

Meeting Date: September 3, 2008

Meeting Time: 1:30 pm

Location: 2300 West Commercial Blvd 2nd Fl.
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309

Call Meeting to Order

Michael McGee of DMJM Harris called the meeting to order. Introductions followed.

Handouts:

- Agenda
- Meeting Minutes from July 15, 2008 Joint Miami-Dade Broward TIM meeting
- Lightning Safety Sheet
- New SMART SunGuide Website Flyer
- Collapsible Traffic Cones Vendor Sheet
- RISC Vendor Business Process Sheet

Review Action Items/Previous Meeting Minutes – Mike McGee

At the last Broward TIM meeting, Jim Ferranti from Davie Fire Rescue inquired about collapsible traffic cones. Mike McGee presented a copy of a vendor that provides the collapsible traffic cones as an example. The TIM team is still investigating FDOT and MUTCD specifications as to whether these cones are approved by the Department for use on the highway.

Mike Brennan from Hollywood Police Department had requested detour signs for I-95 to use on Hollywood Blvd when there is an incident. Result: Craig Waters from FDOT Maintenance provided 6 signs.

Sean Loscalzo of Superior Towing would like to see the option for apprentices to be allowed on RISC calls. Result: The language in the contract stating wrecker operators have to meet certain requirements has been removed.

Road Ranger Program Status – Mike McGee

New service hours began on Monday, September 1st in Palm Beach County. The new hours are 6:00am to 7:00pm Monday through Friday. The new hours will begin October 1st in Broward County.

When the new hours take effect there will be 10 Road Rangers on patrol in Broward County and 5 Road Rangers on patrol in Palm Beach. There will be split shifts with half the Road Rangers starting at 6:00am and working until 7:00pm and the rest starting at 6:30am and working until 7:30pm. This will allow the Transportation Management Center to continue dispatching Road Rangers right up to 7:00pm. Calls coming into the *FHP number after 7:00pm will not be rerouted to the TMC but will instead be answered by FHP Dispatch.

Joe Gambino of Hollywood Fire Rescue asked if the hours will be extended in the future. Mike McGee answered not in the foreseeable future. However there is money set aside for incidents that go over the 7:00 pm mark and for holidays that are extremely busy like the Sunday after Thanksgiving.

Mike Millard of 511 asked if Road Rangers in District IV stopped giving gas out to motorists. Mike McGee stated that they have not. The only procedural change is the Road Ranger will ask the motorist to start their vehicle before giving gas.

Tommie Dawson of Broward MPO asked if there have been press releases or news coverage done to get the word out about the hours changing. Mike McGee stated that a press release has gone out and several news channels as well as newspapers have done stories on the changes to the Road Ranger program. Tommie also asked if Road Rangers will be excluded once I-75 is taken over by a private company. See action items list.

Bruce Ward from Oakland Park Fire Rescue asked if FHP will still be on I-75 Alligator Alley. Sgt. Mark Wysocky of FHP stated that as far as he knows they will still be patrolling I-75. Bruce also asked if the boat ramps are included when the privatization of I-75 is complete. See action items list.



Statewide TIM / RISC Update – Mike McGee

The RISC contract for District 4 is scheduled to be advertised the week September 8. A handout is available describing how to access the advertisement and download the Invitation to Negotiate (ITN) Package.

The language requiring wrecker operators to “Meet the State of Florida Wrecker Operator Certification Program requirements” has been deleted. Other training requirements remain as in the original Turnpike contract such as completing Intermediate Maintenance of Traffic training within 60 days of contract execution and operators must be trained in heavy duty wrecker operations and recovery practices.

The required initial response equipment and vehicle requirements have been revised to include a 50 ton fixed boom heavy duty wrecker and a 50 ton rotator heavy duty wrecker.

I-595 is not included in the District 4 RISC program as this roadway will be managed by a private entity.

Dave Lambert of NATA asked if there is a list of approved training companies for towing agencies. Sean Loscalzo stated that it doesn't exist and that is why the language in the contract should be taken out. Dave Lambert stated that he is state certified to offer training and certify a tow operator.

Fire Hydrant Access Plans – Gregg Letts

Gregg updated the team on the task to locate fire hydrants along I-95 in Broward and Palm Beach Counties. As of October 1, 2008, the spreadsheet with accessible hydrants will be turned over to Guy Francese who will then turn it into the state to get approval. After distribution and feedback from the TIM team, additional tasks will be evaluated and assigned by the Department. Gregg stated over 1,000 fire hydrants were located with dozens of water department maps. They have found factors that may prevent access to the fire hydrants, i.e. canals, train tracks, fences, high vegetation, etc. Future tasks could include mapping and signage as part of the process. Gregg stated that the TIM team will have input once the next phases of the project get underway. Mike McGee asked if BSO has a computer program that has the locations of the fire hydrants. Currently BSO does not have any software in place.

