

Broward County Traffic Incident Management Team

TIM Meeting Minutes May 2010



Meeting Date: May 5, 2010

Meeting Time: 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Location: SMART SunGuide RTMC
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
- FHWA Self Assessment section 4.2

TIM Team Award – Guy Francese, FDOT TIM Program Manager & Tom Dickson, FDOT SIRV Broward

On April 26 at 1544 hours a traffic crash occurred in the northbound lanes of I-75 before the Indian Trace exit. As a result of this accident one person was killed and there was a large spill of oil from a damaged tractor trailer. The oil spill covered the entire 5 northbound lanes of I-75 for approximately one hundred yards requiring the roadway to be completely closed. BSO Fire Rescue units from Weston Station 81 and your Hazardous Materials Units responded to this incident. Upon arrival, Battalion Chief Clougherty immediately assessed the situation and began mitigating the oil spill. His crews worked tirelessly alongside FDOT's Severe Incident Response Vehicle (SIRV) Team to mitigate the oil spill.

The direction of Battalion Chief Clougherty and the efforts of these crews saved precious time opening blocked lanes of the Interstate. Their actions on the scene showed their commitment to TIM quick clearance procedures and adherence to the Florida Open Roads Policy. The Broward County Sheriff's Office Fire Rescue Department, Battalion Chief Clougherty and the crews staffing Engine 81 (John Orlando, Kevin Boylan, and Stephen Hamlin), Ladder 81 (Kevin Bartlett, Albert Seidenstucker, Phillip Biondo, and Anthony Buonpastore) and Haz-Mat 23 (Vincent Rodas, Gary McCartney, Richard Pomper, and Craig, Hilty) on that day are to be commended for a job well done. An award was presented to the crew mentioned above.

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

Provide TIM members with contact information in case of animal related incidents

- Assistant Chief Leslie Kastner, Southwest Ranches Volunteer Fire Dept. Station: 954-434-8232 Cell: 754-224-0877
- Sherry Schlueter, SPCA Wildlife Care Center Main: 954-524-4302 Cell: 954-553-0882

To review the latest meeting minutes, visit www.smartsunguide.com/tim.aspx

Updates

Road Ranger Program – Guy Francese, FDOT TIM Program Manager

- Treasure Coast contract has not received any additional petitions; the contract will be proceeding as normal.
- Broward Road Ranger contract has been posted to receive proposals which are due May 7, 2010.
- Palm Beach Road Ranger contract will be advertised very soon.

Jim Jennings of Emerald Towing asked if the Road Ranger Arterial program is becoming a permanent project. Guy stated that it is being advertised as part of the Broward Road Ranger contract but is not a permanent program.

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Rapid Incident Scene Clearance (RISC) Program – Mike McGee, AECOM

Guy stated that all together there have been five RISC activations which Mike McGee will go over later in the meeting.

John McPherson of Roy Jorgensen Services (I595 Express) asked if the RISC vendor who was activated attends the post incident analysis debriefing and Mike McGee stated all agencies involved in the incident including the RISC vendor attend the post incident debriefing.

I-595 Express – Catherine Werner, Maggie Kirkpatrick, & Melanie Sexton

Catherine gave a brief update of the I-595 Operations project. Catherine reported that in the first quarter from January to March there were approximately 10,000 events.

There was one RISC activation on April 8, on I-595 & Florida's Turnpike that lasted about two hours and 19 minutes. As a result of this incident there was guardrail damage and a 50 gallon oil spill. A post incident debriefing was held. Some concerns discussed were how the RISC call was activated, FHP called RISC vendor instead of notifying the TMC first, and MOT tapering had a minor issue. Communication between agencies went well. FDOT Motor Carrier Compliance officer on scene assisted in opening the roadway.

