



SEFRTOC MEETING MINUTES

Date: November 18, 2009 (9:30am – 11:00am)
Location: District 4 SMART SunGuide TMC
Call in: 866-203-6896 / 8268629

ATTENDEES

Name	Agency	Name	Agency
Alex Mirones	D4	Jerry Cosme	MDX
Bob Murphy	D4		
Dee McTague	D4		
Jim Hilbert	FTE via phone		
John Easterling	FTE via phone		
Shayla Khalilahmadi	D6		
Helena White	PB Smart SunGuide		
Catherine Werner	Jorgensen-595		

MINUTES

➤ SEFRTOC Stats (Helena)

- October stats reviewed and discussed. Helena stated a review of the interagency incidents found that during 2009 there were approximately 100 to 150 interagency incidents compared to 2008 where there were 150 to 250 interagency incidents. Although there was an increase need for DMS activation from partner agency for District 6, MDX and 595, the overall numbers have decreased. Helena will do a historical review of the data and have them available for the January 2010 meeting.

➤ 511/FLATIS

- It is unknown from the group if there had been any quarterly updates from LogicTree regarding FLATIS. The 511 group provided to LogicTree information regarding locations, lane blockage, etc. and apparently that information has yet to be updated. Some changes have been made to the website and to the front end of the IVR. Alex suggested that continued fine tuning be done to the website, but it is not expected anytime soon.
- The naming convention on Florida Turnpikes CCTV's has been changed due inconsistency in the order of the cameras and numerous complaints from motorist. The cameras will now be named by mile marker and cross street.



- The group discussed the prompt on the 511 system giving motorists the option to report accidents, disabled vehicle, etc. It had already been recommended by the 511 working group that the prompt be removed since there is no 511 operator capable of taking real-time information and it is not possible for partner operation staff to respond quickly enough to the respond to the 511 feedback.

➤ **STIX**

- Jerry Cosme brought up a recent meeting the MDX and District 6 had with the team from the Southern Traffic Incident Exchange (STIX). The STIX program was developed by I-95 Corridor Coalition to assist with state to state coordination of large scale events. District 4 had already been involved with communicating with STIX regarding the fires closing I-75. The group felt that most of the time it would not be necessary to involve another group such a distance from South Florida. It also felt that messaging for events hundreds of miles away would not be beneficial and probably would be confusing to motorists. Instead a statewide floodgate message to 511 would be clearer and more helpful.

➤ **Floodgate Messaging for SEFRTOC Partners**

- The group discussed adding Floodgate Messaging protocol to the SEFRTOC SOG. Currently, if needed, partner TMC are assisting with providing Spanish speaking operators for floodgate messaging for those TMC's that may not have an available Spanish speaking person. District 4 has already developed and made available to other districts a Spanish speaking operator schedule to assist with floodgate messages. Dee suggested as an action item that all the SEFRTOC partners create a schedule of available Spanish speaking operators. This would allow for all the partner TMC's to be involved in the process and not put the burden on one TMC. A decision will be made in the future regarding the SOG protocol.

➤ **Adoption of Congestion Messaging into SEFRTOC SOG**

- The group adapted the recommended congestion messaging protocol and it will be added to the SOG.

➤ **Superbowl Updates**

- No specific updates or information has been provided as of yet. The specific Superbowl information will probably be provided closer to the beginning of next year. Alex attended a Superbowl meeting and there mostly talk about busing of the team, closing of sections of the Florida Turnpike, but no specific information. The upcoming Superbowl, there will be no NFL experience, eliminating a large group of persons going to the stadium that do not have tickets for the game. Dee stated that the Superbowl people will deal with specific TMC and not generalized locations.

➤ **Partner Updates**

- Palm Beach Smart SunGuide
 - Helena discussed the completion of the roadwork on I-95 between Southern Blvd and PGA Blvd creating additional travel lanes has been completed and traffic is moving very well though the area. Future construction has begun on I-95 between PGA Blvd and Donald Ross.



- Florida's Turnpike
 - John discussed the NASCAR races at the Homestead Racetrack scheduled for the weekend of November 20-22. There will be personal on site to monitor conditions. They will be coordinating with District 6 if assistance is required.
 - John discussed the recent Air Show in Homestead and although there was heavy traffic coming onto and off the Turnpike, there were no problem.
 - Florida Turnpike Road Rangers will be available 24 hours in the Tri-County area.
- District IV SunGuide TMC
 - Shayla discussed that starting Dec 2nd that the plastic poles will begin to be installed on SB I-95 to establish a barrier for the HOT lanes. In mid-January, the tolls are scheduled to begin and sometime in February or March, southbound ramp metering will begin.
- District 4 Smart SunGuide
 - Alex spoke about the recent vice presidents visit to South Florida where he visited different counties that affected different TMC's. Affected TMC's created different event types and he felt that one agreed event type from the SERFTOC partners should be discussed and adapted. It was decided that no decision would be made at the meeting. Instead, Alex would draft a protocol that would be discussed at the next meeting.
 - Dee spoke about the Sunday Dec 6th Toy Run that will affect traffic on I-95 and I-595. District 4 will send out the messaging plan to the partner agencies affected. Catherine stated that additional Road Ranger truck will be added for the Toy Run to assist FHP. FHP will not allow any motorist to park on I-595 to watch the Toy Run.

Next Meeting:

- Future Date and Location
 - 12/16/09-Location – Florida Turnpike Pompano Beach TMC