

Meeting Date: Wednesday, September 01, 2004

Meeting Time: 1:30 pm

Location: FHP Troop L, 14190 SR 84, Davie, Florida

Attendees:

Bashan, Ron - ICA
Carmenates, Aurelio – MDX
Corbo, Raul – Anchor Towing
Cosme, Gerardo – DMJM+HARRIS
Darsin, Jose – VMS/MDX
Francese, Guy – FDOT-4
Evans, Angela – FDOT – Com. Traffic Safety
Frazier, Jon – FDOT
Ibarra, Jason – Synergy Environmental
Ingles, Mario - ICA
Irizarry, Mohary – DMJM+HARRIS
Kumar, Girish – HNTB Corporation
Levinson, Fred – Turnpike
Mckissach, Ed - Turnpike

McGroarty, John – Synergy Environmental
McTague, Dee – DMJM – District 4 TMC
Millard, Mike – SRC /511
Prince, Douglas – USDOT/OSHA
Ramos, Alexis – Sunshine Towing/Rd Ranger
Ramos, Maggie – Sunshine Towing/Rd Ranger
Robbins, Charles – DMJM+HARRIS
Roberts, Captain John - FHP
Rolon, Javier – ICA – I-75 Management
Saunders, Deborah – Miami Dade Police Dept.
Sparks, John – PB Farradyne
Washburn, Michael – FDOT-Turnpike Enterprise
Werner, Catherine - Turnpike

Introductions

Charlie Robbins of DMJM+HARRIS called the meeting to order. Self-introductions for all attendees followed. The meeting agenda, March 2004 Joint TIM meeting minutes and July 2004 Broward TIM meeting minutes were distributed. No comments were offered regarding the prior meeting minutes.

Charlie Robbins pointed out that the number of attendees for today’s meeting was low because of various agencies preparing for Hurricane Frances. In addition, he pointed out that today’s meeting would not take the normal format and that he would like to address two items:

1. Review Broward TMC’s timeline for the recent tanker incident on the Turnpike.
2. Allow agencies to provide an overview of their hurricane plans to share the resources they plan to deploy and if there is an opportunity to share/coordinate resources for Hurricane Frances.

Timeline for Tanker Incident

Tom Miller from DMJM+HARRIS discussed the BC TMC Timeline for the rollover incident that occurred on August 31, 2004. The purpose of the recap was to augment the timeline with additional input from other agencies involved.

At 11:39 AM the Broward TMC received a text message from the Turnpike stating that there was a tanker rollover at mile post 46 and all lanes were closed. FHP and Road Rangers were on scene at 11:20 AM. Catherine Werner from the Turnpike clarified that Gusepy was the first on scene at 11:18 AM. Tom requested follow up on who was dispatched from Fire Rescue. Catherine stated the responders were from Miami-Dade and Miramar. At 8:08 PM the Turnpike advised northbound lanes were reopened. The lanes were opened for a short period of time and re-closed. At 9:04 PM the tanker was up-righted, north lanes reopened and crew was clearing the southbound lane. Catherine stated the road was clear of debris at 9:52 PM and southbound lanes were reopened at 10:33 PM. Tom requested details of the incident. Catherine stated there was a gravel dump truck that crossed the median hitting a tanker with 5000-6000 gallons of fuel. The tanker lost 2000 gallons of fuel, which was gushing out of a rupture in the tank. The driver of the dump truck was a fatality.

Tom asked the Turnpike Representatives for the Turnpike procedure for conducting Post Incident Analyses. Catherine stated the Turnpike hosts the PIA and invites other agencies. The focus of the PIA is to identify lessons learned and appropriate actions taken that should continue to be implemented in the future. Responders that were on scene receive a copy. The PIA is normally conducted within 24-36 hours of the incident yet due to the upcoming hurricane it will be held next week. Tom requested that the date and time is relayed to all TIM Members so that we may attend.

District 6 was not present at the TIM Meeting due to an emergency meeting for preparing for the hurricane. Fred Levinson from Turnpike stated that District 6 did not report any problems with any of the signs that were put up. Tom requested a follow up on the time that the Turnpike posted the signs.

