



Polk County Traffic Incident Management Team

April 11, 2024
Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: The Polk TIM Team meeting was held on Thursday, April 11, 2024, at 10:00 AM at the Polk County Sheriff's Office Complex, 1891 Jim Keene Boulevard, Winter Haven, FL 33880. Tom Arsenault and Brandy Boccuti facilitated the meeting.

Introductions: The team members introduced themselves and the agencies they present.

Agency News:

Road Rangers

The team was reminded that the Road Ranger shift was added on I-4 between 7:00 PM – 3:00 AM.

Towing and Wrecker News

The team was informed of the April 2024 Tow Show that will take place in Orlando, Florida April 2024. To learn more, please visit the following website: <https://floridatowshow.com/>

Other Agency News

Law Enforcement informed the team they are currently understaffed.

The team was informed that the State Road 557 Interchange Project and the State Road 620 Project are currently being completed.

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.

Tom Arsenault, Metric Engineering, presented to the team on, The First 15 Minutes at Roadway Incidents are Crucial.

- If the needed resources are called in early, it will decrease clearance times and minimize exposure to roadside hazards for both responders and the public.
- Communicating the proper incident needs will ensure the proper operations will be carried

out and the needed resources will be available.

- Setting up a traffic incident management area properly and early on will reduce the chance of a secondary incident.

To view the full presentation, please visit the FDOT District One TIM Team website at: www.swfltim.com

Updates to Transfer I-4 and I-275 from District Seven to District One.

- Awaiting official approval from executive leadership
- 2025 Implementation
- Event Chronological reporting will be handled in District One
- FHP will have access to the cameras.
- District Seven will not move cameras if District One is currently using.
- Asset Maintenance coordination will be handled by District One

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:

12/26/2023

Westbound I-4 West of Mile Marker 41

3 Vehicle Crash



Incident Details:

- 3:42 AM Initial Notification
- 3:46 AM Inside Lane Blocked
- 3:51 AM LPD On Scene One/Entrapped
- 4:11 AM Only Center Lane Open
- 5:41 AM E.R. Advised Very Critical
- On 1/25/24 Subject was Pronounced Deceased
- 7:25 AM All Lanes Open
- Duration 223 Minutes

1/27/24

Eastbound I-4 West of SR-33
Two Vehicle Crash/ Fatal



Incident Details:

- 312:28 AM Initial Notification
- 12:30 AM Subj Not Breathing
- 12:39 AM Camera Shows EMS On Scene
- 1:04 AM All Traffic Getting off at SR-33
- 1:18 AM EMS Advised Subj Deceased
- 6:30 AM All Lanes Open
- Total Duration 362 Minutes

12/20/2023

Cooking Oil Spill
Westbound I-4 Beyond CR-582



Incident Details:

- 9:48 AM Initial Notification
- 9:51 AM Right 2 Lanes Blocked
- 9:56 AM RR On Scene
- 9:57 AM EMS & Fire Depart
- 10:45 AM Webber on Scene
- 11:43 AM RR Departs
- 1:37 PM Per RR The spill is cooking oil.

- 2:23 PM Tow Departs
- 2:51 PM All Lanes Open
- Duration 303 Minutes

FDOT Construction Update

The team was provided with recent construction updates. The FDOT District 1 weekly construction updates are also available to all first responders by request to Janella Newsome, FDOT, Janella.Newsome@dot.state.fl.us or by calling (863) 519-2828.

Future Meetings:

The next Polk County TIM Team will be July 11, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting Adjourned

*The list of attendees is attached to these meeting minutes.

As always, please continue to visit the TIM Team website for updates, and 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

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