

# Broward County Traffic Incident Management Team

## TIM Meeting Minutes January 2009



**Meeting Date:** January 7, 2009

**Meeting Time:** 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM

**Location:** Deerfield Beach Fire Rescue Station  
1441 FAU Research Blvd.  
Deerfield Beach, FL 33441

**Attendees:** Listing Attached

### **Call Meeting to Order**

Mike McGee of AECOM called the meeting to order. Introductions immediately followed. Reviewed meeting minutes from previous meeting.

### **Distributed Documents:**

- Agenda
- November 2008 meeting minutes
- Road Ranger Sponsorship News Release
- FHWA 2008 Self Assessment

### **Review Action Items/Previous Meeting Minutes – Mike McGee**

Follow up conversation on report from FHP and TMC on calls handled by troopers and other officers that would normally be handled by Road Rangers. Mike reported that currently we have not been able to obtain any information from the TMC or FHP. We are awaiting the availability of more data.

Bruce Ward of Oakland Park Fire Rescue asked about painting mile marker locations on the shoulder. Mike McGee pointed out that there have been previous discussions regarding the placement of Location Reference Markers (LRMs) on I-95. Placement of the LRMs depends on funding at this time. Installation of the LRMs would be more visible to both the public and incident responders than paved mile markers.

### ***Ongoing Issues***

#### **Memorandums of Understanding – Mike McGee**

Two new MOUs have been signed by the Miramar Police Department and Oakland Park Fire Department. There only three other outstanding agencies left in Broward County.

#### **RISC Update – Bob Murphy**

The qualification process to become a part of RISC began in July. Since then there have been five companies to apply. Each company has gone through and passed inspections and met other requirements. The next step would be to meet with FHP, begin discussion of the sticker system for approved trucks. Guy Francese will be coordinating this meeting with Captain Roberts.

#### **I-75 Median Crossovers – Mike McGee**

Guard rails have been installed from the 595 interchange down to the Miami/Dade County line to prevent crossover crashes. Mike discussed the issue of the ability of incident responders to make U-turns on the interchange. We currently do not meet guidelines from the FHWA for making allowances for emergency U-turns. Mike urged attendees to encourage their agencies to assist the TIM Team in getting approval for the allowance by writing letters to TIM, to be forwarded to FHWA.

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### **Road Ranger Sponsorship – Bob Murphy**

A Press Release was distributed December 18, 2008 announcing State Farm as the new Road Ranger sponsor. Three additional vehicles were added, two in Broward County and one in Palm Beach County. State Farm's sponsorship includes wrapping all of the Road Ranger vehicles that patrol the interstates in Broward and Palm Beach, which is crisp and highly visible to motorists.

### **Toys in the Sun Run – Mike McGee**

The event was held Sunday, December 14, 2008 beginning at 10 am. The parade began lining up at the racetrack at 7am. The bikes pulled out at 9:45am. The parade proceeded east to Andrews Ave. then I-95 South to I-595 West. The roads were closed for the parade from approximately 190 minutes. There was DMS signing in Palm Beach County to give advance notice of closure. There were two minor events, one minor crash took place on I-95 and another incident was reported when a bike caught fire. There were no injuries reported.

### **I-95 Construction – Geoffrey Parke**

There will be I-595 Eastbound/Westbound Night Time Lane Closures/Crossovers taking place on I-595 1000' either side of the Turnpike Bridges over I-595. Construction will begin prior to the end of January with an intermittent nightly implementation of approximately 3 months. Lanes Closures on I-595 are to begin at 10pm and must be picked up by 5am. For more information contact Geoffrey Parker, P.E. at 954-321-8367 or email [gparker@nmdceng.net](mailto:gparker@nmdceng.net). You may also contact Nichole Kalil, Public Information Officer by phone 954-543-2178 or email [nichole.kalil@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:nichole.kalil@dot.state.fl.us).

Mike McGee gave a brief Broward County construction update. I-595/I-75 Sawgrass Interchange, ramp construction is still ongoing. It was reported that lanes would be closed one at a time to check cable infrastructure within the bridge. I-75/I-595 repaving is also still ongoing.

## **New Issues**

### **FHWA Self Assessment – Mike McGee, Bob Murphy, Tom Dickson**

The Florida Highway Administration (FHWA) requires an annual self assessment. There were three categories of questions for the assessment: procedures for major incidents, responder and motorist safety, and response and clearance policies and procedures. Everyone was broken down to three groups and each group completed one section category of the assessment.

