



Polk County
Traffic Incident Management Team

January 10, 2019

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
Rory Howe	Parsons	Kevin Salsbery	FDOT
Michael Bissett	Polk Co. Sheriff's Office	Chris Miller	FHP
Michael Blaze	Polk Co.	Larry Saxon	FL Turnpike
Jamie Fitzgerald	Roy Jorgensen	Phillip Wilhite	Polk Co. Traffic
Romona Burke	FDOT	Jeff Tobergte	FL DEP
Cathie McKenzie	Gannett Fleming	Michael Delong	Polk Co. Road Ranger
Heather Cullaton	ARC Towing Service	Tammy Irvin	City of Lakeland
Rick Grube	City of Lakeland	Clay Ryan	Jorgensen C.S
David Howell	HNTB	Eddy Gasset	FDOT - Bartow Ops
Todd Riley	Stepp's Towing	Willie Smith	FDOT - Bartow Ops
Charlie Fountain	Polk Co. Sheriff's Office	Jeffrey Komorowski	FHP

Call to Order: The Polk TIM Team meeting was held on Thursday, January 10, 2019 at 10:00 AM at the Polk County Sheriff's Office Complex, 1891 Jim Keene Boulevard, Winter Haven, FL 33880. Charles Stratton and Rory Howe 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

No agency updates.

Update on TIM Initiatives:

National/State/Regional

Rory Howe, Parsons Corporation, presented responder distracted driving to the team. Ambulances, police cars and other vehicles used by first responders are generally filled with various devices, including cell phones, two-way radios, laptops and GPS units -- all of which can lead to distracted or dangerous driving. While it is true that use of such technology can possibly save lives, the devices might also lead to serious accidents and injuries.

There are a number of devices that can distract first responders. Analysts have found that about 75 percent of police vehicles and 30 percent of ambulances are equipped with computers that are typically used to assist first responders with the emergency at hand. GPS units are also used to help responders reach the emergency more quickly.

As important as computers and GPS units are to responders, they generally are not easy to operate, particularly when traveling at high rates of speed in an effort to reach the emergency in a timely fashion.

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

Charles Stratton, Metric Engineering, informed the team about the 2019 National Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Campaign. The upcoming campaigns will take place February 3rd - Super Bowl Sunday and March 17th - St. Patrick's Day. Every day, almost 29 people in the United States die in alcohol-impaired vehicle crashes—that's one person every 50 minutes in 2016. Drunk-driving fatalities have fallen by a third in the last three decades; however, drunk-driving crashes claim more than 10,000 lives per year.

To learn more about the campaign, please visit the following website: [2018 Campaign](#)

Charles Stratton, Metric Engineering, reviewed with the team the results from the 2018 Self-Assessment and discussed the 2019 areas of focus. It was stated that After Action Reviews of major traffic incidents that did not meet the Open Roads Agreement of 90 minutes or less and outreach to the Fire community will still be a main focus for the team for the upcoming year.

After Action Reviews (AAR) provide agencies with actionable intel on an incident or event that can be used for improved strategies for future occurrences, and help demonstrate the benefit of quick clearance practices and improve cross-agency coordination and communication.

AARs were performed on the following recent major incidents:

12/19/2018

Polk Parkway at Mile Marker 0/Westbound Exit Ramp

RISC Event – Tractor Trailer Overturned

- 1357 FHP Event reported blocking ramp
- 1409 FHP Activated RISC (Professional)
- 1422 TMC Updated Professional on cargo spillage
- 1443 TMC Wreckers on scene
- 1510 TMC NTP
- 1606 TMC Vehicle out of road- another 15 min for clean-up
- 1630 TMC Roadway clearance

- 1643 TMC Incident clearance

12/4/2018

Event Number 829673

I-4 Eastbound at Mile Marker 49

Overtake Pick-Up and Trailer

- 1619 FDOT Crash reported EB (rollover with pickup and trailer in median)
- 1624 FDOT Left lane blocked
- 1813 FDOT No lanes blocked (Roadway clearance)
- 1813 FDOT Congestion cleared

11/11/2018

Event Number 824595

I-4 Westbound at US98

Fatal Crash

- 1656 FHP Crash reported (rollover RV on shoulder, 1 person ejected)
- 1707 FHP Confirmed Fatality
- 1713 FDOT Right lane (1 of 3) blocked
- 1739 FDOT NO lanes blocked
- 1743 FDOT 2 right lanes blocked
- 1753 FHP Webbs (rotation tow) called
- 1852 FHP Webbs on scene
- 2253 FDOT NO lanes blocked (Roadway clearance)
- 2254 FDOT Incident clearance

10/29/2018

Event Number 821969

I-4 Westbound at Mile Marker 34

Vehicle Fire

RISC Event

- 0515 FDOT Vehicle Fire, right lane blocked
- 0518 FDOT Fire on scene, all lanes blocked
- 0543 FDOT RISC Activated (Webbs) @ 0539
- 0633 FDOT One lane open (of 3)
- 0638 FDOT All Webbs equipment on scene (did not call in)
- 0655 FDOT Dave with Webbs says vehicle moved to shoulder, (no NTP given) and fire still has two right lanes closed due to truck still smoldering.
- 0657 FDOT Dave (Webb) advised extra equipment also on scene during call
- 0754 FDOT Webb still cleaning lanes, fire is standing by
- 0808 FDOT Right lane only blocked
- 0951 FDOT NO lanes blocked (roadway clearance)
- 0959 FDOT FHP cleared
- 1111 FDOT Asset Manager cleared
- 1158 FDOT Webb's Towing cleared (Incident clearance)

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 April 11, 2019 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.