

Meeting Date: April 10th, 2007

Meeting Time: 1:30 PM

Location: Palm Beach County Traffic Engineering Building Vista Center
2300 Jog Road 3rd Floor
West Palm Beach, Florida 33412

Attendees: Listing Attached

Call Meeting to Order

Robert Murphy of DMJM Harris called the meeting to order. Introductions immediately followed.

Distributed Documents:

- Agenda
- TIM Strategic Plan
- Statewide TIM Update
- FHP Open Roads Memo
- Clean Highways Initiative
- Post Incident Analysis Timelines
- US 27 Mile Post Markers

TIM Strategic Plan – Guy Francese

A list comprised of action items and recommendations for 2007 taken from the TIM Strategic Plan was provided to the TIM members. There are key performance measures for 2007 contained in this list. Guy will begin working with the TIM Consultant to begin implementing these initiatives.

Statewide TIM Update – Guy Francese

Guy attended the Statewide ITS Working Group Meeting on April 2nd, 2007. Some issues he brought back were: changes to the towing statutes; a TIM Executive Committee will be created with 2 representatives from each District that will take on most of the on-going statewide issues; and CUTR will be developing a study to research Statewide Road Ranger MOT training.

An update on the Statewide RISC program was given. The statewide task team that was created to look into the feasibility of implementing RISC on a statewide basis recommended that the Executive Committee provide \$100,000 annually to each district to implement the RISC program. 80% of these costs will be reimburseable from insurance companies.

Red tagging abandoned vehicles was also an issue. Charlie Creel met with Col. Knight regarding this issue and Col. Knight agreed to allow the Road Rangers to tag the vehicles to start the 6 hour clock so that FHP won't have to. Central Office will be providing tags to the districts for distribution to the Road Rangers based on a similar tag used by Georgia DOT. FHP will still be responsible for removing the vehicle via rotation tow.



- Road Ranger Training. We haven't really got into a lot of training issues as yet. The Center for Urban Transportation Research at the University of South Florida is doing a research paper on Maintenance of Traffic for the Road Ranger program. We don't know if this is going to be adopted as protocol but Charlie Creel obtained the lesson plan for MOT training that is taught at the FHP Academy for inclusion into any Road Ranger MOT training. This would allow Road Rangers and troopers to be on the same page when setting up MOT during an incident.
- Colonel Knight has given us permission to teach a 1 hour class to basic recruits at the FHP Academy on RR familiarization. This would give these recruits knowledge as to what the RR's do and how they can help.
- State Law Enforcement Radio System. The first hurdle has been passed to allow the RR's onto the 800 MHz. radio system. When this is finally approved the RR's can communicate directly with a Trooper at the scene of an incident. This would also improve reporting procedures to the TMC's.

FHP Motorist Assist Call – Bob Murphy

When you dial *FHP the menu has been changed so that you can now choose Road Ranger assistance instead of the emergency line. If you choose Road Ranger assistance then the call is routed to the Broward County TMC. We did a one month pilot program in March and we received 11-15 additional phone calls a day. This procedure allows quicker response time instead of having FHP call the TMC to deliver the information. We had the Lake Worth Communications Center Supervisor come by the TMC to give 2 four hour training classes the TMC Operators.

Interstate-95 Construction Update – Meredith Rapp

FHP Open Roads MOU – Guy Francese

There is an MOU established by Troop F to have wreckers called out before a trooper arrives on scene to clear the roadway in an event that a vehicle is blocking the roadway. Major Guzman is okay with this plan as long as Captain Roberts, Captain, Egeli, and Captain Ramil are all okay with this plan.

Clean Highways Initiative – Mel Pollock

In the last few years there has been an increase in the amount of litter there is on the sides of the highways. Mel stated that they are presenting this initiative to the Executive Committee to obtain funding. There are posters going up and the Palm Beach Post has already published material regarding the initiative.

OSHA Work Zone Safety – Douglas Prince & Vergie Bain

Vergie Bain and Douglas Prince gave a brief presentation of work zone safety and how important it is to protect yourself and your work area. OSHA does training sessions on a variety of topics for work zones. We can work towards coming up with a unified training program for the TIM team.

Other TIM Issues – Guy Francese**EOC Update**

This is still in the process of being refined for the Lake Okeechobee evacuation route. There has been DOT representation at all meetings. The regional evacuation route has been going on for about 3 months.

US 27 Mile Markers – Guy Francese

Gerri from the Palm Beach Traffic Engineering Division will send a request to Mark Plass for putting in the Mile Markers along US 27 in Palm Beach County.

Review of Incidents – John Scarpellino

Incident # 331767 – This incident occurred on February 27th, 2007 at 0947 on I-95 NB beyond Okeechobee Road. This was a shipping container full of mulch and other landscaping equipment that caught fire after the axles on the truck sparked and caused the fire. Some of the Fire Department issues were that the sound walls prevented the fire fighters from getting access to the fire hydrants. There was a request for signs to be put on the sound wall of the locations of all the nearby fire hydrants. Another issue was the original position of the fire apparatus; could it have been moved when the initial emergency calmed down? The other concern was did the fire department stay on scene to long instead of leaving to free up some of the roadway.

Incident # 334838 – This incident occurred on March 8th, 2007 at 2055 on I-95 NB before Woolbright Road. This was an accident involving a tractor trailer that spilled 100 gallons of fuel all over the roadway causing four lanes to be closed. FDOT Maintenance opened two lanes and still had two lanes blocked.

Action Items for Next Meeting

- Guy to look into OSHA training program for Road Rangers
- Obtain a copy of Section 6i in the MUTCD for emergency workers and give to Guy, SIRV, and the Road Rangers.
- Locate fire hydrants behind sound walls and put location markers on the sound walls for Fire Rescue.
- Guy to email another reminder email to Gary regarding the US 27 mile markers

Last Name	First Name	Agency
Bain	Vergie	OSHA
Churchill	John	PBSO
Day	Timothy	Sisters Towing
Dovey	Bob	Commissioner Newell
Francese	Guy	FDOT
Gartner	Terry	FDOT – Motor Carrier Compliance
Hernandez	Gilberto	Sunshine Towing/Road Rangers
Hitt	Robert	Palm Beach County
Jerauld	Steve	Palm Beach County Fire Rescue
Kauff	Richard	Kauffs Towing
Larson	Carl	PBC Emergency Management
Letts	Gregg	DMJM Harris
Littlefield	Steve	DMJM Harris SIRV Broward County
McGinness	Chuck	Palm Beach County Post
McKissack	Ed	Florida's Turnpike
Moley	David	FDOT
Murphy	Robert	DMJM Harris
Murray	Mark	PBSO
Pollock	Mel	PB FDOT Maintenance
Prince	Douglas	OSHA
Purser	Lt. Robert	FHP
Rapp	Meredith	I-95 Mobility Project IPO
Rondone	John	PBSO
Ross	Patrick	WPB Police
Ruslander	Harold	PB ME's Office
Scarpellino	John	ITMS
Scheidt	Mike	Kauff's Towing
Werner	Catherine	Florida's Turnpike
White	Helena	PB ITMS

