



Polk County Traffic Incident Management Team

April 15, 2010
Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Henry Hays	511 Tampa	Vicky Mixon	Global-5
Bruce Hutcheson	DBI Services	Darren Dewitt	ICA
Ted Smith	Delcan Corporation	Rick Grube	Lakeland, City of
Domenic Letobarone	FDEP	Shawna Slate	Metric Engineering, Inc.
Ramona Burke	FDOT	Charles Stratton	Metric Engineering, Inc.
Chris Birozak	FDOT	Michael Blaze	Polk County
Kevin Salsbery	FDOT	Dean Empie	Transfield Services
Allan Carter	FHP	Cathy McKenzie	Vanus Group
David Tilki	FTE		

Call to Order: The Polk County TIM Team meeting was held on Thursday, April 15, 2010 at 10:00 AM at the University of South Florida Polytechnic, 3433 Winter Lake Road, Lakeland, Florida. Charles Stratton and Ted Smith facilitated the meeting.

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

Update on TIM Initiatives:

Newsletter

Charles encouraged all attendees to verify and update, if necessary, all of the contact information on the sign-in sheet in order to ensure that all attendees will receive the newsletters or any TIM related email news.

511 Next Generation

Ms. Vicky Mixon of Global-5, Inc. provided a presentation regarding 511. Presentation materials will be available on the TIM Team website located at <http://www.swfltim.org>.

Tampa Bay & SWIFT SunGuide Center

Chris Birozak reported that the grand opening of the SWIFT SunGuide Center occurred on January 19, 2010. Operationally, things are running smoothly to date, with the minor exception of 511 glitches during the transferring the data entry to the Center. Repairs are currently underway to correct those glitches and data will be posted for the time period that the system wasn't fully operational. The 511 functionality in the Polk County area will still be maintained by the Tampa Bay SunGuide Center.

Road Rangers

A survey regarding the Road Rangers was recently distributed to all first responders. Chris Birosak reported that the collected information has been tabulated and once the final report is compiled, the final results will be published to the website. Chris also reported that District I had the most responses, and thanked everyone for their participation. Feedback was positive.

Towing and Wrecker News

PWOF is hosting the 2010 Florida Tow Show® at the Hilton Hotel located in the Walt Disney World Resort April 15, 2010 through April 18, 2010. Further information can be found at <http://floridatowshow.com>.

The 2010 Florida Independent Tow Show was held at the State Fairgrounds in Tampa March 25, 2010 through March 28, 2010.

Training

The TIM Team watched the third module of the video *TIME4 Safety*, and the team will continue to view one module per TIM meeting. Additionally, copies of the video are being made available to any agency interested. To obtain a copy, interested parties can contact Chris Birosak via email at Chirs.Birosak@dot.state.fl.us

Other National, State, and Regional Items to Note:

The State of Washington has begun using a program similar to RISC in the larger metropolitan areas, that they call *BlockBuster*. Washington is encountering problems with their program, where they had "grandfathered" those heavy-duty towing and recovery firms already on their rotation lists. By not having these towing operators re-qualify, the problems they had hoped to avoid by going with this program continue in some situations.

Additionally in Washington, Ted discussed a series of agreements between the Department of Transportation and the State Patrol called Joint Operational Policy Statement (JOPS). The most recent addition to JOPS is a training requirement quarterly with all responder personnel.

More publications are surfacing regarding the use of cellular devices while operating a vehicle. The newest study conducted by the University of Utah in conjunction with the National Safety Council concluded after extensive testing that only 2.5% of those tested were able to maintain safe operation while conducting telephone calls on a hands-free device. 97.5% had some sort of impairment (reaction time delays, recognition, gap between vehicles, etc.). Currently, 27 states have adopted legislation prohibiting the use of hand-held cellular devices.

Some research has also begun to be published regarding the use of the computer screens and other instruments installed in emergency response vehicles and the distractions associated with their use.

The I-95 Corridor Coalition released results of a study of named *Traffic Incident Management Teams Best Practice Report*. This is an extensive review and report on the best practices of TIM Teams along the corridor. This study lists the Statewide TIM initiatives, and many specifically related to District I in many of the best practices. A copy of the report will be available on the TIM Team website located at <http://www.swfltim.org>.

A pilot training program regarding traffic incident management by Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP II) will be happening in the near future in Atlanta, Georgia. This training program may be the precursor to a nationwide certification.

Review of Recent Major Incidents

Charles stated that more emphasis will be placed on the review of incidents in the upcoming meetings. Ted emphasized the learning and training values of reviewing major incidents.

Members present briefly discussed a few of the minor glitches they are experiencing with incident response, including communication and nighttime camera viewing capabilities.

Presentation

Mr. Ted Smith of Delcan Corporation provided a presentation regarding *Secondary Crashes*. Presentation materials will be available on the TIM Team website located at <http://www.swftim.org>.

Strategic Direction for TIM Teams 2010

As a part of the TIM in '10 Initiative, the North Florida TPO has partnered with law enforcement, fire rescue, transportation and towing entities in north Florida to jointly develop a module-based training DVD and handbook named *TIMe4 Safety*. This training contains five modules, approximately five to ten minutes in length. Topics include Traffic Control, Scene Safety, and Incident Management. The TIM in '10 Initiative goal is to have every responder go through this video and text-book training.

Additionally in 2010, more interaction between Team members is desired. This can be achieved by utilizing the many resources available on the TIM Team website located at <http://www.swftim.org>.

FDOT Construction Update

Active Construction:

- No Active Construction projects were discussed.

Completed Construction:

- No Completed Construction projects were discussed.

Anticipated Future Construction:

- No Future Construction projects were discussed.

Additional construction information is available on the FDOT website located at <http://www.dot.state.fl.us/publicinformationoffice/construc/constmap/d1.shtm>.

Open Forum

No open forum items were presented.

Future Meetings

The next Polk County TIM Team meeting will be July 15, 2010 at the University of South Florida Polytechnic, 3433 Winter Lake Road, Lakeland, Florida. **Reminder newsletters will be published in mid-May 2010.**