



Polk County Traffic Incident Management Team

January 13, 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.	Kevin Salsbery	FDOT
Robbie Brown	FDOT	Luis Herandez	RTMC/HNTB
Raul Corbo	Anchor Towing/Road Ranger	Chris Miller	FHP
Jessica Ogden	FDOT D7	Richard Tucker	Ferrovia Services
Cathie McKenzie	FDOT D7	Marsha Marcella	FDOT
Ray Mikol	TMC/HNTB	Emmanuel Garcia	Ferrovia Services
Larry Saxon	Florida Turnpike	Cindy Sharp	Lakeland Police Department
James Barr	Ferrovia Services	Jason McMillan	City of Lakeland TMC
Sam Taylor	FDOT D7	Shana Durham	Durham, Shana

Call to Order: The Polk County TIM Team meeting was held virtually on Thursday, January 13, 2022 at 10:00 AM. Tom Arsenault and Brandy Boccuti facilitated the meeting.

Introductions: The team members provided their name and agency in the chat box for introductions and meeting attendance record.

Brandy Boccuti informed the team that the virtual TIM Team meeting is being provided to the TIM Team stakeholders to allow the opportunity to connect safely during this COVID19 time.

Additionally, the virtual meeting guidelines were reviewed with the team to help the meeting run more smoothly.

Agency News:**Road Rangers**

No agency updates

Towing and Wrecker News

No agency updates

Other Agency News

Cathie McKenzie, FDOT District 7 TMC, informed the team about the recent Road Ranger that was stuck by a vehicle while working along the roadway. The team was reminded of the importance of safety and being aware of surroundings while working a traffic scene.

Additionally, the team was informed that FDOT District D7 TMC tracks all Wrong-Way-Driver (WWD) incidents and uses the information as a tool in regard to concentration on specific area(s) with high WWD incidents and the need for WWD countermeasure tools.

Jason McMillan, City of Lakeland Traffic Operations, informed the team of the install of signals on SR 33/Exit 38 on I-4 which will incorporate both eastbound and westbound ramps to be signalized.

Larry Saxon, Florida Turnpike, updated the team on the following Polk Parkway updates:

- Construction on Polk Parkway will take place in between Pace Road and Old Dixie Highway that will turn the 2-lane highway into a 4-lane highway.
- Repaving from Pace Road to Mile Marker 22.
- Repaving from Old Dixie Highway to US 92
- Conversion of the Polk Parkway to an all-electronic tolling system by 2024.

Update on TIM Initiatives:

Brandy Boccuti, Metric Engineering, informed the team about the upcoming virtual training for the National Traffic Incident management (SHRP2) Training which will take place January 27, 2022. The registration link to sign up for the training was provided to the team.

The training was developed *BY RESPONDERS - FOR RESPONDERS*, with the objective that nationally, responders acquire a common set of core competencies that promote a shared understanding of the requirements for achieving the safety of responders and motorists, quick response, and effective communications at traffic incident scenes.

The National Traffic Incident Management Responder Training is endorsed by the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the International Association of Fire Chiefs, and the National Volunteer Fire Council.

Participants received a National TIM Responder Training certificate from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) after completing the training.

Some of the topics include:

- Notification and Scene Size-Up
- Safe Vehicle Positioning
- Command Responsibilities
- Traffic Management
- Clearance and Termination

Luis Hernandez, D1 SWIFT SunGuide, presented to the team on the TMC performance measures.

Tom Arsenault, Metric Engineering, provided a training session on Wrong Way Drivers (WWD). The Florida Department of Transportation has two ways of being notified of a WWD. Traffic Vision and Blink Link.

When a WWD is detected, several activations occur.

- Emails are sent to the on-duty Operators.
- Those contain a screen shot which includes the location and time.
- An event is started, and a Message is posted on DMS "Wrong Way Driver Reported Use Caution". Radius of 15 Miles in each direction.
- If the WWD is verified the TMC notifies FHP.

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:

10/8/2021- 1106911/1106915

Police Activity/Bomb Threat

I-4 EB at MM-40



Incident Details/Lessons Learned:

- Traffic detoured off at SR-33/Exit 38
- Driver advised FHP she had a bomb in her vehicle. Multiple agencies (including bomb squad) assisted with securing the scene and opening up the roadway as soon as possible.
- FHP, Lakeland PD, Walsh, RR P101, and P102 assisted
- Total blockage time: 1 hour 18 minutes

11/20/2021 – 1116072/1117095

Located on I-4 EB at Champions Gate



Incident Details/Lessons Learned:

- Debris spill results in emergency roadwork
- The silicone roof sealant from a semi carrying 25+ 5 gallon containers spilled into the road.
- The silicone had absorbed into the asphalt and the lanes had to be milled three days later.
- The MOT set up at nighttime was a good example protecting the scene.
- There was a discussion during the incident in regard to District 5 or District 7 handling the cleanup. With District 7 having Ferrovia Services, asset maintenance contractor in place the decision of District 7 handling the incident was put in place.
- The extensive damage caused long road closures for both cleanup and repairs.
- FHP, FDOT Maintenance, Ferrovia, and RR P-102 assisted
- Total blockage time for initial incident: 5 hours 22 minutes
- Total blockage time for secondary roadwork incident: 9 hours 15 minutes

