

BROWARD TRAFFIC INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7, 2010 1:30PM – 3:30PM



LOCATION: SMART SunGuide Broward Regional TMC
 2300 West Commercial Blvd. 2nd Fl.
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MEETING AGENDA

Review Previous Meeting Minutes / Action Items		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Statewide Road Ranger Focus groups 		
Updates		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FDOT Construction I-595 Express Road Ranger Program Severe Incident Response Vehicle Program TIM Self Assessment results TIM in '10 and TIM Outreach Southeast Florida Regional Transportation Operations Committee (SEFRTOC) / 511 Arterial Incident Management 		
Presentations		Speaker
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Virtual Freight Network 		Melissa Ackert, FDOT Traffic Operations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> District Incident Response Manual 		Mike McGee, AECOM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traffic Incident Lane Designation Consensus Standard 		Mike McGee, AECOM
Training Safety Tip		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TIME 4 Safety Video: Module 3: Lights, Safety Vests & Cones 		
Post Incident Analysis		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Event# 699918 June 14, 2010 4:14 p.m. I-95 northbound before Atlantic Blvd. Road Ranger Operator struck while assisting a disabled vehicle. 		
Other		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open Discussion 		
Future Meetings		
September 1, 2010 2300 West Commercial Blvd. 2 nd Fl. Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309	November 3, 2010 2300 West Commercial Blvd. 2 nd Fl. Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309	January 5, 2011 2300 West Commercial Blvd. 2 nd Fl. Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309

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Are you new to the Traffic Incident Management (TIM) meetings?

Welcome. What is the Broward TIM Team all about?

The Traffic Incident Management (TIM) team is comprised of members from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), Florida Highway Patrol (FHP), Broward County Traffic Engineering Division (BCTED), law enforcement agencies, fire/rescue agencies, towing companies, hazardous material contractors, and other governmental agencies and private companies who service the interstate highway system in Broward County.

The Florida Department of Transportation District Four (FDOT D4) is comprised of Broward, Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie, and Indian River counties.

The 85.1 centerline miles of interstate highway within Broward County include I-95 (25.3 miles), I-75 (46.9 miles), and I-595 (12.9 miles). There were two phases to FDOT's deployment of the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) within Broward County; termed Phase I and Phase II. Phase I was completed in 2005 and Phase II was completed in late 2008. Phase II completed the fiber optic network within the County, which now includes 41 Dynamic Message Signs (DMS), 97 Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) cameras and 238 Modular Vehicle Detection Systems (MVDS). Broward County now has 100 percent of its centerline miles on the interstate highways covered by ITS. In December 2009, construction was completed on the Advanced ITS system within Broward County. This system will deploy 34 smaller DMSs on major arterial roads with access to the interstate highway system, a secure wireless communication system, a Highway Advisory Radio (HAR) network, and a Roadway Weather Information System (RWIS) network. FDOT District Four is also in the process of deploying the ITS system in Palm Beach County, Martin County, St. Lucie and Indian River Counties.

Road Rangers, under contract from private companies, respond to motorist assistance, lane blockages, and crashes. This is a free service funded by FDOT. Road Rangers can assist at incident scenes by setting up maintenance of traffic (MOT) with cones, flares, arrow boards. They use truck mounted DMS as well as provide gasoline, water, and oil. Road Rangers also attempt to make minor repairs, tow vehicles out of traffic lanes, and drive stranded motorists off the interstate.

Severe Incident Response Vehicles (SIRV) respond to critical incidents on the interstate as the FDOT representative and provides additional MOT equipment, spill containment equipment, roadway repair equipment, and participate in incident command procedures.

The Rapid Incident Scene Clearance (RISC) program became operational in August 2009. Towing Contractors that meet minimum requirements will respond to major incidents utilizing large, heavy equipment wreckers. Based on a set clearance time objective, Towing Contractors can earn cash bonuses for removing vehicles from the highway in shorter intervals, opening roadways for motorist use.

All of these systems and personnel are monitored at the SMART SunGuide Transportation Management Center (TMC) at 2300 West Commercial Boulevard. TMC Operators monitor traffic using CCTV, vehicle detectors, receive calls from motorists, and other agencies for assistance. TMC Operators dispatch Road Rangers and SIRV, and notify emergency agencies to respond. In critical incidents, TMC Operators will place messages on DMS and will send information to 511 Traveler Information, so that motorists approaching an incident can choose an alternate route.

Programs and systems are constantly being upgraded to make our ITS and TIM more effective for the future.

Why are you here?

You are part of the Traffic Incident Management Team that will respond to these types of incidents and treat the injured, close or divert traffic, make attempts to clear traffic lanes, and restore traffic flow as quickly as safely possible. You are an important part of the team. We urge your organization to support us and to make FDOT D4 TIM Team one of best in the nation." If you don't understand something, please ask. We are here to help you.