

TRAFFIC INCIDENT MANAGEMENT

POLK COUNTY

T I M ORIENTATION SEMINAR

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2008, 1:30 – 4:30 PM

FDOT District 1 Headquarters, Bartow

AGENDA

1:30 – 2:45 PM **Welcome and Introductions**

- **An Introduction to Traffic Incident Management**
 - **Effects of Congestion on Safety and Mobility**
- **Attendee Introductions and Perspectives**

The focus of this discussion will be the state of current traffic incident management practices regionally and locally. Attendees are asked to comment on their concerns and current practices. We will build a list of issues during this session that will be addressed during the session.

2:45 – 3:00 PM **Florida's Open Roads Policies**

3:00 – 3:10 PM ***Break***

3:10 – 3:40 PM **Responder Safety,
Preventing Secondary Crashes,
MUTCD,
Emergency Light Discipline, and
Inter-agency Training,**

Every day firefighters, tow operators, highway workers, and police officers work in what OSHA has identified as one of the most hazardous work environments. This section will highlight many best practices and rethink some traditional concepts of keeping all responders safe when responding to or handling traffic incidents.

3:40 – 4:00 PM **Incident Site Management and
Incident Clearance**

Some programs have made significant improvements in all aspects of managing incident sites and coordination activities while maintaining the balance between the impacts to traffic with scene safety. Of all aspects of managing incidents, clearance has the most opportunity for improvement related to getting highways open sooner. In this section we will discuss best techniques available and how intelligent clearance practices by the towing and recovery industry will be a key factor for incident management in the future.

4:00 – 4:30 PM **Summary and Comments**

- **Where do we go from here?**
- **Quarterly Meetings – Dates and locations**
- **Closing**

The Florida Department of Transportation is sponsoring the Traffic Incident Management Call to Action and Orientation sessions.