10/18/21 - 1109323

I-4 WB beyond SR-559



Incident Details/Lessons Learned:

- Patrol Car Crash
- Traffic was detoured off at SR-559
- A motorcycle collided with the back of a FHP patrol car. This resulted in (1) confirmed fatality of the motorcycle driver.
- With the incident involving a fatality the incidents require longer closure time to allow for investigation.
- The District will work with local agencies during long lane closures or diversion routes around the incident area.
- FHP, Ferrovia, and Fire Rescue, assisted
- Total blockage time: 7 hours 16 minutes

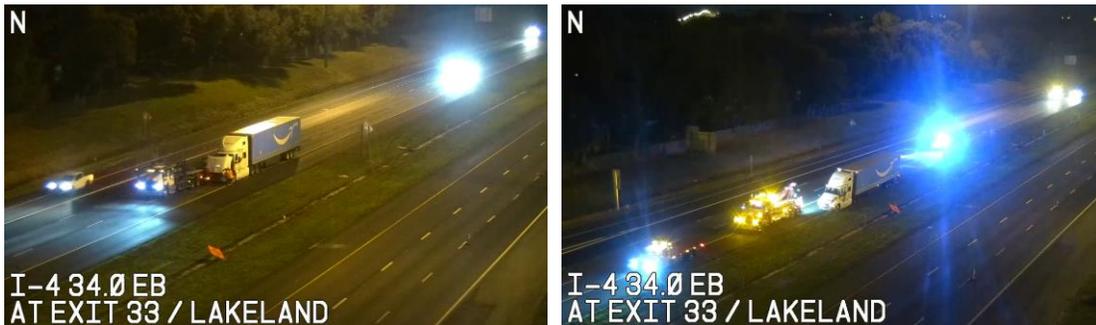
10/23/21 – 1110225
I-4 EB at MM-36



Incident Details/Lessons Learned:

- Single vehicle rollover fatality crash
- A lane was left open to allow traffic to flow past incident.
- With the incident involving a fatality the incidents require longer closure time to allow for investigation
- County sheriff, Ferrovial, local fire, and EMS assisted.
- Total blockage time: 4 hours 41 minutes

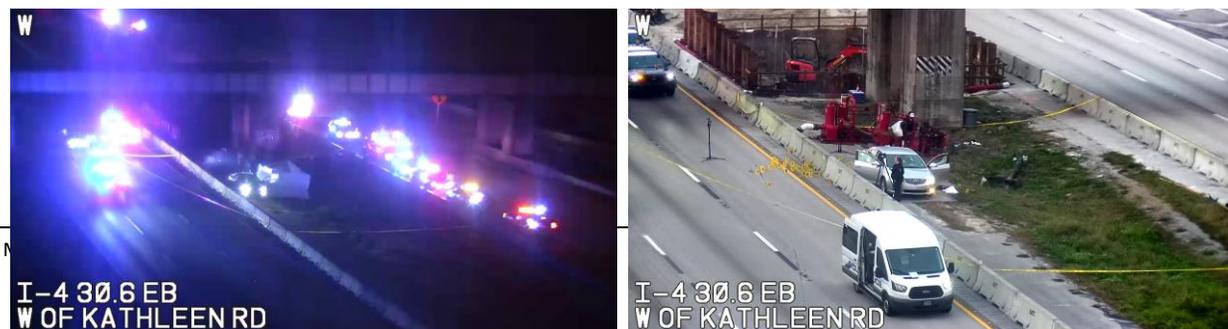
11/12/21 - 1114885
I-4 WB before US-98



Incident Details/Lessons Learned:

- Tractor Trailer Crash
- The incident was a good example of good communication
- Amazon tractor trailer struck the back of a empty car hauler
- FHP, EMS, and Ferrovial assisted
- Total blockage time: 1 hours 55 minutes

11/28/21 -1118110/1118111
I-4 EB/WB at Kathleen Rd



Incident Details/Lessons Learned:

- Suspicious vehicle resulted in a shooting
- Law enforcement approached a suspicious vehicle located in the median of I-4 at Kathleen Rd. As the vehicle was approached, shots were fired. This resulted in one fatality of the driver of the vehicle. All EB/WB lanes were shut down for an investigation.
- FHP, Lakeland PD, Local Fire, EMS, and Ferrovial assisted.
- Total blockage time:
 - Eastbound direction - 6 hours 53 minutes
 - Westbound direction - 4 hours 26 minutes

12/09/21 - 1120729
I-4 WB before US-27



Incident Details/Lessons Learned:

- A possible domestic dispute as a result of a crash.
- The driver of a white VW that was stopped in the middle of the road (due to a crash) fled on foot. As a result of the suspicions that the car was involved in additional suspicious activities, numerous agencies held investigations which prolonged the roadway from opening in a timely manner.
- FHP, County Fire, Ferrovial and RR P-102 assisted
- Total blockage time: 5 hours 48 minutes

12/10/21 - 1120878
I-4 WB at MM-41



Incident Details/Lessons Learned:

- Tractor Trailer Crash
- FHP, Ferrovial and RR P-102 assisted
- Total blockage time: 3 hours 52 minutes

FDOT Construction Update

The team was reminded 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: www.swflroads.com/

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.swflroads.com/>

Future Meetings:

The next Polk County TIM Team will be April 14, 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