



**Polk County
Traffic Incident Management Team**

April 12, 2018

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Charles Stratton	Metric Engineering, Inc.	Jason McMillan	City of Lakeland
Brandy Boccuti	Metric Engineering, Inc.	Kevin Salsbery	FDOT
Kevin Smith	Parsons	Chris Miller	FHP
Michael Blaze	Polk Co.	Larry Saxon	FL Turnpike
Jamie Fitzgerald	Roy Jorgensen	Phillip Wilhite	Polk Co. Traffic
David Fender	Ret. Professor	Chris Brewington	Brewington's Towing
West Anderson	City of Lakeland	Lawrence Saxon	Turnpike – Ops
Harry Whitney	Polk Co. Road Ranger	Jeff Tobergte	FL DEP

Call to Order: The Polk TIM Team meeting was held on Thursday, April 12, 2018 at 10:00 AM at the Polk County Sheriff's Office Complex, 1891 Jim Keene Boulevard, Winter Haven, FL 33880. Charles Stratton, Kevin Smith, and Brandy Boccuti facilitated the meeting.

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

Agency News:

Road Rangers

No agency updates.

Towing and Wrecker News

No agency updates.

Other Agency News

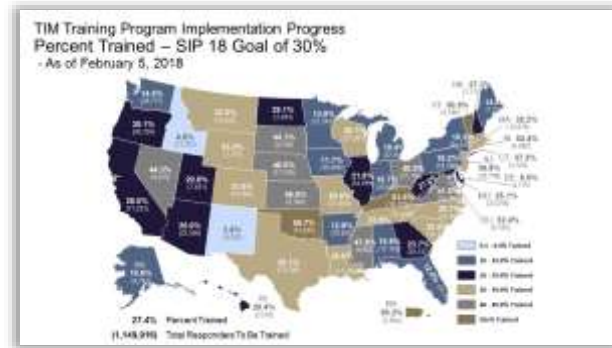
The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Emergency Management informed the team about the implementation of the hard shoulder running throughout the state of Florida which will include only northbound direction. The hard shoulder running will be included on Interstate 4 from Tampa to Orlando and State Road 417 and Interstate 75 from Alligator Alley to the Georgia state line.

Update on TIM Initiatives:

National/State/Regional

Kevin Smith, Parsons Corporation, updated the team on the National Traffic Incident Management (SHRP-2) Implementation Progress as of February 5, 2018.

The National Traffic Incident Management Training (SHRP-2) program is building teams of highly-skilled responders who work together efficiently and effectively from their initial arrival on the incident scene to its investigation and eventual clearance. Developed through the second Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP-2), the training program is a collaborative effort of FHWA, American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), and the Transportation Research Board (TRB). It has been endorsed by the International Association of Police Chiefs, International Association of Fire Chiefs, National Volunteer Fire Council, Towing and Recovery Association of America, and AASHTO.



The Florida Highway Administration (FHWA) has set a goal that 20% of first responders are to be trained in the National TIM Responder Training (SHRP-2). Currently, as of February 5, 2018 Florida is at 12.4%

Many agencies and states are starting to support the training by incorporating it into their curriculum, while others are starting to make the training mandatory. On June 14, 2016, the Towing and Recovery Association of America, Inc. (TRAA) released a press release announcing an initiative to encourage all TRAA members, state towing associations, and their members to host the 4-hour version of the National TIM Responder Training.

To view the full presentation, please visit our TIM team website at: <http://www.swfltim.org/>

Brandy Boccuti, Metric Engineering, informed the team that April is National Distracted Driving Month.

- Every year, about 421,000 people are injured in crashes that have involved a driver who was distracted in some way.
- Each year, over 330,000 accidents caused by texting while driving lead to severe injuries. This means that over 78% of all distracted drivers are distracted because they have been texting while driving.
- Distracted drivers of emergency vehicles were to blame in collisions that killed three Southland residents and injured about 140 others in California over the last two years, according to a state database and local reporting.
- The use of electronic equipment used by first responders, such as in-car computers, was cited as a factor in 48 or just over a quarter of collisions.
- 1 out of 4 car accidents in the US are caused by texting while driving.
- Reading a text message while driving successfully distracts a driver for a minimum of five seconds each time. This means that the chances of an accident occurring while reading a text is extremely high.

To learn more about the campaign, please visit the following website:

<https://www.nsc.org/road-safety/get-involved/distracted-driving-awareness-month>

David Fender, Professor (retired) Department of Occupational Safety and Health Murray State University, presented to the team on Distracted Driving, What Research Shows.

Categories of Distractions:

- Visual - Eyes on what we are doing
- Mechanical - Hands on
- Cognitive - Mind on what we are doing

There are now over 50 research studies documenting the risks of using cell phones while driving. There are many different kinds of studies that have been done: comparisons of crash reports with hospital data, looking for differences in driver behavior in driving simulators, recording real-life driving with in-vehicle cameras where you can see what happened before and during real crashes and near misses, taking pictures of the brain with magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) technology while doing tasks.

- In the 1997 New England Journal of Medicine found that there is a 20% higher rate of cell phone use than the current .08 level used in all states.
- Australia study used cell phone records to verify phone use by drivers involved in crashes. (McEvoy)
- A Canadian study found a four times greater risk of a crash.
- 87% of total US population has a cell phone in 2008. Equals 276 million subscribers
- 1.4 million crashes cause by talking on cell phones

To view the entire presentation along with the case studies, please visit our TIM team website at:

<http://www.swfltim.org/>

Kevin Smith, Parsons Corporation, informed the team about an upcoming training event for Commercial Vehicle Crash Extrication. The training scenarios that will be included in the class are the following types of commercial crashes:

- Overturn crashes
- Override crashes
- Underride crashes
- Crush/displacement entrapment/extrication

The class will focus on topics such as:

- Calculating resistance and lift capacity
- Cribbing and stabilization techniques
- Extrication from sleeper compartments
- Common terminology
- Recommended tool lists

For the 'hands-on' portion of the 2-day class, Towers will need to bring their safety gear and Fire Service will need their complete bunker gear.

TRAINING DETAILS:

Date: May 1-2, 2018 (2-Day Training)

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Where: 13500 Sophomore Lane

Fort Myers, Florida 33912

To register for the event, please click on the following link: <http://www.123formbuilder.com/form-3577893/Stabilization-Of-Commercial>

Charles Stratton, Metric Engineering, informed the team about the National TIM Responder Training Program (1) Hour Refresher which is a online refresher course for the National TIM Responder Training (SHRP-2) Program. The course is for the responders that have already completed the (4) hour class and have received their certificate of completion.

The refresher course is a short 60 minute video that matches the objectives and content of the National TIM Responder Training program. The link <https://timtraining.org/> provides this “refresh” on the National TIM Training. At the conclusion of the video is an opportunity to download a certificate for your own training records.

FDOT Construction Update

Charles Stratton reminded the team that the District 1 RoadWatch construction report is available to all first responders. To view the weekly District 1 RoadWatch construction report, please visit the following website: <http://www.fdot.gov/info/D1/news/newsreleases/default.shtm>

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/D1/news/newsreleases/default.shtm>

Future Meetings:

The next Polk County TIM Team will be July 12, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the Polk County Sheriff's Office Complex, Procap Room, and 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.swfltim.org/>

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Charles Stratton, Metric Engineering, Inc. at (407) 644.1898 or via email at cstratton@metriceng.com or Chris Williams, FDOT District 1 ITS Operations/ TIM TEAM Coordinator/ Road Ranger Program Project Manager at (239) 225.1915 or via email at Chris.Williams@dot.state.fl.us.