

Broward County Traffic Incident Management Team

TIM Meeting Minutes July 2009



Meeting Date: July 1, 2009

Meeting Time: 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM

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

Attendees: Listing Attached

Call Meeting to Order

Mike McGee of AECOM called the meeting to order. Reviewed meeting minutes and action items from previous meeting.

Distributed Documents:

- Agenda
- May 2009 meeting minutes
- NUG Handout
- SIRV Sun Sentinel Article

Review Action Items/Previous Meeting Minutes – Mike McGee, AECOM

- Coordinate a meeting with Florida Highway Patrol for Florida's Turnpike.
Result: There are no jurisdictional changes made.
- Coordinate a meeting with Florida DEP regarding HAZMAT situations with I-595 Express.
Result: Meeting request was forwarded to I-595 Express.
- Sgt. Wysocky inquired about having a small handout to give to motorists with driving directions to help alleviate the frustration of detours and tourists not knowing their way around.
Result: Mike McGee made a small handout for FHP to give to motorists for detours when Alligator Alley is closed.
- Chief John Quitoni with Deerfield Beach Fire Rescue stated that a map of how to access the fire hydrant on the opposite side of the sound wall would be a great tool for the fire stations.
Result: Mike McGee gave some background on the fire hydrant study and explained that changes to the original document would need to be part of a follow up study.

Updates

I-595 Express – John McPherson, Roy Jorgensen Services

John stated that Roy Jorgensen Services (RJS) is the prime Operations & Maintenance (O&M) contractor for the I-595 Express LLC project. Jurisdictional boundaries are from the I-95 SB ramp to I-595 WB at SW 136th Ave. The transition will happen at midnight, Thursday, July 31, 2009. Currently the Road Ranger trucks are being outfitted and there is discussion on pre and post emergency response. I-595 Express LLC will be activating their own RISC for RISC type calls.

John encouraged everyone to visit www.i-595express.com for more information. There will be a more detailed update at the September meeting.

FHWA TIM Self Assessment 2009 – Mike McGee, AECOM

Mike explained that due to changes that FHWA has made to the scoring method, the Broward TIM team went from 89.6% to 74.1%. The new scoring method involves letters that classify as levels like high, medium, and low. There were six questions removed from the self assessment all together.



Palm Beach Interim Traffic Management Systems to Vista SunGuide Center – Helena White, PB ITMS

Helena started out by stating the breakdown of the PB ITMS facility.

- Operates 24/7/365
- Dispatch Palm Beach Road Rangers
- Facilitate traffic management
 - Data Collection
 - DMS Activation
 - Interagency Coordination
 - Information Dissemination
 - Construction Event Coordination

The new PB Vista Center is located at 2300 North Jog Rd. West Palm Beach, FL 33411. Helena presented a few photos of what the new center looks like. Helena gave a transition summary report. Approximate migration progress is at 43%. Staff/agency partnering familiarization of the new facility has begun.

Southeast Florida Regional Transportation Operations Committee – Bob Murphy, AECOM

Bob gave an overview of the Southeast Florida Regional Transportation Operations Committee (SEFRTOC). It is a collection of TMCs regionally that meeting to discuss center to center communications and incidents and events that involve more than one center.

On June 19, the new statewide 511 system took affect. All the information comes straight from the TMCs and populates the 511 system. The information also populates the website at www.fl511.com.

SEFRTOC is also in the process of updating the standard operating guidelines (SOG).

One Way Evacuation Plan – Guy Francese, FDOT D4 Freeway Operations Manager

Guy informed the team that a meeting was held on May 29, 2009 with FHP Troop L at the Davie, FL Headquarters. There were some changes made to the one way evacuation plan for Alligator Alley. There are two sets of plans, one for District One which is Collier County, and one set for District Four which is Broward through Indian River Counties.

In the District Four plans, the newly installed ITS devices (CCTV, DMS, detectors) are all highlighted. Strap gate systems and flip signs were also highlighted in the plans.

