

**Meeting Date:** May 7, 2008

**Meeting Time:** 1:30 pm

**Location:** FHP Troop L Headquarters  
14190 West SR 84  
Davie, FL 33325

### **Call Meeting to Order**

Bob Murphy of DMJM Harris, called the meeting to order.

Handouts:

- Agenda
- Meeting Minutes from March 5, 2008 meeting
- SIRV Handout
- RISC Notes Handout

### **FHWA TIM Self Assessment Results – Mike McGee**

Mike reported that at the last Broward TIM meeting everyone broke up into groups and was assigned a section to grade. With a three sections scored and compiled, our grade was 89.5%. We are up almost 10% from last year. The year 2006 score was 79.7%. If anyone would like a copy of the self assessment they can contact Mike or Nicole to get a copy emailed.

### **Broward County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Presentation – Glenn Margoles**

Glenn explained to the team that the mission of the EOC is to safeguard lives and property through effective emergency management and the Broward County Warning Point is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The EOC is activated when there is a large scale community event, major incidents, hurricane threats, or the need for extensive coordination and support. Municipalities are required to notify the Broward County Warning Point (954-831-3933) when unexpected incidents happen which may require substantial evacuation and/or relocations to a given area, an incident that poses a severe mass casualty threat, weather related phenomena, an incident that closes a major highway, and any large or multiple structure fire, structural collapse, or technical rescue incident. The County Warning point notifies the EOC Duty officer and the State Warning Point.

On Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008, there will be a Hurricane Expo at the Broward County EOC 201 NW 84<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Plantation, FL 33324 from 10am – 3pm.

Glenn will email Nicole the Hurricane Guide Map of Broward County to distribute to the TIM team. To contact Glenn directly, call (954) 831-3933 or email at [gmargoles@broward.org](mailto:gmargoles@broward.org).

### **Statewide TIM/RISC Update – Guy Francese/Mike McGee**

Mike reviewed the notes that were compiled from a RISC Workshop that was held on March 25-26 in Orlando regarding the statewide RISC program. The following items were discussed at the workshop.

- July 1 is still the target date for executed contracts.
- This will be an open contract that will allow towing contractors to apply for RISC certification and rotation list placement at any time during the three year open contract period.
- RISC contracts will be submitted for geographic portions of interstate highway system (Example: 10 mile segments). Companies will be able to select specific segments for RISC call out.
- A second wrecker (40 ton wrecker or rotating crane) was added to the contract.
- Notification and time stamping for RISC activation will be changed from FHP to TMC, where TMCs exist.



- Response flat rate Service Payment of \$600 will be paid for arriving within 60 minutes with required equipment if NTP is not given. The contractor will be paid a flat rate Emergency Response and Mobilization payment of \$2,500 when NTP is given. The contractor will be paid a flat rate Additional Trucks and Heavy Equipment Emergency Response and Mobilization payment of \$600 if the additional support equipment is not authorized to be used, the bonus will not be recoverable from responsible parties. If the support equipment is authorized to be used, the bonus will be raised to \$1000 and will be recoverable from the responsible parties.
- A time suspension clause will be added to the contract for HAZMAT or extended clean-up if the contractor must wait until cleanup is complete before clearing the scene.
- The RISC contractor may be required to take digital pictures of the scene, including the traffic queue, and submit photos to FDOT for documentation to responsible party.
- FHP will do certification inspections with FDOT representative. They will affix decal to inspected equipment. Only that equipment may be used for recovery.
- A Class "R" Wrecker certification is still envisioned for legislative approval.
- PIAs will be held ASAP, but no longer than 7-10 days after an incident.
- Questions were raised whether RISC contractors should be called out immediately for HAZMAT situations and stage on scene or should there be a delay contacting them until cleanup is near completion.
- If a responsible party calls their own wrecker, they will have 20 minutes to make recovery or will have to stand aside for RISC contractor.
- FHP will review rates to standardize towing fees. Counties have set the rates. Some counties throughout state have no rates in place.

Guy added that the Invitation To Negotiate (ITN) will be released shortly. Guy has already submitted his paperwork to Professional Services at DOT. Guy reported that the reality of the July 2, 2008 start date may be out of reach according to the schedule he has received. The state is still considering Class R classifications.

