



Heartland Counties Traffic Incident Management Team

October 3, 2023

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: The Heartland County TIM Team meeting was held virtually on Tuesday, October 3, 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

Mike Dowling, Prompt Towing, thanked the responders for their teamwork while working along the highways. Additionally, they informed the team they have added on additional tow equipment.

Other Agency News

Sterling Bond, FDOT District One SWIFT SunGuide Center, introduced himself to the team as the new Traffic Management Center Manager.

Richard Rank, Heartland Regional Transportation Planning, informed the team that they are currently working on a Heartland Safety Action Plan which received Federal funding through the Safe Streets for all. They are currently in the data collection process coming up with an assessment of the high crash locations in the six counties. The team will be updated as the information is released online which will include recommendations from the study.

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.

Matt Johnson, Air Methods Corporation, presented to the team on the role and coordination of medical flight during traffic incidents. Air Methods Corporation is a leading air medical services provider that plays a crucial role in responding to incidents on highways. They operate a fleet of helicopters and fixed-wing aircraft equipped with medical equipment and highly trained medical professionals. Their rapid response capability helps in transporting critically ill or injured individuals from highway incidents to medical facilities swiftly, providing essential care during transit.

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:

05/2/2023

Fatal Crash

Glades Co. SR-78 Ortona Road

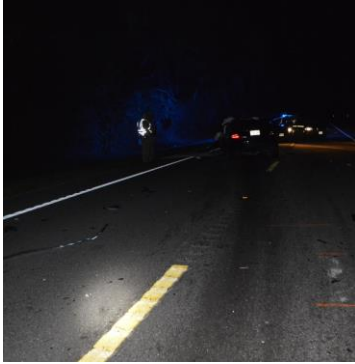


Incident Details/Lessons Learned:

- Fatal Crash
- 3:03 PM Notification
- 3:04 PM Entrapped Male
- 3:04 PM Full Road Closure
- 4:08 PM Roadway Marked
- 4:22 PM Hendry Regional Advised Signal 7
- 4:29 PM THI Notified
- 4:34 PM Roadway Open
- 4:52 PM WB Lane blocked for tow truck
- 5:42 PM Roadway back open

- 159 Minutes

06/11/2023
Hardee Co.
SR-64 Bennett Road



Incident Details/Lessons Learned:

- Fatal Crash
- 12:44 AM Initial Notification Vehicle in Ditch
- 12:44 AM Vehicle in Ditch Upside down
- 12:48 AM Confirmed Signal 7
- 1:29 AM FDOT Called for MOT
- 2:45 AM FDOT On Scene for road closure
- 4:46 AM Implied Consent
- 7:05 AM Tow Truck On Scene
- 7:50 AM TIM's Towing on scene
- 9:46 AM Roadway Open
- Total Duration 542 Minutes
- Driver 2 Issued UTC for DUI

06/14/2023
DeSoto Co.
CR-769 South of CR 760



Incident Details/Lessons Learned:

- Five vehicles crash resulting in one fatality
- 11:23 AM Initial Notification Possible Head On.
- 11:25 Road Closed.
- 11:28 AM Helicopter on standby.
- 11:32 AM Per DeSoto One Subj. Sig. 7.
- 12:39 PM FDOT OTW For roadblock.
- 2:31 PM Need FD For Body Removal.
- 2:47 PM FD On Scene
- 3:11 PM All Veh.'s need to go to one lot.
- 3:16 PM Prompt Towing on Scene.
- 6:09 PM Roadway Open.
- 406 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 January 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 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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