In the District One plans, strap gate systems and the location of the new DMS signs were located. The northern limits for the crossover were changed to Corkscrew Rd. and that will be added and pamphlets will be created and handed out with the updated information.

The FHP Davie Headquarters has a mini TMC set up on the second floor of their building. The FHP mini TMC will be used as a command center in case of a one way evacuation.

In case of a one way evacuation, there are additional resources available like portable DMS signs that can be used for asset management.

Guy also mentioned that public radio networks like Everglades Radio Station would be used for the one way evacuation news to get out to motorists.

Road Ranger Program – Guy Francese, FDOT D4 Freeway Operations Manger

Guy updated the TIM team on the new expansion of the Road Ranger Program that will take affect September 1, 2009. The hours will be from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday. Guy also stated that the arterial Road Ranger Program will start as of September 1, 2009 and the expansion will be to Broward Blvd, Sunrise Blvd., and Oakland Park Blvd. All three roads will be patrolled from US 1 to US 441. The times for patrol are 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.



Update after meeting: The arterial Road Ranger Program will not begin on September 1, 2009. Full expansion back to 24/7 coverage is to take place on September 1, 2009.

Rapid Incident Scene Clearance (RISC) Update – Guy Francese, FDOT D4 Freeway Operations Manager

Guy reported that the contracts have been executed. The plan is to start the program sometime in July. Below are the RISC vendors.

J & J Towing

Open Roads

Kauff's Towing

Sisters Towing

Zuccala's Towing

Severe Incident

A Superior Towing

Emerald Towing

Tri County Towing

West Way Towing

Presentations

Martin County Gas Pipe Rupture, May 4, 2009 – John Long, Florida Gas Transmission

John started by describing the type of pipes that Florida Gas Transmission has installed. All along I-95 there are 26" high pressure, steel, thick wall pipes installed. The distribution comes from Texas to Florida. Florida Gas Transmission is responsible for marking their own gas lines; they do not distribute the work to others. Ron Moran, Area Director of Operations, stated that on May 4 on the Florida's Turnpike in Martin County at approximately 5:09am a gas line ruptured and caused an explosion. Ron stated that they are working with two agencies, National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) and Pipeline Hazardous Safety Materials Administration (PHSMA). The pipe that ruptured was one of three 18" pipes that have been installed since 1959. The control center in Texas did not see the pressure drop right away.

An inspection with "smart pig" technology was conducted in 2004 and some minor repairs were made. There was no reason to believe an incident of this magnitude would take place. There is a pipeline integrity program in place and it is being worked on all the time. The work being done is hydrostatic testing and "smart pig" which is a type of gauge sent through a pipeline to inspect for leaks or other problems. The first call came from Martin County Fire Rescue. Lt. Johnson from Florida Highway Patrol stated that 16 miles of the interstate were shut down. All lanes reopened at 11:15am.

Action Items from presentation:

- Tom O'Connell from Sunrise Fire Rescue suggested doing an educational training at a regional meeting for Fire Rescue and Police personnel.

RISC Presentation – Mike Scheidt, Kauff's Towing

Mike Scheidt of Kauff's Towing explained the level of expertise needed to do RISC and the level of expertise that is with regular rotation. With RISC you get it all. Mike explained when RISC is called for an incident any and all required equipment is brought to the scene on the first call. Mike explained how important it is to know your RISC providers. Mike also stated that the RISC providers should get to know the TMC dispatchers so that the dispatchers can communicate incident information to them.



I-95 Motorcycle Event – Mike McGee, AECOM

Mike stated that over the weekend a fundraising event occurred on I-95 and the Broward Transportation Management Center (TMC) did not know about the event. Mike found that the Seminole Tribe was the lead on the fundraising event and they did not know there was a TMC or a TIM team. Mike reached out to them and invited them to future meetings and sent some outreach material on the TMC Operations.

