

Polk County Traffic Incident Management Team

April 13, 2023 Meeting Minutes

<u>Call to Order</u>: The Polk TIM Team meeting was held on Thursday, April 13, 2023, 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 Road Ranger performance measures were provided to the team.

Towing and Wrecker News

Towing informed the team of the upcoming 2023 Tow Show taking place 13-16, 2023. To learn more about the event, please visit the following website: https://floridatowshow.com/events/

Other Agency News

Law Enforcement informed the team of the Click It or Ticket campaign for the month of May.

Kevin Salsbery, FDOT, informed the team that they are currently preparing for the upcoming 2023 Hurricane season.

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.

Larry Saxon, Florida Turnpike, presented to the team two videos of Road Ranger vehicles being struck as a lesson learned and a reminder for responder safety while working along the highways.

Russell Vega, MD, Chief Medical Examiner for District Twelve, presented to the team "Medical Examiners Roles, Responsibilities and Standard Operation Procedures, During Traffic Incidents."

Goals/priorities of a Medical Examiner and TIM Responders

- Similarities:
 - Safety of those involved, including living victims and all responders.
 - Understanding the nature of the crash or incident.
 - o Preserving/maintaining evidence pertaining to the events.
 - Correct identification of all parties (especially deceased victims.)

The sooner the first responders gather the information that the Medical Examiner needs and contact them, the sooner they can move forward together.

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:

03/06/2023 I-4 Eastbound Near Exit 38



Incident Details:

- Semi vs. Pedestrian
- 3:25 AM TMC Notified
- 3:30 AM Right EB Lane Blocked
- 3:33 AM 2 Right Lanes Blocked
- 3:35 AM Per FHP Pedestrian vs. Semi
- 3:51 AM All Lanes Blocked
- 7:38 AM All Lanes Still Closed
- 7:55 AM All Lanes Open
- 270 Minutes Duration

03/09/2023 I-4 Westbound Near Mile Marker 53



Incident Details:

- Multi-Vehicle Crash with Fatality
- 9:35 PM TMC Notified / Sheriff on Scene
- 10:00 PM Confirmed Fatal
- 10:05 PM All Lanes Blocked
- 10:15 PM Per Foot Pursuit of V1 Driver
- 2:46 AM Right Lane Blocked
- 2:53 AM All Lanes Open
- 318 Minutes Duration

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, <u>Janella.Newsome@dot.state.fl.us</u> or by calling (863) 519-2828.

Future Meetings:

The next Polk County TIM Team will be July 13, 2023 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 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

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