



Heartland County Traffic Incident Management Team

July 11, 2023

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: The Heartland County TIM Team meeting was held virtually on Tuesday, July 11, 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

No agency updates

Towing and Wrecker News

No agency updates

Other Agency News

Ray Mikol, SWIFT SunGuide Center, informed the team they are currently preparing for hurricane season. They are also currently focusing on Wrong Way Driver (WWD) systems in District One.

Law Enforcement informed the team that Operation Southern Slow Down will take place July 17-22. The joint effort is with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the southeastern states of Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, and Tennessee. All five states and local law enforcement agencies will conduct a week-long speed enforcement campaign. FHP will specifically focus on detecting and citing drivers for exceeding the posted speed limits across Florida's interstate corridors.

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 about the upcoming training for the National Traffic Incident management (SHRP2) Training which will take place July 13, 2023.

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.

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

Tom Arsenault, Metric Engineering, provided a training session on Special Crash Circumstances. The presentation highlighted the following circumstances:

- Safety concerns related to responding to an incident involving a vehicle fire.
- Identify what hazardous material is being transported.
- Best practices for responding to an incident involving a vehicle fluid spill
- Primary goals of a crash investigation and the importance of preserving short-lived evidence
- Importance of performing response tasks concurrently as it relates to safe, quick clearance

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

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.

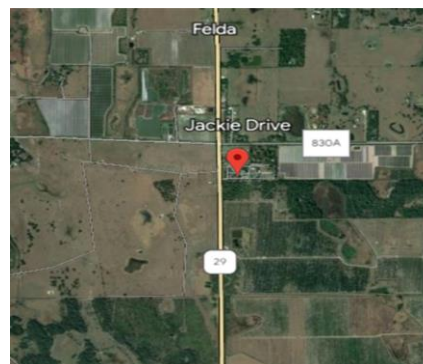
AARs were performed on the following recent major incidents:

03/20/2023

Fatal Crash

State Road 29 Near Jackie Drive

Hendry County



Incident Details/Lessons Learned:

- 5:04 AM Initial Notification/Head on crash
 - Crash involve five wandering cows in the roadway which was unavoidable in a head on collision resulting in fatality.
- 5:14 AM CPR in progress
- 5:25 AM Hendry EMS Medic on scene
- 5:26 AM All lanes blocked
- 6:13 AM Victim pronounced deceased
- 6:58 AM THI advised
- 7:47 AM Body Removed
- 8:24 AM Tim's Towing on-scene
- 11:11 AM Roadway Open
- Total Duration 367 Minutes

04/5/2023

Overturned Gravel Trailer

US 29

Glades County

Fatal



Incident Details/Lessons Learned:

- 7:57 AM Initial Notification
- 7:57 AM Gravel truck lost control and overturned.
- 7:59 AM Partial roadway blocked
- 8:40 Pronounced deceased on-scene
- 9:02 AM Clewiston Towing on scene
- 11:58 AM Body removal – truck needed to be overturned before access to remove body.
- 1:50 PM Roadway Open
- Total Duration 353 Minutes

04/9/2023

US 27 Sky Valley Lane

Hendry County

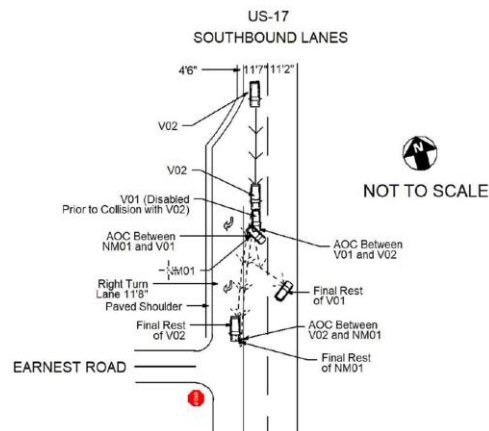
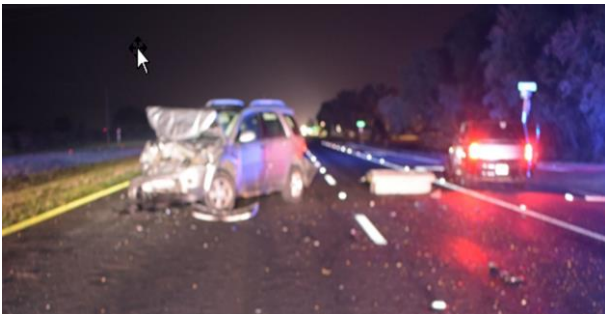
Fatal



Incident Details/Lessons Learned:

- 7:15 AM Initial Notification
- 7:16 AM VEH rolled over into water resting in an upside position
- 7:43 Outside lane blocked
- 7:43 THI Notified
- 7:44 Body is still in water
- 7:50 AM Clewiston Towing on-scene
- 10:12 AM Confirmed S7
- 10:55 AM Body Removal
- 2:41 PM Roadway Open
- Total Duration 446 Minutes

04/22/2023
 US 17 Near Earnest
 Hardee County
 Fatal



Incident Details/Lessons Learned:

- 1:57 AM Initial Notification
- 1:58 AM 2 VEH crash, overturned vehicle with one victim pinned. Confirmed S-7.
- 2:00 AM Roadway blocked
- 2:57 AM TMC Notified
- 5:16 AM Cliff's Towing on-scene
- 6:20 AM Body removal from scene

- 8:03 AM Roadway Open
- Total Duration 366 Minutes

04/25/2023

State Road 62 Near County Road 663

Hardee County

Fatal



Incident Details/Lessons Learned:

- 5:51 AM Initial Notification
- 5:52 AM 2 VEH crash, semi vs. car
- 7:16 AM Traffic NB & SB diverted onto CR 663
- 6:10 AM Engine Confirmed S7
- 7:32 AM Body removal on scene
- 8:13 AM Cliff's towing on scene
- 2:09 PM WB lanes Open/EB Lanes still blocked
- 5:07 PM Roadway Open
- Total Duration 676 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 3, 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.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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