I595 Construction

- The flyover ramp from northbound University Drive to westbound I-595 will be closed for two hours on Sunday, May 2, from 10 p.m. to midnight.
- One eastbound lane of I-595 between Nob Hill Road and University Drive will be closed, nightly, from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m., beginning Sunday, May 2 and ending Friday, May 7.
- One westbound lane of I-595 between University Drive and Nob Hill Road will be closed, nightly, from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m., beginning Sunday, May 2 and ending Friday, May 7.
- The onramp from westbound S.R. 84 to westbound I-595, west of Pine Island Road, will be closed from 10 p.m. on Tuesday, May 4 to 5 a.m. on Wednesday, May 5.
- One westbound lane of S.R. 84 between Pine Island Road and Nob Hill Road will be closed, daily, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. beginning Tuesday, May 4 and ending Friday, May 7.
- The designated u-turns for both directions of S.R. 84 at Pine Island Road are closed through early fall 2010. Motorists will still be able to make the u-turn movements through the signalized intersection.
- Traffic on southbound S.R. 7/U.S. 441 under the I-595 overpass will be stopped for a period of fifteen minutes between 11 p.m. on Sunday, May 2 and 1 a.m. on Monday, May 3 while a crane is removed from median. Florida Highway Patrol will be stationed in the area to assist with traffic management during the operation.
- One southbound lane of S.R. 7/U.S. 441 under the I-595 overpass will be closed from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Monday, May 3, Wednesday, May 5 and Thursday, May 6.
- The ramp from westbound S.R. 84 to northbound S.R. 7/U.S. 441 will be closed, nightly, from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. on Tuesday, May 4 and Wednesday, May 5. Motorists will be detoured to southbound 441 to make a U-turn at Powells Road.
- One northbound lane of S.R. 7/U.S. 441 under the I-595 overpass will be closed, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 6 and Friday, May 7.

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- Crews from Dragados-Baker will be moving equipment near S.R. 7/U.S. 441. Crews from Dragados-USA will be placing temporary barrier wall and paving near Pine Island Road

Southeast Florida Regional Transportation Operations Committee (SEFRTOC) – Mike McGee, AECOM

SEFRTOC is a monthly meeting of the regional TMCs that meet to discuss issues regarding streamlined messaging, interagency coordination, and multi-agency standard operating guidelines (SOG).

Last meeting was April 21 at the Florida's Turnpike Pompano Beach office.

- Florida's Turnpike Evacuation Plan
 - The official one way evacuation plan is from MP88 to MP254
 - Incident Management will include educating officials about the plan's existence and acknowledge the limitations.
- Palm Beach Vista TMC
 - Palm Beach had its first RISC activation on I-95 NB at Indiantown Road.
- District Six
 - 14 additional ramps have been added to the Ramp Signaling project. SR 826 and SR 836 project has added one truck M-F 5am – 9pm and added a flatbed tow truck 24/7 and removed the dedicated I-95 Express Lanes Road Ranger due to the completion of Phase I.

FDOT District Four Construction – Mike McGee, AECOM

I-95 IN SOUTHERN FORT LAUDERDALE

TRAFFIC IMPACT: I-95 will have a lane closed for a mile in one direction from the I-595 connector ramp to northward to north of Broward Boulevard overnight between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. Sunday night, May 2, through Thursday night, May 6.
DESCRIPTION: Improvements in this two-mile-long section of I-95 will consist of repaving all lanes along with connector ramps from I-95 south to I-595, from I-595 east to I-95 north and all ramps at the Davie and Broward Blvd interchanges. A noise barrier wall has been built in the northeast quadrant.
COMPLETION: Summer 2010.

I-595/I-75/SAWGRASS EXPRESSWAY INTERCHANGE

TRAFFIC IMPACT: The Sawgrass Expressway southbound connector to I-75 southbound will have two lanes closed from 11 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Sunday night, May 2, through Thursday night, May 6. The I-75 northbound connector ramp to I-595 eastbound will have one lane closed overnight from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. Sunday night, May 2, through night, May 8.
DESCRIPTION: Major renovations will be made to 10 connector ramps (bridges) in the I-595/I-75/Sawgrass Expressway Interchange in the Davie-Weston area.
COMPLETION: Summer 2010.

I-75/ALLIGATOR ALLEY WEST OF U.S. 27 IN THE EVERGLADES

TRAFFIC IMPACT: I-75 will have one westbound lane closed for up to two miles at a time from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, May 3, through Saturday, May 8.
DESCRIPTION: I-75 will in each direction be repaved, and inside shoulders will be widened.
COMPLETION: Mid May 2010.

Presentations

FHWA TIM Self Assessment 2010 – Mike McGee, AECOM

Mike conducted section 4.2 with the TIM team. All scores have been recorded and will be reported at the next TIM team meeting.

FDOT District Four Road Ranger Statewide Survey Results – Guy Francese, FDOT TIM Program Manager

The survey was developed from a suggestion given by District Four and was created to identify potential program improvements, determine responders' opinion of the program, and to solicit suggestions for improvements. It was distributed to incident responders through TIM Teams and the completed surveys were sent to Tallahassee by fax, email, US Mail or Department Interoffice mail.

