

# PALM BEACH TRAFFIC INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2010 1:30PM – 3:30PM



**LOCATION:** PALM BEACH VISTA CENTER  
 2300 N. JOG RD. RM. 1E-59  
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## MEETING AGENDA

| <b>Introductions / Review Previous Meeting Minutes / Action Items</b>  |  |  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Action Items</li> </ul>  |  |  |
| <b>Updates</b>   |  |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construction Update                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I-95 Northern HOV Expansion - Alicia DeFago</li> </ul> </li> <li>Road Ranger Program                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Statewide Road Ranger Program Survey</li> </ul> </li> <li>Rapid Incident Scene Clearance</li> <li>Southeast Florida Regional Transportation Operations Committee / 511</li> <li>Treasure Coast TIM Team</li> </ul> |  |  |
| <b>Presentations</b>   | <b>Speaker</b>   |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Palm Beach Emergency Operations Center</li> </ul>   | Matt Cronin  |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Palm Beach County Towing Regulations</li> </ul>   | Sgt. John Churchill, Palm Beach Sheriffs Office  |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transportation Research Board (TRB)</li> </ul>  | Bob Murphy, AECOM  |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TIME 4 Safety: Module 3: Lights, Safety Vests, and Cones</li> </ul>   | Mike McGee, AECOM  |  |
| <b>Post Incident Analysis</b>  |  |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Incident: 2028632 – Monday, December 14, 2009 11:30 a.m. I-95 NB at Blue Heron Blvd. – Tractor Trailer Fatality</li> </ul>  |  |  |
| <b>Handouts</b>  |  |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International Fire Fighters Association: Benefits to TIM Committees</li> <li>Dixie Highway Flyover Construction</li> <li>2009 TIM Topics</li> <li>I-95 Corridor Coalition Quick Clearance Responder Workshop</li> </ul>   |  |  |
| <b>Training Safety Tip</b>   |  |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintenance of Traffic Photo Review</li> </ul>  |  |  |
| <b>Open Discussion</b>   |  |  |
| <b>Future Meetings</b>   |  |  |
| April 6, 2010 1:30pm – 3:30pm<br>2300 N. Jog Rd. 1 <sup>st</sup> fl. Rm. 1E-59<br>West Palm Beach, FL 33411  | June 1, 2010 1:30pm – 3:30pm<br>2300 N. Jog Rd. 1 <sup>st</sup> fl. Rm. 1E-59<br>West Palm Beach, FL 33411 | August 3, 2010 1:30pm – 3:30pm<br>2300 N. Jog Rd. 1 <sup>st</sup> fl. Rm. 1E-59<br>West Palm Beach, FL 33411 |

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

### **Welcome! What is the Palm Beach TIM Team all about?**

The Traffic Incident Management team is comprised of members from the Florida Department of Transportation, Florida Highway Patrol, Palm Beach County traffic engineering, emergency operations, 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 Palm Beach County. The Florida Department of Transportation District 4 (FDOT D4) is comprised of Broward, Palm Beach, Martin, Saint Lucie, and Indian River counties.

The forty five (45) centerline miles of Interstate 95 within District 4, under Palm Beach County's jurisdiction, are currently covered by thirty (30) SMART Zone trailers. SMART Zone trailers carry a portable version of Dynamic Message Signs (DMS), Closed Circuit Television (CCTV), and Microwave Vehicle Detector Systems (MVDS). SMART Zone trailers can be moved during different phases of construction to different locations. The permanent deployment of the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) on I-95 in Palm Beach County will begin late 2008 and be constructed in two phases. The first phase is scheduled for completion in late 2010; the second phase is scheduled for completion in early 2013. The permanent ITS system will include a complete fiber optic communication network, a secure wireless communication system, a power distribution system, 47 CCTVs, 117 MVDSs, 12 DMSs, 11 Arterial DMSs, a Roadway Weather Information System (RWIS), and a Highway Advisory Radio (HAR) network.

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 provide gasoline, water, and oil. They attempt to make minor repairs, tow vehicles out of traffic lanes, and drive stranded motorists off the interstate.

Road Rangers assist at incident scenes by setting up maintenance of traffic (MOT) with cones, flares, arrow boards, and truck mounted DMS.

In the future, Severe Incident Response Vehicles (SIRV) will respond to critical incidents on the interstate, as the FDOT representative, and provide additional MOT equipment, spill containment, roadway repair, and incident command.

Rapid Incident Scene Clearance (RISC) became operational 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 faster for motorist use.

All of these systems and personnel are monitored at the Interim Transportation Management System (ITMS) at 2200 Center Park West Drive, and soon, at 2300 West Jog Road in West Palm Beach, and will operate the permanent ITS equipment. TMC Operators monitor traffic using CCTV, VDS, receive calls from motorists, and other agencies for assistance. TMC Operators dispatch Road Rangers, eventually SIRV, and will notify emergency responders 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.

### **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 and as safely as possible. We educate the team on new projects, troubleshoot responder problems, share information, critique critical incidents, and establish professional relationships. Our goal is to clear incidents as quickly as possible and keep the interstate highway traffic moving. You and your agency are an important part of the team. We urge your organization to support us to make FDOT D4 TIM Team part of the "best TMC in the nation by 2010". If you don't understand something, please ask. We are here to help you.