



## Polk County Traffic Incident Management Team

July 14, 2011  
Meeting Minutes

**Attendees:**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Caroline Hamby	FDEP	Gary Millsaps	Delcan
Domenic Letobarone	FDEP	Ted Smith	Delcan
Chris Birosak	FDOT	Charles Stratton	Metric Engineering, Inc.
Bill Fuller	FDOT	Scott Agans	Metric Engineering, Inc.
Gentry Richardson	FDOT	Michael Blaze	Polk County
Michelle Venero	Florida Highway Patrol	Mike McArthur	Stepp's Towing
Kelly Kinney	Florida's Turnpike	Jim Cohen	SWS Environmental
		Dean Empie	Transfield Services

**Call to Order:** The Polk County TIM Team meeting was held on Thursday, July 14, 2011 at 10:00 AM at the University of South Florida Polytechnic, 3433 Winter Lake Road, Lakeland, Florida. Charles Stratton, Bill Fuller, Ted Smith and Gary Millsaps facilitated the meeting.

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

**Agency News:**

**Road Rangers**

Mr. Bill Fuller informed the team that unfortunately over time for the Road Rangers was not provided in the 2010-2011 budgets. Also, the Road Rangers were informed to roll pass FHP traffic stops unless the trooper request assistance. Last, Road Rangers are to perform MOT at every stop and no side by side parking is allowed.

**Towing and Wrecker News**

No updated information was provided by the TIM Team

**Other Agency News**

No updated information was provided by the TIM Team

**Update on TIM Initiatives:**

Mr. Gary Millsaps spoke about the Response, Emergency Staging, Communications, Uniform and Management and Evacuation (R.E.S.U.M.E). Mr. Millsaps explained that the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) is looking at Dynamic Mobility Applications. The USDOT is looking across the entire field of transportation to see how they can use technology today or in the future to improve the transportation industry. One of the programs that resulted from this research is called (R.E.S.U.M.E). Mr. Millsaps explained that there is a shift from

passive interaction between fixed and mobile transportation system entities to connected, interacting entities. There were four main components that the (R.E.S.U.M.E) would help improve the Incident Responder systems. The categories included the following; Emergency Communication and Evacuations, Incident Scene Pre-Arrival Guidance for Emergency Responders, Incident Scene Work Zone Alerts for Drivers and Workers, and Mayday Relay.

### Southern Traffic Incident eXchange (STIX) Program

Mr. Gary Millsaps presented the South Traffic Incident eXchange (STIX) program. Mr. Millsaps stated that the program is part of the I-95 coalition which Florida is a member, as well as states all the way up to Canada. The I-95 Corridor Coalition goals are to “improve mobility for people and goods, enhance safety for all travelers, and improve the economic vitality of the region.” To attain this objective, the Coalition created the Southern Traffic Incident eXchange (STIX) program. ~~STIXThe Southern Region Incident Management Information Exchange Program, referred to as the Southern Traffic Incident eXchange (STIX) Program,~~ was created to develop interstate and major incident notification, information sharing, and coordination across state and other jurisdictional lines. Georgia DOT’s Traffic Management Center located in Atlanta acts as the central location or hub for all STIX information. ~~The GDOT TMC receives and distributes all STIX information as needed. Within the Southern Incident eXchange (STIX) program there is a centralized location for all the vital information. The central communications hub is located at the Atlanta, Georgia’s Transportations Management Center (TMC) where STIX incident information is collected and distributed.~~ The following circumstances with a potential multi-state/regional impact typically qualify as a ~~Southern Traffic Incident eXchange (STIX)~~ STIX incident; Major Incidents, Planned Special Events, and Emergencies. Mr. Millsaps also spoke about the operational protocols and about the reporting procedures. He provided an example of the report that would be submitted to the NaviGator.

To report these significant incidents, contact NaviGator at 1.877.HWY-STIX (877.499.7849) , Email: [STIX@dot.ga.gov](mailto:STIX@dot.ga.gov)

### Strategic Direction for TIM Teams 2011

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 2011 Traffic Incident Management Self-Assessment consisted of a series of 65 questions and included the following categories; tactical, support, and strategic. Mr. Bill Fuller informed the team that the results will be provided at which time three areas of improvement will be identified.

### Hurricane Preparedness

Mr. Bill Fuller kicked off the hurricane season by presenting on Hurricane Preparedness. Mr. Fuller presented several statistics on Hurricanes which are listed below:

#### Hurricanes Predictions of 2011

- 12-18 Named Storms=39mph+
- 6-10 Wantabee Hurricanes= 74mph+
- 3-6 Major Cat 3, 4, 5 = 111mph+
- 70% likely

#### Seasonal Average of Hurricanes

- 11 Named
- 6 Hurricanes
- 2 Major Hurricane

Mr. Fuller also provided a helpful website to help prepare for the hurricane season. The website below provides critical hurricane preparedness for families, children and also small business. The website for children allows kids to have an active role in the hurricane preparedness process and also helps educate. The site also provides tools to small businesses on how to prepare for hurricanes.

<http://www.ready.gov>

Please see below additional helpful sites to help prepare for Hurricanes;

[Scgov.net](http://Scgov.net)

### **Review of Recent Major Incidents**

No major incidents were discussed.

### **FDOT Construction Update**

#### ***Active Construction:***

- No active construction projects were discussed.

#### ***Completed Construction:***

- No active construction projects were discussed.

#### ***Anticipated Future Construction:***

- No active construction projects were discussed.

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

### **Open Forum**

No open forum items were presented.

### **Future Meetings**

The next Polk County TIM Team meeting will be October 13, 2011 at 10:00am at the University of South Florida Polytechnic, 3433 Winter Lake Road, Room LTB 1104, Lakeland, Florida.

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 maybe interested in joining our team! [The TIM Team Website](#)

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](mailto:William.fuller@dot.state.fl.us).