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Upcoming Events:

Next TIM Team Meeting
Thursday, **October 13 2022**
10:00 am

Polk County Sheriff's Office
1891 Jim Keene Boulevard
Winter Haven, FL 33880



Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Impaired Driving National Enforcement Mobilization

August 17, 2022 — September 5, 2022



Every year, Florida law enforcement agencies join the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and other law enforcement agencies nationwide to address the dangers of impaired driving through "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" enforcement mobilizations. They are out in full force cracking down on one of the most dangerous and all too often committed – yet preventable – of crimes (impaired driving). Florida law enforcement and highway safety professionals are working to help reduce the number of impaired drivers on our roads and save lives. By increasing Florida enforcement efforts and raising public awareness through local and social media they can make a difference. Impaired driving has become a serious safety epidemic in our country. To learn more and to download campaign materials to highlight campaign within your agency, please visit the

National Highway Traffic Safety Institute at: <https://www.nhtsa.gov/risky-driving/distracted-driving>

Web-Based Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Training Certificate

Through a special agreement with the Federal Highway Administration, the Responder Safety Learning Network (RSLN) offers a National TIM Training Certificate for registered users who complete ten specific RSLN online self-paced programs.

To earn credit for each program, participants must view the program in its entirety and pass the Skills Challenge test. Once the participant earns credit for all ten programs, they will be able to download a special certificate that is the equivalent of completing the National Traffic Incident Management Responder Training Program.

When participants have completed all the programs, they will receive a National TIM Training Certificate.

The ten RSLN programs required for the National TIM Training Certificate are:

- Advance Warning and Transition Areas Standard Operations Procedures
- Blocking Procedures at Roadway Incidents
- High Visibility Innovations
- Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD)
- Move it or Work It
- PPE & Emergency Lighting
- Vehicle Fires
- Special Hazards
- Termination
- Incident Command and Management

To learn more, please visit the following website: <https://www.respondersafety.com>



On Board Road Ranger Camera Program in FDOT District One



Earlier this year Transportation Systems Management and Operations (TSM&O) staff in District One had the vision to bring live High-Definition video streams to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Regional Traffic Management Center (RTMC). The goal was to deploy cameras mounted at the top of Road Ranger vehicles that could be accessed like any other roadside device in the SunGuide program which is used by RTMC operators. The collaboration of this innovative program was lead by Justin Merritt, DOT ES-IV, David Burnside, TransCore, and Road Ranger staff which worked through all the trial and errors to bring a successful Ranger Mobile Cam (RMC) solution to FDOT District One and its staff.

The camera was installed on Road Ranger Truck 111. The RTMC uses a cell modem with FirstNet Cell service to communicate securely back to the RTMC. Dispatch can then view the live stream video of all incidents as if they were on the scene themselves. The camera can be turned 360 degrees to go up and down. It is activated when the Road Ranger raises the arrow board on the Road Ranger Truck. Those with access to SunGuide then can click on the camera in this case called RMC111 and view the action live. The images to the right is from a Road Ranger truck while out on scene of an incident.

This effort should help properly alert en-route responders as well as assist them in dispatching proper equipment without any delays. Expectation is to help shorten response times of responders, including any extra required recovery equipment.

The new model comes in a rugged aluminum IP66 -40° to +65°C enclosure that is low profile and weighs under 2kg. An order has been placed to add Rugged PTZ Cameras mounted on the top of all the Road Ranger Trucks. The program has been very successful and well received. The following statements were made when asked about the new program:

Robbie Brown, FDOT District One ITS Operations Manager, stated, "TMC Operators and FHP dispatch 360 degrees on-scene coverage of an event enabling them to provide accurate support to assist the Road Rangers and traveling public."

Justin Merritt, FDOT District One ES-IV, stated, "We couldn't have brought this idea to fruition without the help of our Road Ranger Program Manager Tom Arsenault and support from our District Management. Thank you to all that played a part in this project's success. We truly have a great team here in District One."

Ray Mikol, FDOT District One RTMC Assistant Manager, stated, "This additional CCTV mounted on Safety Service Patrol vehicles has proven invaluable as an incident management tool for areas where our traditional camera coverage is not ideal. The CCTV will also provide and additional method of ensuring that all responders on scene of an incident are safe."

Elise D Hodges, State Law Enforcement Dispatch Supervisor for Florida Highway Patrol stated, "The Road Ranger mounted cameras allow for a more in-depth on-scene view of closures and scene safety."

Article submitted by Tom Arsenault, Metric Engineering, Inc.



T I M TEAM WEBSITE!

www.swfltim.org

The Polk County TIM Team is committed to implementing the Quick Clearance principles of Florida's Open Roads Policy through the "3 Cs" of TIM: Communication, Cooperation and Coordination, and providing the public with the best real-time Motorist Information available. Team membership draws from state, regional, and local transportation agencies, public safety providers, and other organizations and companies that service the traveling public. The Teams, sponsored by the FDOT, meet bi-monthly.

Mission

The TIM Team Program brings together all agencies involved in clearing the roadway crashes with the objective of improving detection, verification, response, and clearance times to expeditiously remove a motor vehicle crash or incident from the roadway while providing the best real-time information to motorists, resulting in a safer highway environment for both incident responders and motorists