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The survey consisted of 15 questions that were program oriented questions that related to response times, training, vehicles and equipment. Personnel oriented questions related to performance, and ranking statements provided five categories of responses ranging from strongly agree to strongly disagree. Two open ended questions allowed for more detailed responses and additional comments could be provided separately.

District Four represented 15% of total responses (ranked 4th out of seven districts), FHP accounted for 70% of D4 responses; 20% Fire Rescue; 7% other law enforcement; 3% other Responses by County: Broward = 98; Palm Beach = 65; Martin = 16; St. Lucie = 21; Indian River = 11 Total = 211.

Some recommendations were:

- Training - Gauge level of competency in basic tow operations and lane clearance techniques. Research and identify level of additional IC training needed. (Gauge knowledge level at upcoming training sessions). Research and identify opportunities for integrated training with FHP, Fire Rescue, EMS and other responders. (Invite FHP, Fire Rescue reps to speak at upcoming training). Research and identify other training. (Review survey comments to determine areas needing improvement)
- Information Sharing - Emphasize need for using interoperable communications (Incorporate SLERS training at upcoming training sessions). Research and identify ways to improve communication of RR arrival times to responders requesting assistance. (Have operators ask for ETA from RR-AVL will help operators). Conduct outreach to educate responders on RR responsibilities and capabilities. (Make presentation at TIM team meeting/Distribute RR Pamphlet)
- Equipment - Review requirements for RR vehicle types and equipment. (Solicit suggestions from RRs during training on what additional equipment they need to do a better job. Ask responders what additional equipment they believe the RR should have. Review survey comments for suggestions regarding equipment).

Florida's Turnpike Storm Evacuation Plan – Jim Hilbert, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise

Jim presented some prevention plans that include FHP, Toll Suspension, Expanded Road Ranger coverage, Strike Teams, ITS, Wrecker Plan, Fuel Supply, Stranded Motorist Assistance, and Palm Drive Intersection in Florida City.

For a one way evacuation the primary plan is from Lantana (MP 88) to Orlando South (MP 254) and the contingency plan is from Florida City (MP 0) to Orlando South (MP 254). Termination points include southbound traffic being forced off at 265 East–West Expressway. Reversed traffic will terminate at MP 254 Beachline/441/Orange Blossom Trail. Plans for the one way evacuation include approximately 21-61 interchanges, 4-6 Service Plazas, 2-8 Mainline Toll Plazas, 170-270 U-Turn openings, 20,000+ Traffic Control Devices, 400-700 FHP Troops* (two per shift needed), 170–400 FDOT Staff Members, and 290 Dynamic Message Signs (DMS).

Post Incident Analysis – Mike McGee, AECOM

RISC #2: I-75 NB at Royal Palm Blvd. March 15, 2010 1:26PM

On Monday, March 15, 2010 at 1:26 p.m., a crash involving a rolled over dump truck was reported to BSO communications. BSO Fire Rescue, BSO Hazardous Material Response, and BSO Aviation Units were dispatched. BSO notified FHP at 1:29 p.m. FHP was dispatched. It occurred in the northbound lanes of Interstate 75 at Royal Palm Boulevard. The crash occurred on the east shoulder of the highway, just north of the overpass. The dump truck reportedly had a tire failure which caused the driver to lose control. The dump truck overturned and slid on its left side, across three traffic lanes, and onto the east grassy shoulder. The truck dumped its load of muck and rock onto the right three lanes of I-75. There was an undefined spill of diesel fuel onto the grass shoulder. The fuel drained by gravity downhill and settled in a puddle of water. The driver was trapped in the cab and sustained injuries. BSO Fire Rescue performed extrication. All north lanes were stopped while Aviation was on the ground for twenty minutes. After Aviation lifted off, two northbound lanes were opened to traffic. Sean Loscalzo of A Superior Towing, utilizing SMART SunGuide mobile notification, received information of the crash and began an equipment response. FHP initially requested Class "C" rotation wreckers and A Superior Towing was contacted to respond. A Superior was already enroute when notified and was told to bring a skid-steer loader. FHP Lt. Hingson arrived on scene and activated RISC via the Transportation Management Center. An error in RISC notification protocol occurred at the TMC. A Superior was utilized as the RISC Contractor. On arrival, the skid-steer was immediately utilized to push the dirt off the roadway to the shoulder. The skid-steer then used a sweep attachment to sweep the remaining dirt off the travel lanes and right shoulder. When given the

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Notice to Proceed, the dump truck was rigged, uprighted, removed from the grass shoulder, and towed to the right shoulder of the road. Hazardous material concerns and contractor issues became an issue on scene. Haz Mat would not be conducted until the following day.