Southeast Florida Regional TMC Operations Committee (SEFRTOC) – Bob Murphy

Bob explained to the team that SEFRTOC is a collective group of Transportation Management Centers in South Florida that meet monthly to discuss regional issues and coordination. SEFRTOC had an active week due to Tropical Storm Fay, gathering information to determine if any action needs to be taken with the storm.

STIX - One topic from the most recent meeting was the Southern Traffic Incident eXchange Program (STIX); part of the I-95 Corridor Coalition communication plan. This group was formed in the Spring of 2008 and involves TMCs from North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida. STIX deals with communicating information on major incidents that occur on the main interstate routes.

LEO Alerts - Bob stated that he will be a part of a presentation to the Broward County Police Chiefs Association to describe the new Law Enforcement Officer (LEO) alerts. LEO alerts will allow TMCs and 511 to quickly distribute fleeing vehicle information on highway Dynamic Message Signs (DMS) and the 511 advanced traveler telephone/internet information system after major crimes involving slain or injured police officers. Information needed to send out a LEO alert is the vehicle description and tag number. The notification system is very similar to the current AMBER Alert protocol already in place with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) and FDOT.

TIM Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Update – Mike McGee

Mike McGee stated that the turn out for the MOUs was good and there are a few agencies that have yet responded. The most recent addition is Sunrise Fire Rescue. Several agencies have yet to respond. The next phase of the MOUs is a Joint Operations Policy (JOP). (See page 4)



New SMART SunGuide TMC Website – Bob Murphy

Bob went through a live website tutorial describing the new features of www.SMARTSunGuide.com. Bob explained the newly designed map on the main page where you can create personalized travel routes. Bob also went through the different tabs on the website that describe the TIM teams, Road Rangers, and SIRV as well as other services we offer and numerous publications.

Rodney Brimlow asked about the color coding for different level incidents. Action Item: Bob stated we will look into that request and get back to him with an answer.

Scene Safety: Lightning Safety – Mike McGee

Mike reviewed a safety handout on lighting. This issue was brought up after a Florida Highway Patrol Trooper was struck by lightning last month in Palm Beach County while at the scene of an accident. Mike described some safety precautions that can be taken if lightning is a threat.

- The safest place commonly available during a lightning storm is a large, fully enclosed, substantially constructed building, e.g. your typical house, school, library, or other public building.
- If you cannot flee to a safer location, take action to minimize the threat of being struck. Proceed from higher to lower elevations.
- Avoid wide-open areas, including sports fields, beaches and golf courses. Avoid tall, isolated objects like trees, poles, and light posts.
- Avoid water-related activities such as swimming (including indoor pools), boating and fishing. Do not remain in open vehicles like farm tractors, cable less construction machinery, riding lawnmowers and golf carts (sun roofs offer no protection).
- Do not consider unprotected open structures such as picnic pavilions, rain shelters and bus stops.
- Avoid contact with metal fences, metal bleachers, or other long metal structures.
- And the cardinal rule remains: Do not take shelter under trees to keep dry during thunderstorms.

I-595/I-75 ITS Devices: District I Introduction – Carlos Bonilla

The new TMC for FDOT District 1 is located directly off I-75 on Daniels Parkway in Fort Myers. The current deployment plan is for 78 CCTV cameras, 451 speed detectors, and 26 DMS signs. A safety barrier cable system with beacon lights has also been installed along I-75/Alligator Alley so that if a motorist struck the cable it sends a signal back to the TMC and they are able to locate the incident and get an immediate response. They also have the Road Weather Information System (RWIS) detectors installed in the roadways. Carlos stated the TMC will likely open for operations from December of 2008 to March 2009.

District 1 Road Ranger schedule will be as follows: Monday through Friday with no overnights or weekends. Specific times were not stated. There will be 2 Road Rangers on Alligator Alley.

Currently there are 3 TIM teams, one for Lee-Collier County, one for Polk County that started 2 months ago, and one for Sarasota, Charlotte, and Manatee Counties.

Post Incident Analysis Debriefing – Tom Dickson

Incident 1: Occurred on I-595 and Nob Hill Rd on August 18, 2008, at 0912 hours. A tractor trailer jackknifed and spilled 2600 gallons of fuel. Long term Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) was needed and the HAZMAT crew had to be called out since the FDOT District 4 Severe Incident Response Vehicle (SIRV) can only handle HAZMAT spills less than 100 gallons of fuel.

