

Broward Traffic Incident Management Team Meeting Minutes – May 2004

Meeting Date: Wednesday, May 12, 2004
Meeting Time: 1:30 pm
Location: FHP Troop L, 14190 SR 84, Davie, Florida

Attendees:

Bellassai, Sal – C.I.R.T. Sal’s Towing	Miller, Thomas – DMJM+HARRIS
Cosme, Gerardo – DMJM+HARRIS	Ramos, Maggie – Sunshine Towing
Dickson, Tom – Ft. Lauderdale PD	Reyes, Roger – FHP
Evens, Angela – FDOT – Com. Traffic Safety	Robbins, Charles – DMJM+HARRIS
Garcia, Erika - DMJM+HARRIS	Roberts, John - FHP
Jennings, Jim – C.I.R.T. Emerald Towing	Sparks, John – PB Farradyne
Levinson, Fred – FDOT – Turnpike	Thornton, Delphine – BC Traffic Engineering
Loscalzo, Sean – C.I.R.T. Superior Towing	Werner, Catherine – FDOT Turnpike

Call Meeting to Order

Charles Robbins of DMJM+HARRIS, called the meeting to order and self-introductions for all attendees followed.

Other TIM Issues

The group discussed the need to distribute the Open Roads Policy to other local agencies. Mr. Loscalzo described an incident he responded to along an arterial and indicated that he was ready to clear the incident, hours before the local agency asked him to open the blocked lanes. He identified the delay was related to the medical examiner’s response time to the scene. Mr. Robbins noted that he had handed out a sample MOU to the agency representatives at a previous meeting and asked for them to get feedback from their respective agency.

Working Group Updates

Detection, Verification and Response Working Group

Chair: Charles Robbins

Issue: Review I-95 Detour Routes

Results: The group reviewed the draft I-95 Detour Routes for in Broward County for content and application. The draft routes were developed under a study performed for the FDOT District 4. The scope of the study was limited to conducting a qualitative assessment of existing detour routes that were originally developed for the Department in 1994. The existing detour routes focused on diverting vehicles off the exit immediately upstream of the lane closure and returning them on the exit immediately downstream of the lane closure.

The discussion on content focused on how to apply traffic control along the detour route. The draft routes identified police control at locations at directional changes along the detour routes.

For example, if motorists were driving south along a detour road (i.e., Powerline Road) and then were directed to turn left or east (i.e., Commercial Blvd.) to go back to I-95. Mr. Dickson from Fort Lauderdale Police Department indicated that his agency is willing to deploy resources to the identified police controlled intersections. However, he indicated that it could take 45 minutes to 1 hour to deploy the resources, depending on the time of day and availability of resources. For example, his agency has more officers on duty during evening shift (4pm – 12am) than during the day shift (8am – 4pm) and midnight shifts (12am – 8am). He recommended coordinating the detour route deployment strategy with MOT Officer Richard Nardiella.

The discussion regarding application focused on defining scenarios or level of incidents for when the detour routes would be applicable. The original detour routes developed in 1994 indicated that the routes should be considered only when incidents with two or more lanes were closed for two or more hours. The group agreed that a detour route would need to be in place for a minimum of two hours to warrant the deployment of resources.

The group agreed to put the detour routes on the internet for quick access. .

Action Item: Continue to review detour routes at the next meeting.

Clearance Working Group

Chair: Sean Loscalzo

Issue: Develop procedures for using Highland Radios at Incident Scene

Results: Tom Miller explained the Severe Incident Response Vehicle (SIRV) concept to the clearance working group and notified them that FDOT has decided to go forward with the vehicle. The FHP office explained the Unified Command System and strongly recommended the SIRV operator be intimately familiar with the protocol. . FHP Captain Roberts provided Clearance Working Group members with the Florida Incident Field Operations Guide pamphlet explaining the process of the Unified Command (Chapter 5) for those unfamiliar with the field procedures.

With Level 2 & 3 incidents the Fire Department is under Unified Command, the Fire Department will not need a radio because it all ready has 3 radios plus cell phones.

Agencies that will need radios during an incident:

- Road Rangers
- FHP/Other Police
- Towing Service
- DOT Maintenance
- Possible Fire Rescue
- HazMat if needed or Medical Examiner

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During a Level 2 & 3 incident, the SIRV vehicle will need to be near the FHP vehicle, if fire rescue is not available. There are 18 towing companies in FHP rotation. All non-participating companies need to be notified about SIRV

FHP requested that the SIRV Operator wear a traffic vest with the title of “FDOT Coordinator” for clear identification in the field. The SIRV vehicle operator will need to come and brief the FHP staff before the vehicle starts operation.

Action Item: Continued development of procedures for using Highland Radios at Incident Scene.

Labels need to be made for the radios by agency along with a log to keep track of the radios.

Communications Working Group

Chair: John Sparks

Issue: Develop agency contact list

Results: Reviewed the Freeway Incident Manual Notification and Agency Resource Guide prepared by PB Farradyne in July 1999.

Action Item: Update agency contact names and phone numbers

Section 2-1 through 2-3	FDOT D4 contact numbers
Section 2-4	Road Ranger information
Section 2-5	Duties and beats
Section 2-9	Department Telephone list and organizational chart
Section 2-12 through 2-20	Turnpike information
Section 2- 22	FHP Troop L
Section 2-24	Wrecker list
Section 2-25	FHP Troop K
Section 5	Add Broward TMC on-call phone number

Training Working Group

Chair: Guy Francese

Issue: Develop outline for Broward County Traffic/ITS Training Module

Results: There were not enough members for the Training Working Group; as such the group did not meet at this meeting.



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