



Polk County
Traffic Incident Management Team

October 12, 2023

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: The Polk TIM Team meeting was held on Thursday, October 12, 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 team was informed that the Road Ranger trucks now carry the programable flares. Additionally, a Road Ranger shift has been added on I-4 between 7:00 PM – 3:00 AM.

Towing and Wrecker News

Towing informed the team of their concern of incidents that qualify for the Rapid Incident Scene Clearance not being implemented.

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.

Alisha Cody, Orlando Health, presented to the team on the role and coordination of medical flight during traffic incidents. Air Methods Corporation is a leading air medical services provider that plays a crucial role in responding to incidents on highways. They operate a fleet of helicopters and fixed-wing aircraft equipped with medical equipment and highly trained medical professionals. Their rapid response capability helps in transporting critically ill or injured individuals from highway

incidents to medical facilities swiftly, providing essential care during transit.

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
- 2024 Early Spring/Summer 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:

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I-4 Eastbound 25.7 at County Line Road



Incident Details:

- Multiple Rollover Crash
- 9:13 AM Event located on CCTV.
- 9:13 AM Lef Lane blocked.
- 9:22 AM 3 Lanes of 4 lanes blocked.
- 9:25 AM all lanes closed.
- 11:29 AM All lanes Open
- Total Closure Time 2 Hours and 16 Minutes

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I-4 Eastbound West of 10th Street**Incident Details:**

- Vehicle vs. cable Barrier
- 10:50 AM Event found on CCTV.
- 10:50 AM 2 Left lanes blocked.
- 12:20 PM All lanes open
- Total closure time 1 hour and 30 minutes

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I-4 Eastbound West of 10th Street**Incident Details:**

- Vehicle vs. Tractor-Trailer
- 14:47 PM Event found on CCTV.
- 14:47 PM Entry ramp right lane blocked.
- 15:45 All lanes open
- Total Closure Time 59 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 January 9, 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 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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