#### **Severe Incident Response Vehicle (SIRV) Program Update – Tom Dickson**

Tom Dickson, the SIRV Manager updated the team on the new expansion of the SIRV program. The following was reviewed.

- The Severe Incident Response Vehicle (SIRV) program is run by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District Four.
- SIRV has now been contracted to DMJM Harris for 3 years after a successful 3 year pilot program.
- SIRV responds to severe traffic incidents such as full highway closures, fatalities, overturned commercial vehicles, and any other incident that may last longer than two hours.
- SIRV also responds to any incident that blocks a travel lane during weekdays, 6 a.m. – 7 p.m. SIRV now deploys two trucks serving I-95, I-595 and I-75 to reduce response time during peak periods. During off-peak hours, one SIRV operator is available for calls.
- SIRV Operators provide an immediate FDOT incident command presence on the scene of severe incidents.
- The SIRV team participates in Broward & Palm Beach County Traffic Incident Management meetings.
- SIRV conducts Post Incident Analyses (PIA) on incidents that occurred on Broward County freeways.
- SIRV conducts weekly safety inspections of Road Ranger Service Patrol vehicles.



- SIRV Operators strive to build relationships with other response agencies.
- The staff includes a SIRV Manager, Tom Dickson and 4 SIRV Operators, Steve Littlefield, Rick Schulze, Wayne Meltzer, and Ralph Etienne.
- SIRV patrols with one Ford F350 truck and two new GMC 4500 trucks fully equipped with a roof mounted arrow board, cones, flares, and spill mitigation supplies.
- In 2007, the SIRV program saved emergency response crews over 140 hours of work, freeing them up to respond to other emergencies.

#### **Post Incident Analysis (PIA) Debriefing – Tom Dickson**

Fatality Crash, Event # 506627 April 18, 2008

Location: I-75 Northbound at Mile Marker 32

This incident reportedly involved a passenger vehicle traveling north on I-75. The vehicle left the paved surface traveling across the grassy shoulder and into the canal where it submerged under water. Broward County Fire Rescue recovered three victims and one was later confirmed as a fatality at the hospital after being transported by Trauma Hawk helicopter.

The recovery effort and subsequent investigation by FHP closed all lanes north and south for a short time with northbound remaining closed for an extended period.

SIRV-2 responded to the scene and inquired about shutting down the exits of US 27 and the toll plaza to alleviate the back-up of traffic. After the decision was made by FHP to do this DBI was contacted on scene. Mr. Rick Nolen had stopped at the scene while returning to his office after completing other duties on I-75 (Alligator Alley) in the area. SIRV asked him to begin the closure of the ramps to northbound I-75 from US 27. Mr. Nolen stated that he was the only DBI employee in Broward County at the time and had no MOT or any other equipment in his truck. SIRV-2 inquired further as to the location of his supervisor and other employees of DBI who are to be available for emergency call-out. Mr. Nolen stated that they were at MM 98 conducting an investigation and inspection in Collier County. He said that there was a pick-up truck with MOT and a mobile message board positioned at the toll plaza on the Broward County side but that he had no other employees to assist him in ramp closures and MOT placement. Telephone contact was made with DBI supervisor Alex Casillas and this information was confirmed. In the interim, FHP PIO Sgt. Wysocky made the decision not to close the ramps as the investigation was progressing faster than expected and the road would soon be opened.

SIRV-2 received a phone call from DBI district manager Alex Casillas at 12:36. SIRV-2 asked what would have happened if the four or five ramps involved needed to be shut down with only one DBI employee to accomplish the task. Mr. Casillas stated his MOT truck was at the toll plaza. I pointed out to him that Mr. Nolen by himself could not have handled the situation. At 12:40 SIRV-2 received a telephone call from the DBI Assistant Project Manager Mr. Gerald Kleynhans. He was asked how DBI would have handled this scenario, had there been an actual need to close the ramps involved in this event or any other severe incident which may come up in the future. Mr. Kleynhans stated that they would have called out their MOT contractor which is CHI for Broward County who could have responded within 15 minutes. Mr. Kleynhans assured SIRV-2 that the task could have been accomplished according to the contract.

