28 PM 1st and 2nd pronounced deceased on-scene
- 8:38 PM Medflight on scene

- 10:53 PM Body removal from scene
- 1:45 AM Alan Jay towing on scene
- 3:28 AM Roadway Open
- Total Duration 527 Minutes

FDOT 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 Polk County TIM Team will be July 11, 2023 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 also help support our TIM Team by providing the TIM Team website to others that may be interested in joining our team! <http://www.swfilitim.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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