Incident 2: Occurred on US 441 and Oaks Rd. south of I-595 on July 30, 2008, at 1110 hours. A tractor trailer was struck by a car, rupturing a fuel tank and spilled 25-30 gallons of fuel. Ramps were closed to Florida's Turnpike as well as I-595 and US 441. Tom reported that if the SIRV team was not involved in the quick clean up, the road would have been closed for 2-3 hours.

Incident 3: Occurred during Tropical Storm Fay on August 19, 2008. A tractor trailer was heading southbound on I-95 and was exiting Oakland Park Blvd. when it lost control and jackknifed. Both fuel tanks on the truck were ruptured spilling 100



gallons of fuel. This incident lasted 3 hours and 20 minutes. SIRV provided spill mitigation equipment to help facilitate the HAZMAT Company's clean up efforts.

Joint Operations Policy (JOP) – Gregg Letts

A proposed Joint Operations Policy (JOP) is now under development for the first responding TIM team members. This agreement will state each agency rolls and responsibilities at an incident scene while educating other agencies. Gregg stated that the input from the TIM members will be integral to what the JOP should say.

Training Safety Tip: Additional Vehicle Staging – Mike McGee

The TIM team is looking for agency input and protocols for staging emergency vehicles at scenes. This includes an emergency lighting policy for safety, reducing traffic impact, etc. Please contact Mike at (954) 847-2634 or at michael.mcgee@smartsunguide.com.

I-75 Median Turn Around Points – Gilbert Soles

Gilbert has received a request from Sunrise Fire Department to look into getting medial access for fire departments on I-75 since they were covered by guardrails that were just installed. It is very difficult for fire departments to get to scenes quickly if they can only access it from one direction and don't have a turn around area near the scene. Gilbert requested that agencies write a request so that Gilbert can submit it to FHWA and have proper justification to get the funding needed to solve this issue.

Action Items:

- Rodney Brimlow inquired about the color coding for different level incidents on the new SMART SunGuide website.
- Gilbert Soles requested that agencies send him a letter of request for the I-75 turn arounds.
- Mike McGee will research if Road Rangers are excluded from the privatization of Alligator Alley.
- Mike McGee will check to see if boat ramps are included in the privatization of Alligator Alley.

List of Attendees:

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| Allen | Keith | HTS Towing |
| Bolton | Chester | Pompano Beach Fire Rescue |
| Brimlow | Rodney | Broward Sheriffs Office |
| Brennan | Michael | Hollywood Police Department |
| Budzinski | J | Tamarac Fire Rescue |
| Bundy | Erich | Kauff's Towing |
| Cambell | Donnie | Broward County Transit |
| Cariola | Jack | |
| Casailla | Alexis | DBI Services |
| Casale | Anthony | HTS Towing |
| Cowart | Mike | DBI Services |
| Dawson | Tommie | BC MPO |
| Dickson | Tom | DMJM Harris – SIRV Operator |
| Driscoll | Joe | Driscoll's Towing |
| Gambino | Joe | Hollywood Fire Rescue |
| Gartner | Terry | FDOT MCCO |
| Gavic | Glenn | Fort Lauderdale Police Department |
| Gazzano | John | Pembroke Pines Police Department |
| Goldstein | Craig | West Way Towing |
| Hingson | Earl | FHP Troop L |
| Jennings | Jim | Emerald Towing |
| Jones | Roger | FDOT Maintenance D4 Broward |
| Kauff | Richard | Kauff's Towing |
| Keating | Chris | Hallandale Beach Police Department |
| Laguna | Daniel | Davie Police Department |
| Lambert | Dave | NATA |
| Lopez | Gloria | FDOT |
| Loscalzo | Sean | Superior Towing |
| Maffei | George | Sal's Towing |
| Markon | Ryan | Coconut Creek Police Department |
| Matty | Dennis | Miramar Fire Department |
| McGee | Michael | DMJM Harris |
| McKissack | Ed | Florida's Turnpike |
| Millard | Mike | 511 |
| Mirones | Alex | SMART Sunguide TMC |
| Murphy | Bob | DMJM Harris |
| Nolte | Brian | Davie Fire Rescue |
| O'Connell | Tom | Sunrise Fire Rescue |
| Quitoni | John | Deerfield Beach Fire Rescue |
| Ramos | Alexis | Sunshine Towing / Road Rangers |
| Schulze | Rick | SIRV |
| Scott | Jeff | Broward County Transit |
| Sexton | Melanie | TCG |
| Sievers | Richard | BSO Fire Rescue |
| Soles | Gilbert | FDOT D4 Safety |
| Steinkamp | Tim | Driscoll's Towing |
| Summers | Rob | Cliffberry Inc. |
| Ward | Bruce | Oakland Park Fire Rescue |
| Waters | Craig | FDOT Maintenance D4 Broward |
| Werner | Catherine | Florida's Turnpike |
| Wysocky | Mark | FHP |

