

Meeting Date: 12-15-04
Meeting Time: 1:30 pm
Location: Emergency Operations Center (EOC) 20 South Military Trail West Palm Beach, FL

Attendees: See Contact List Attached

Call Meeting to Order

Charlie Robbins of DMJM+HARRIS called the meeting to order and self-introductions followed. The meeting agenda, October 2004 PB Meeting Minutes, Florida Turnpike Enterprise Roadway Incident Scene Clearance (RISC) Program handout, and the Palm Beach TIM Incident Response Manual (Working Draft) were distributed prior to the meeting for review. Mr. Robbins explained that the TIM Meeting would be recorded from this meeting forward in order to aid with the completion of the meeting minutes.

Other TIM Issues

Mr. Robbins introduced Guy Francese from the Florida Department of Transportation who gave an overview of the Statewide Traffic Incident Management Meeting that was part of the Transpo2004 in Jacksonville.

Mr. Francese stated he attended most of the Incident Management Sessions. There were presentations on Best practices for Incident Management in Florida, Incident Management Hero Program in Georgia, and Incident Management Programs in Athens Greece. One of the presentations was titled "ITS Yes it Can Help" which included the Florida Turnpike Enterprise program called "Eye in the Sky". Mr. Francese displayed a brochure with details of the program. This program entails a remote CCTV van similar to a news crew van with a 45-foot telescope that feeds live images to the TMC. It can be compared to a mobile TMC.

Other presentations were regarding the service patrols. Presentations included the Road Ranger Program, Georgia Hero Program, and the California Freeway Service Patrol Program. The SIRV and the HERO vehicle were on display. Our SIRV Vehicle was designed based on the Washington State Incident Response Vehicle.

California DOT (Caltrans) developed a Prediction Model on how they deploy their service patrols. The Caltrans Prediction Model takes into consideration variables such as traffic volume and accidents. In turn, this gives a better idea of how best to deploy service patrols. They will be sending us a copy of their software. They also developed benefit cost ratios for all of their ten service patrol programs. We will be considering including benefit cost ratios into our performance measures as it will be a good tool in order to expand the program into other counties such as Martin, Indian River, and St. Lucie Counties.

There was a standard tractor-trailer vehicle rollover demonstration at Transpo 2004. One of the main lessons learned was the importance of keeping the structural integrity of the trailer by not opening any doors if the trailer is on it's side. Losing the structural integrity would compromise the efforts to upright it.

Mr. Robbins noted that the service patrols from California and Georgia are state employees. The California service patrols are dispatched from the California Highway Patrol.

In conjunction with the Transpo 2004, the Statewide TIM Meeting covered issues such as the lessons learned from the four hurricanes we recently experienced, and the development of the Statewide Traffic Incident Management Strategic Plan. The state was initially going to present drafts to all local district TIM Teams and receive input. Subsequently, they will be taking a different approach and will be sending out the draft and we will forward our comments as a team. One of the recommendations in the Statewide TIM Strategic Plan was to change towing regulation statues in the upcoming legislative session.

In conclusion, Mr. Francese presented a Traffic Incident Management Outstanding Achievement Award that was presented at Transpo2004 for the FDOT District Four TIM Team, which includes Palm Beach and Broward County. Some of the contributing factors for winning the award were the development of the Palm Beach Incident Response Manual and the Ramp ID Signs.

On other issues, Dave Maloney from the Florida Department of Revenue in West Palm Beach posed his concern regarding repetitive incident alerts that update every 20 minutes. Bob Murphy stated he distributed a pager survey to all pager users in hard copy form and via e-mail three times and received feedback from 12 out of the 69 users. He will be redistributing the survey in order to tabulate the responses regarding the need for the frequency in notification. The feedback is necessary to accommodate each individuals needs.

John Scarpellino from the ITMS Traffic Management Office proceeded to explain that the reason for the frequency of the alerts is that there are agencies that do need to know that an incident is still in progress. The paging format will eventually be broken down in order to send frequent pages on a need to know bases and update other agencies of start and clearance times only.

TIM Members also expressed a concern with the messages being cut off because they are too long. Mr. Murphy explained that there is a character limit of 128 and it could also be due to the user's pager specifications.

Ollie Jones from the Broward SunGuide Transportation Management Center announced that the TMC is now operating on a 24/5 schedule (shifts - 6 – 2:30 P.M. / 2 – 10:30 P.M. / 10:00 P.M. - 6:30 A.M.)

Steve Jerauld from the Palm Beach County Fire Rescue Department shared pertinent information from the United States Fire Academy (UFIMA), which tracks Fire Fighter Emergency Responder deaths and injuries. He e-mailed a copy of a publication they issued in which they declare significant causes of Fire Fighter Deaths are directly related to traffic incidents while responding or while on scene. The publication includes recommendations for incident management procedures. Mr. Robbins suggested that the safety issue be stressed as a general concern for each agency at the beginning of the Palm Beach Incident Response Manual.

Working Groups

Mr. Robbins asked each working group to review the PB Incident Response Manual pertaining to each individual agencies roles and responsibilities and provide comments and or suggestions to the entire TIM Team once they reconvene. The TIM Members were also asked to write their comments on the manual and turn in to Mohary Irizarry from DMJMHARRIS for tracking and follow up purposes.

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