



Polk County
Traffic Incident Management Team

July 14, 2022

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Brandy Boccuti	Metric Engineering, Inc.	Michael Bissett	Auto Base
Tom Arsenault	Metric Engineering, Inc.	Emmanuel Garcia	Ferrovia Services
Cathie McKenzie	FDOT D7	Eric Womack	Winter Haven PD
Ray Mikol	TMC/HNTB	Mike Delong	Road Ranger
Larry Saxon	Florida Turnpike	Bruce Bailey	FDOT
Antonio Gutierrez	Ferrovia Services	Paul Keller	FDOT

Call to Order: The Polk TIM Team meeting was held on Thursday, July 14, 2022 at 10:00 AM at the Polk County Sheriff's Office, East Region Command, 3635 Avenue G NW, Winter Haven, FL 33880. Tom Arsenault and Brandy Boccuti facilitated the meeting.

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

Agency News:

Road Rangers

The team was informed that the Road Rangers will be receiving a pay increase to \$20 hour when their contract renews.

Towing and Wrecker News

No agency updates

Other Agency News

Cathie McKenzie, FDOT District 7 TMC, informed the team of two new hires for District 7 which include the new Operations Manager and the TIM Program Manager. Additional information and introduction of the new hires will be provided to the team in upcoming meetings.

Additionally, FDOT District 7 informed the team of several initiatives to help improve safety for their Road Ranger program. The PI-LIT® Smart Sequential Road Flare have been incorporated. The system will also notify approaching traffic via WAZE of Road Rangers ahead. The LED Vest have been incorporated into the Road Ranger team. Lastly, the Guardian Angel's rechargeable wearable safety lights devices, with LED strobe and beacon have been incorporated on the Road Ranger's apparel while working along the highways.

Polk County Sheriff's Office informed the team for the last 18 months the agency has enforced the Aggressive Driving Initiative which has resulted in an estimated 10,000 stops and 475 citations of drivers aggressively speeding over 100 mph.

Ferrovial Services requested that Law Enforcement to stay on scene until all cones are removed and they are able to safely leave the scene. Additionally, the agency requested that if there is an incident that occurs along the roadway and there is damage to property, such as guardrails, that a sticker with incident details be left at the scene.

Update on TIM Initiatives:

Tom Arsenault, Metric Engineering, reminded the team about the purpose of the TIM Meeting.

- TIM is the coordinated detection, response to and removal of traffic incidents as quickly and safely as possible. TIM is a coordinated effort among multiple agencies.
- The primary purpose of TIM is to reduce the duration and impact of incidents as well as to improve the safety of motorists and most importantly our incident responders.
- The TIM Meeting is to help prop up the communication, coordination and collaboration among our incident responders.

Chris Mauser, Skydio, presented to the team on Unmanned Aircraft Vehicle (UAV) drones and how they can be incorporated into traffic management. Additionally, a live demonstration was provided to the team. To view the full presentation, please visit the FDOT District One TIM Team website at: www.swfltim.com

Tom Arsenault, Metric Engineering, provided the Road Ranger performance statistics.

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

AARs were performed on the following recent major incidents:

05/13/2022

I-4 Eastbound Mile Marker 46

Event Numbers: 1165694/1165695

Tractor Trailer Crash



Incident Details:

- Non-RISC Event
- FHP requested Webb's Towing for recovery operations
- Tractor Trailer went through guard wire
- Notification 1:57 am
- Confirmation 2:00 am
- Arrivals:
 - 2:02 am – FHP, County Sheriff & County Fire
 - 2:28 am – EMS
 - 2:34 am – Ferrovia
 - 4:49 am - Tow
- Departures:
 - 5:28 am –County Fire
 - 5:40 am – EMS
 - 7:30 am – County Sheriff
 - 7:59 am – Tow
 - 8:03 am – FHP & Ferrovia
- Clearance Time 08:02 am
- Roadway Clearance: 362 minutes
- Incident Clearance: 363 minutes
- Open Roads: Total blockage time 362 minutes

4/08/2022

I-4 Eastbound beyond CR-557

Event Numbers: 1157457/1157458

Fatality Crash



Incident Details:

- Fatality crash
- One vehicle rolled over
- No Road Ranger coverage at time
- Asset manager assisted Maintenance of Traffic
- Notification and Confirmation 7:33 pm
- Arrivals:
 - 7:43 pm – County Sheriff & Local Fire
 - 7:59 pm – EMS
 - 8:06 pm - Ferrovial
- Departures 12:31 am – County Sheriff, Local Fire, EMS. and Ferrovial
- Clearance 12:30 am
- Roadway Clearance 297 minutes
- Incident Clearance 298 minutes
- Open Roads Total Blockage Time 297 minutes

FDOT Construction Update

The team was provided recent construction updates. The FDOT District 1 Roadwatch construction report is available to all first responders by visiting www.swflroads.com/ or calling (239) 225-1900.

Future Meetings:

The next Polk County TIM Team will be October 13, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

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 Brandy Boccuti, Metric Engineering, Inc. at (407) 949-4283 or via email at brandy.boccuti@metriceng.com