RISC #3: I-595 EB Ramp to I-95 NB, March 25, 2010 1:09PM

On Thursday, March 25, 2010 1:09 pm, a crash was reported to FHP, involving a rollover tractor trailer. It occurred on the ramp from I595 eastbound to I95 northbound. The crash occurred on the downgrade portion of the ramp. There were minor injuries. The vehicle combination was later identified as a Ford pick up truck towing a travel trailer. The truck/trailer combination came to final rest facing south in the two northbound lanes. The pick up truck remained upright; the travel trailer was lying on its left side. Both ramp lanes were blocked. Fire Rescue was dispatched. FHP activated RISC via the Transportation Management Center. RISC contractor, J&J Towing was notified and responded, arriving in 27 minutes. When given the Notice to Proceed, the travel trailer was up righted, and then separated from the pickup. J&J hooked up to the trailer and backed it downhill to a low boy trailer for loading. RISC was terminated in 66 minutes; lanes remained closed for responder safety. The pick up was towed and remainder of the scene was swept down prior to opening traffic lanes.

RISC #4: I-75 at Mile Marker 47, April 5, 2010 11:37AM

On Monday, April 5, 2010 11:37 am, a vehicle fire was reported to FHP, involving a tractor trailer. The tractor trailer was transporting bagged and palletized plastic pellets. The tractor trailer driver pulled the vehicle over onto the on-ramp white gore striping for State Road 833 (Government Road) and abandoned the vehicle. There was an explosion at one point that sent burning debris onto the grass shoulder and median that started secondary fires. Northbound and southbound lanes of I-75 were closed due to smoke, fire, and explosion danger. The fire destroyed the trailer structure and burned all but the two front tractor tires. Broward County Fire Rescue responded to extinguish the fire but the nature of the fuel source made it difficult. A front end loader was requested to assist with lifting and moving the load to help firefighters extinguish the blaze. Westway was requested by SIRV to send a front end loader, but not activating RISC. RISC was activated by Troop F at 1:03 pm. Westway wrecker 954 (50 ton), 975 (75 ton rotator), and 955 (MOT support) arrived at 67 minutes. Once fire was out, Westway used the front end loader to pivot the rear of the tractor away from the other trailer debris and rigged it for towing. Only the front tires were intact. The front end loader and skid-steer with a grapple attachment picked up debris and loaded it into dumpsters brought to scene from sub-contractor All Service. Roadway clearance time was 90 minutes. DBI Services remediated the asphalt surface. Inside southbound lane opened at 3:39. Southbound roadway was opened to traffic at 6:26.

Action Items

- Guy would like to set up a focus group for the Statewide Road Ranger Survey results.

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Meeting Attendees

Black	Jon	Pembroke Pines Police Department
Brennan	Michael	Hollywood Police Department
Clougherty	Mike	BSO Fire Rescue
Collins	Craig	Broward County Transit
Combs	Billy	NAVTEQ
Davis	Paul	Paul Davis Video News
Devlin	Bernard	Cliff Berry Inc.
Di Liello	Al	Pembroke Pines Fire Rescue
Figeroa	John	DBI
Francesse	Guy	FDOT - D4
Gartner	Terry	Motor Carrier Compliance Office
Hilaire	Marjorie	FDOT District Four
Jennings	Jim	Emerald Towing
Jones Jr.	Roger	FDOT - D4 Maintenance
Kirkpatrick	Maggie	I-595 Express LLC.
Kosar	Matthew	FDOT District Four
Loscalzo	Sean	A Superior Towing
McGee	Michael	AECOM
McGinness	Chuck	AECOM
McGlynn	Nicole	AECOM
McKissack	Ed	Florida's Turnpike
McPherson	John	Roy Jorgensen Services
Miller	Bob	West Way Towing
North	Fred	BSO Fire Rescue Station 106
Orlando	John	BSO Fire Rescue
Phillips	David	Kiewit
Sexton	Melanie	The Corradino Group
Solinger	Don	Fort Lauderdale Police Department
Waters	Craig	FDOT D4 Maintenance
Werner	Catherine	Roy Jorgensen Associates, Inc. (I-595 Express)
Wysocky	Mark	FHP-Troop L