### **SIRV Emergency Lighting – Tom Dickson**

The state is currently in the process of creating a policy on Emergency Lighting on DOT vehicles. So they have presently asked SIRV to refrain from using red lights to respond to service. SIRV vehicles are to respond in the same manner as Road Rangers, using their yellow lights and air horn, riding 15mph on the shoulder, to get to an incident. It has also hindered the ability to use HAZMAT equipment at different incidents.

### **SIRV Orientation Outreach – Tom Dickson**

Monday, January 12, 2008, Tom was called by Fort Lauderdale Fire Department HAZMAT team to do a presentation about SIRV. SIRV and information about the TIM team will be presented. The HAZMAT team will also present information to Tom as well. Tom extended an invitation to speak at other agencies by request.



**Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Joint Operating Policy – Mike McGee**

AECOM is requesting from FDOT to create a master Joint Operating Policy (JOP) for District Four. Mike McGee sent out a notice to the department heads of the police and fire departments. Copies of their current policies are being requested. These policies include all general orders, traffic incident management, highway safety, safety procedures, and incident response policies. The purpose of this JOP is to determine what agencies need fundamental traffic incident management policies. This will also insure coordination, communication, and cooperation among incident responders by making sure all policies are consistent. Mike McGee made it clear that the policy would not serve as a mandatory document, but more as a standard for all agencies to draft their procedures after.

For more information please contact Mike at (954) 847-2634 or [mmcgee@smartsunguide.com](mailto:mmcgee@smartsunguide.com).

**Officer Alex Del Rio Funeral – Mike McGee**

The funeral was held November 26, 2008. Hollywood Boulevard to Cypress Creek was closed for the funeral concession. The duration was approximately 83 minutes. There was DMS signing North and Southbound to warn travelers. There were no incidents reported.

**Open Discussion**

Mike reiterated the discussion Tom made about SIRV orientation. He added that TIM is looking to do more public outreach among the local agencies to bring awareness to the TIM Team members. Mike offered to visit interested agencies to give presentations about what traffic incident management is, and its importance to incident responders

**Post Incident Analysis (PIA)**

Incident #: 565532 – 11/28/08 5:49 a.m. Entrance Ramp to I-95 Northbound from Sample Rd. Garbage Truck Rollover. Jim Jennings from Emerald Towing made the presentation.

This was a multi-hour event. Emerald Towing was in charge of recovery and clean-up. The roadway was closed to westbound traffic. The truck was on the entrance ramp heading west on Sample Road when the truck flipped over on its right side and all trash aboard was spilled onto the highway. There was garbage and diesel fuel spilled that had to be blocked from going down into the drains. Tractor trailers were on scene to take away garbage and the truck was up righted and towed away.

**Training Safety Tip: Emergency Lighting/ANSI Class III Vest Requirements - Mike McGee**

There were Worker Visibility slides presented of required ANSI III traffic vests, demonstrating the importance of wearing proper safety vests. FDOT is making it mandatory for anyone who works on the highway or shoulders to wear the approved vests, including media.

Action Items:

- Report back to Broward TIM Team the results of the FHWA Self Assessment
- Attach copy of MUTCD 6I-05; Use of Emergency-Vehicle Lighting, to meeting minutes.

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**ATTENDEES**

Loscalzo	Sean	A Superior Towing
Mirones	Alex	AECOM
McGee	Mike	AECOM
Murphy	Bob	AECOM
Alexander	Courtney	AECOM
Margoles	Glenn	BC Emergency Management
Sievers	Richard	BSO – Fire Rescue and Emergency Services
Summers	Robb	Cliff Berry Inc.
Nolte	Brian	Davie Fire Department
Quitoni	John	Deerfield Beach Fire Rescue
Steinkamp	Tim	Driscoll's Towing
Jennings Jr.	Jim	Emerald Towing
Lopez	Gloria	FDOT – D4
Soles	Gilbert	FDOT – D4
Jones Jr.	Roger	FDOT – D4 Maintenance
Marsh	Cleo	FDOT – D4 Maintenance
Waters	Craig "Mud"	FDOT – D4 Maintenance
Mitinger	Rick	FDOT D-4
Wysocky	Mark	FHP – Troop L
McKinssan	Mae	Florida Turnpike
Werner	Catherine	Florida's Turnpike
Steele	Mark	Hollywood Fire Rescue
Allen	Keith	HTS Towing
Cammarata	Joe	J&J Towing
Barber	John	Miramar Police Department
Parker	Geoffrey	New Millennium Engineering
Garcia	Victor	SFRTA/Tri-Rail
Millard	Mike	SMART Route System
Curran	Steve	Sunrise Police Department
Ramos	Alexis	Sunshine Towing/Road Rangers
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