Communication seemed to be the major downfall in this incident. All involved parties met to discuss the issues at hand and will have a clear policy in place for future incidents.

#### **Road Ranger Program Status – Guy Francese**

Guy informed the team that the state has cut funds recently and one program that suffered the cut is the Road Ranger Service Patrol program. Recently the state has given half of the budget to each district to keep providing service on the highways. Guy stated that he has come up with options to keep some coverage available.

One option is to have 24/7 coverage with less trucks patrolling the highways. Option #2 is to have more trucks patrolling the highways with less hours and no 24/7 coverage.

Guy also stated that they have met with FHP to inform them of the options and to get feedback on the options provided.



**Southeast Florida Regional Transportation Operations Committee (SEFRTOC) Update – Bob Murphy**

Bob reported to the team that in about one month Phase II of the ITS devices will be complete. This means there will be cameras on I-75 in Broward County, as well as DMS signs.

A procedure has finally been put in place for the use of DMS signs for incidents involving police and looking for suspects. These alerts are being called Law Enforcement Officer (LEO) alerts.

Bob reminded the team about the Florida Tollway and Operations Conference (FTOC) that will take place June 15-19, 2008. There will be a RISC demonstration on Monday, June 16, 2008 at 3:30pm.

**Other Issues – Bob Murphy/Mike McGee**

- Mike informed the team that there will be a meeting held in Fort Pierce to start a TIM meeting in the Northern 3 counties that are comprised of St. Lucie, Martin, and Indian River Counties.
- Mike updated the team on an issue that was brought up about the I-595 project from Davie Fire Rescue. The issue is that Davie Fire Rescue is concerned that the openings in the barrier walls will not be large enough to accommodate turn arounds to respond to incidents on the opposite sides of I-595 where there is no access from the arterial roadways.
- Next Broward County TIM meeting will be held in conjunction with Miami-Dade TIM team for our Joint TIM Team meeting on July 15, 2008.

**Action Items:**

- Towers concern for certifications to respond to RISC calls with new contract.
- Dale Engle – suggested that towers come together and create and present to the state a legitimate certification that would be acceptable.
- Sean Loscalzo – would like to see an option to have apprentices on scene of RISC calls.

**List of Attendees:**

Adkins	Al	Broward Sheriffs Office
Brimlow	Rodney	Broward Sheriffs Office
Brennan	Michael	Hollywood Police Department
Bundy	Erick	Kauff's Towing
Cabana	Sandra	CHI Inc.
Cammarata	Joe	JJ Towing
Casailla	Alexis	DBI Services
Connolly	Maria	FDOT – D4
Cowart	Mike	DBI Services
Davis	Paul	PDVN
Dawson	Tommie	BC MPO
Dickson	Tom	DMJM Harris – SIRV Operator
Di Leliello	Al	Pembroke Pines Fire Department
Engle	Dale	Davie Police Department
Etienne	Ralph	SIRV
Fernandez	Jorge	HTS Towing
Francese	Guy	FDOT - D4
Gavic	Glenn	Fort Lauderdale Police Department
Grace	Jason	Plantation Police Department
Goldstein	Craig	West Way Towing
Holcombe	Brett	West Way Towing
Ingles	Marcos	ICA Maintenance
Jennings	Jim	Emerald Towing
Kleynhans	Gerald	DBI Services
Loscalzo	Sean	Superior Towing
Maffei	George	Sal's Towing
Mannix	Robert	FDOT
Margoles	Glenn	Broward County EOC
Matty	Dennis	Miramar Fire Department
McGee	Michael	DMJM Harris
Millard	Mike	511
Mirones	Alex	SMART Sunguide TMC
Mosser	Jim	Telvent Farradyne
Murphy	Bob	DMJM Harris
Murray	C	WRS
Myrie	Ken	FDOT – MCCO
Nolte	Brian	Davie Fire Rescue
Pazienza	Michael	Pembroke Pines Police Department
Purser	Robert	FHP – Troop K
Ramos	Maggie	Sunshine Towing / Road Rangers
Schulze	Rick	SIRV
Sievers	Richard	BSO Fire Rescue
Steinkamp	Tim	Driscoll's Towing
Wysocky	Mark	FHP