Tom requested information from FHP regarding procedures during incidents that involve a fatality. Capt. John Roberts from FHP explained that there is extensive documentation of evidence involved which includes measurements and photographs of the scene. He stated that it was important to mitigate the spill and that FHP has to allow the Fire Department and Hazmat to carry out their duties. An investigation is conducted to determine the speed of the vehicle by way of measuring the skid marks left on the pavement. Capt. Roberts stated the time needed to complete these tasks would considerably reduce by 50-60% once photogrammetry is available. FHP goes back to the scene if necessary to complete the investigation.

Charlie Robbins from DMJM+HARRIS, asked for the level of effectiveness in the radio communications during the incident. From FHP's point of view, Capt. Roberts stated it was a rather small scene and communication was adequate.

Hurricane Plan Reviews

Charlie asked each agency to discuss their Hurricane Emergency Plan.

Capt. Roberts stated FHP has suspended all vacation and days off. They will have 41 troopers available, of which 10-12 troopers will be sent to wherever the storm impacts. US 27 will be a primary relief route for relief agencies, as I-95 will be congested with heavy traffic. There might be a directive from Tallahassee to one way the Turnpike. Coordination of how to handle debris would be DOT's responsibility. FHP will not provide service in 40-mile an hour winds or more. FHP will only provide emergency response in 50-60 mile an hour winds. Minor traffic crashes will only be responded to if there is an injury involved.

Charlie asked for the time frame after the hurricane in which FHP is required to respond for assistance. Capt. Roberts replied that it should be within 72 hours. That time frame is dependent upon the amount of debris.

During Hurricane Andrew, all patrol cars were damaged and were not able to respond. Troopers will look for debris and contact DOT.

Guy Francese from FDOT stated he has a copy of the FDOT Emergency Management Plan, which addresses hurricanes. The EOC is the coordinator for all agencies and they will be meeting today at 3:00 PM. He proceeded to provide pertinent information from the manual. He stated Traffic Ops is responsible for power at the traffic signals and for temporary traffic control. He stated all construction projects have to open lanes within 8 hours of notification.

Fred Levinson stated that the Turnpike has two TMC's (Pompano/Turkey Lake) 200 miles apart. If one TMC has to be evacuated the other one can remain in operation during the hurricane. Each TMC has generators to deploy for back-up power. The Turnpike TMC's are operational 24/7 and will remain open until it is determined to be unsafe. He also pointed out that the Turnpike has a representative at the FHP Dispatch in Lakeworth to facilitate information sharing between the two agencies.

Maggie Ramos from Road Rangers stated Road Ranger vehicles would be spread out to different locations in order to avoid a total loss of vehicles in one location. They will be implementing A and B crews. Crews will alternate to go home and prepare for the hurricane. Road Rangers will adhere to the same guidelines as most agencies and will remove their trucks from the roadways when winds exceed 40 miles per hour.

ITMS will be operating 24/7 as of this week and will remain staffed until it is determined to be unsafe. Devices are portable and DMS signs can be retracted.

The Broward Interim TMC operations had to postpone its relocation to the new TMC this weekend due to the hurricane. They plan to extend operations for the hurricane, as needed. The Broward TMC will be discussing a detailed hurricane plan today.

TIM Members paused to watch a live Hurricane Briefing by Governor Jeb Bush on one of the local television stations, after which, they reconvened.

Lt. Charleston from the FHP provided useful information from previous hurricanes. He suggested that Road Rangers anticipate having flat tires and coordinate having tires on stand by. He proceeded to inform TIM Members that there is an area between Ft. Myers north to Sarasota where there is no signal for Nextel and Cingular. He stressed the importance of considering backup communication in the event that we respond to that location. He also urged all to ensure there is a back up tank for fuel. Fuel is only given to emergency response personnel during situations like this. Guy reminded members that the SIRV Vehicle would have radios available once it is activated.

Maggie suggested a massive distribution of the TIM Meeting sign-in sheet for all TIM Members to use as a contact reference guide.

Other TIM Issues

Charlie requested feedback regarding the meeting formats and focus. He suggested that Joint TIM Meetings become more informational in nature as the meetings are so infrequent. Working groups from the Broward and Miami-Dade TIM Teams can share the progress of their projects and action items. The rest of the group agreed.

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