National Unified Goal (NUG) – Mike McGee, AECOM

Mike discussed the importance of the objectives outlined in the NUG.

- Objective 1: Responder Safety
 - Depicts recommended practices for responder safety
 - Move over/slow down laws
 - Driver training and awareness
- Objective 2: Safe, Quick Clearance
 - Multidisciplinary TIM Procedures
 - Response and Clearance Time Goals
 - 24/7 availability
- Objective 3: Prompt, Reliable Incident Communications
 - Multidisciplinary communications practices and procedures
 - Prompt, reliable responder notification
 - Interoperable voice and data networks
 - Broadband emergency communications systems
 - Prompt, reliable traveler information systems
 - Partnerships with news media and information providers

GM “On star” – Mike McGee, AECOM

Mike gave some background on the conference that he attended in New York back in March. From that conference he received materials on On Star that is useful to police agencies in locating vehicles and possible suspects. Anyone interested in the material can contact Mike McGee at (954) 847-2634 or Michael.mcgee@smartsunguide.com.

Open Discussion

Sgt. Mark Wysocky from the Florida Highway Patrol asked if anyone followed up with the action item from the last meeting regarding clean up of bio hazard waste from the scenes; specifically fatalities with large scene areas. Sgt. Wysocky wanted to know if calling the fire department back is sufficient enough for clean up.

This item is being looked into further.

Action Items:

- Get fire agency feedback on a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for bio hazard clean up among all agencies in Broward County with response to I-95, I-595, and I-75.

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Meeting Attendees:

Ackert	Melissa	FDOT D4 Traffic Operations
Allen	Keith	HTS Towing
Bellassai	Sal	Sal's Towing
Bolton	Chester	Pompano Beach Fire Rescue
Bradley	Keith	US Department of Homeland Security
Brennan	Michael	Hollywood Police Department
Brimlow	Rodney	Broward Sheriffs Office
Bundy	Erich	Kauff's Towing
Cammarata	Mike	J & J Towing
Cariola	Jack	Broward County Transit
Chung	Derrick	FDOT - D4 Maintenance
Cowart	Mike	DBI Services Corporation
Davis	Paul	Paul Davis Video News
Di Liello	Al	Pembroke Pines Fire Rescue
Dickson	Tom	AECOM
Doyle	Andrew	ACS Infrastructure
Francese	Guy	FDOT - D4
Gannon	Ana	Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Gartner	Captain Terry	FDOT - MCCO
Gazzano	John	Pembroke Pines Police Department
Haddad	Laila	I-595 Express LLC
Hingson	Lt. Earl	FHP-Troop L
Johnson	William	Florida Gas Transmission
Jones Jr.	Roger	FDOT - D4 Maintenance
Kirkpatrick	Maggie	I-595 Express LLC.
Kleynhans	Gerald	DBI Services Corporation
Lambardi	Bill	Cliff Berry Inc.
McGee	Michael	AECOM
McGinness	Chuck	AECOM
McGlynn	Nicole	AECOM
McInnis	Scott	Sal's Towing
Mirones	Alex	AECOM
Murphy	Bob	AECOM
Needham	David	Palm Beach Vista Center
North	Fred	Broward Sheriff's Office Fire Rescue Station 106
O'Connell	Thomas	Sunrise Fire Rescue
Ramos	Alexis	Sunshine Towing/Road Rangers
Ramos	Maggie	Sunshine Towing/Road Rangers
Robinson	Richard	J&J Towing
Scheidt	Mike	Kauff's Towing
Schulze	Rick	AECOM
Uebrig	Sebastian	Fort Lauderdale Police Department
Ward	Bruce	Oakland Park Fire Department
Waters	Craig "Mud"	FDOT - D4 Maintenance
Werner	Catherine	Roy Jorgensen Associates, Inc. (I-595 Express)
White	Helena	Palm Beach ITMS
Wysocky	Mark	FHP-Troop L