



Polk County Traffic Incident Management Team

*October 11th, 2012
Meeting Minutes*

Attendees:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Rick Grube	City of Lakeland	Elvis Tirado	JAN-PHYL-VFD
Bill Fuller	FDOT	Charles Stratton	Metric Engineering
Joe Freeman	FDOT	Brandy Boccuti	Metric Engineering
Kelly Kinney	FTE	Michael Blaze	Polk County
Rory Howe	Delcan	Mike Bissett	Polk County
Ricky Thomas	ICA	Todd Riley	Stepps Towing
		Tom McMullian	Transfield Services

Call to Order: The Polk TIM Team meeting was held on Thursday, July 11, 2013 at 10:00 AM at the Polk County Sheriff's Office Complex, Procap Room, 1891 Jim Keene Boulevard, Winter Haven, FL 33880. Bill Fuller, Rory Howe, and Charles Stratton facilitated the meeting.

Introductions: Team members introduced themselves and the agencies they represent.

Agency News:

Road Rangers

Mr. Bill Fuller informed the team that Road Ranger, District 1 Paul Pendexter received the employee of the month award for June 2013.

Towing and Wrecker News

No Agency news.

Other Agency News

No Agency news.

2013 Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Program Self-Assessment

Traffic Incident Management (TIM) programs continue to play a vital role in the safe and quick clearance of traffic incidents while providing a framework for reducing congestion and maximizing use of existing transportation infrastructure. A critical component of capitalizing on

the success of existing programs and aiding the development of new TIM programs is periodic evaluation of the components of successful multi-agency TIM programs. The TIM Self-Assessment (TIM SA) was designed to provide an easy-to-use tool for measuring TIM program performance.

The TIM Team participated in the 2013 Traffic Incident Management Self-Assessment which consisted of a series of 54 questions and included the following categories; tactical, support, and strategic. The team utilized an automated audience response system to gather data about the status of the TIM Team progress. This system is unique because the voter and their selections are completely anonymous. The results will help in identifying areas of improvement in the three categories as mentioned above.

Update on TIM Initiatives:

National/State/Regional

Mr. Rory Howe presented on the Impacts of Technology Advancements on TMC Operations. The overall principals guiding the presentation were: Communication, Coordination and Cooperation. The presentation is located on the TIM Website at: www.swfltim.org.

Mr. Bill Fuller and Mr. Rory Howe updated the team about the Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP 2). As a reminder, the program was created by Congress to address the challenges of moving people and goods efficiently and safely on the nation's highways. This short-term research program addresses four strategic focus areas:

- **Safety** - The role of human behavior in highway safety
- **Renewal** - More efficient highway project delivery
- **Reliability** - Congestion reduction through improved travel time
- **Capacity** - Improved integration of community, economic, and environmental considerations for new highway capacity

SHRP 2 has developed a new multi-agency national TIM training program named National Traffic Incident Management Responder Training. The final pilot course will be conducted in September in Knoxville TN. After this, the training course will be handed over to FHWA for full implementation. This multi-agency training equips responders with a common set of core competencies and assists them in achieving the TIM National Unified Goal (NUG) of strengthening TIM programs in the areas of:

- Responder safety
- Safe, quick clearance
- Prompt, reliable, interoperable communications

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District One's Traffic Incident Management Team (TIM), and the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) Troop F recognized the need for the training in our local area which resulted in our partners from Metric Engineering and Declan Engineering coordinating a four hour SHRP-2 training course to 295 first responders over a two week period this past June 2013 at the Manatee Technical Institute-Criminal Education Center in Bradenton, Florida and to the Swift SunGuide Center in Fort Myers, Florida.

FHWA has set an ambitious target to reach over one million responders over the next ten years with this multi-disciplinary training course. To assist in this goal District One's TIM Team are planning SHRP-2 sessions in the Polk County area and will be looking for first responders from fire, law enforcement, emergency medical services, and other transportation agency partners to

join in the effort to promote “Best Practices” of Traffic Incident Management as National Unified Goal.

For more information please contact Bill Fuller at <mailto:William.fuller@dot.state.fl.us> or call (239) 225.9815.

FDOT Construction Update

Mr. Bill Fuller requested that all TIM Team members make sure they are receiving the District One Weekly Road Watch Reports and to contact him if there were any concerns.

Active Construction:

No updated information was provided by the TIM Team.

Completed Construction:

No updated information was provided by the TIM Team.

Anticipated Future Construction:

No updated information was provided by the TIM Team.

Additional construction information is available on the FDOT Road Watch website located at <http://www.dot.state.fl.us/publicinformationoffice/construc/constmap/d1.shtm>. This resource is updated on a weekly basis.

Future Meetings

The next Polk County TIM Team will be held in October 10, 2013 at the Polk County Sheriff's Office Complex, Procap Room, 1891 Jim Keene Boulevard, Winter Haven, FL 33880.

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.swftim.org/>

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the District One TIM Team Manager, Mr. Bill Fuller at (239) 225-9815 or via email at william.fuller@dot.state.fl.us.