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**Semi-Annual Joint Miami-Dade/Broward Traffic Incident Management (TIM)**  
**Meeting**  
**Meeting Agenda**

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PLACE: Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Headquarters Auditorium  
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**2. Purpose**

The purpose of this meeting is to serve as a platform for TIM partner agencies to highlight and discuss on-going initiatives, activities or events that are affecting or set to affect the surface transportation system of the southeast Florida area. The meeting is hosted by the District Six and District Four TIM Teams to provide partners with an opportunity to voice concerns and raise questions regarding Department-related projects. In terms of communication and coordination, the meeting served to continue to build on the progress made since the last joint Miami-Dade / Broward County TIM Meeting, held on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010.





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### 3. Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Introduction

- Chief Cesar Fabal of Miami-Dade Fire Rescue (MDFR) introduced himself and mentioned the new training facility recently opened at the MDFR Headquarters. He offered a tour of the facility upon completion of the TIM meeting if anyone was interested.

### 4. TIM Update

#### a. District Six TIM Team Update

- Joe Snyder of the District 6 (D6) Transportation Management Center (TMC) thanked Chief Fabal for permitting us to host our TIM Meeting at the MDFR Headquarters.
- Joe then proceeded to present the D6 TIM update.
- The presentation included updates for the 95 Express Lanes, Ramp Signaling, Rapid Incident Scene Clearance (RISC), and Road Rangers.
- Joe explained some lessons learned and action items from previous TIM meetings.
- Joe stated that two (2) additional Road Rangers will be on the road before the end of 2010.
- One question was asked: Guy Francese of District 4 (D4) asked how D6 is handling the mile marker information that was requested by MDFR?
  - Joe answered that MDFR has requested mile markers on Krome Avenue and Okeechobee Road to be placed every one-fourth of a mile in addition to every mile as they are currently. The TMC Staff is currently evaluating this and, if feasible, will send a request to the D6 FDOT Traffic Operations Department to review and possibly implement.
  - Joe added that D6 will share any information with D4 on this subject.

#### b. District Four TIM Team Update

- Mike McGee of the D4 Regional Transportation Management Center (RTMC) presented the D4 TIM update. The presentation included:
- FDOT Construction updates on State Road 84, I-75, and the I-75/I-595, Sawgrass interchange.
- Road Ranger program:
  - Broward contract was awarded in June 2010 to Sunshine Towing.
  - Palm Beach contract was awarded in July 2010 to Anchor Towing.
  - Treasure Coast contract has been executed and starts operations on September 6, 2010.
- SIRV has now expanded a six month pilot program to Palm Beach County during weekday morning and afternoon peak periods.
- Davie Fire Rescue is hosting two one-day training seminars on traffic incident management on October 19 and 20, 2010 at their facility. Contact Julie Downey for more information at 954-797-1189 or [Jdowney@davie-fl.gov](mailto:Jdowney@davie-fl.gov).
- Mike also explained some lessons learned from last six months:
  - Animal control and care issues during traffic incident management events.
  - Communication and activation issues with RISC program.
  - Road Ranger survey indicates more Road Ranger equipment, competency, and training.
  - Asset Management Contractor issues with pre-positioned MOT equipment,
- The next D4 Broward County TIM Meeting will be held on November 3, 2010 at the Broward Regional Transportation Management Center in Fort Lauderdale.



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### c. Florida's Turnpike Enterprise TIM Team Update

- Mike Washburn of Florida's Turnpike Enterprise (FTE) presented the FTE TIM update.
- Mike gave a brief overview of the FTE's TMC locations and information dissemination tools.
- He gave updates on the Road Ranger program, the Specialty Towing and Roadside Repair (STARR) program and the RISC program.
- In the presentation, Mike mentioned that the FTE Road Rangers have switched over to the 800 MHz radios used by first responders, such as FHP. An FHP Trooper asked if any other FDOT Districts in Florida will be switching to the 800 MHz radios.
  - Mike stated that would have to be dependent on each District and the feasibility of the radios in that District.
  - Joe Snyder added that D6 is currently testing the radios.
- Mike stated that recently a Road Ranger responded to a disabled vehicle on the Turnpike and because of a Silver Alert that was active, the Road Ranger was able to identify the individual.
- Mike also mentioned that Lake Worth FHP Dispatch Center has a video wall and video feeds from FTE Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) cameras.
  - Chief Fabal asked how FHP receives the video feeds.
  - Mike stated that they have a good relationship with FHP and have reached an agreement to provide the video feeds to them.
  - Chief Fabal suggested partnering up in the hopes of having the same agreement reached to provide video feeds to MDRF.

### d. Miami-Dade Expressway Authority (MDX) TIM Update

- Greg Kirkpatrick of the MDX TMC presenting the MDX TIM update.
- The MDX presentation included updates on the Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) field equipment, the new Open Road Tolling (ORT), and RISC.
- Greg stated the ORT has been successfully implemented on 3 MDX roadways (SR 974, SR 878, and SR 874) and scheduled for 2 more (SR 112 and SR 836).
- Mike Washburn asked if MDX has noticed any new congestion spots as a result of the ORT.
  - Greg stated that they have not noticed any new congestion spots since deployment of the ORT.

## 5. FDOT Central Office Update

- Charlie Creel of FDOT Central Office provided an update of Central Office TIM initiatives currently taking place.
- Charlie encouraged anyone who had not watched the "TIme 4 Safety" video to pick one up at the meeting. It is a training video on Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) for first responder agencies. FDOT Central Office's goal is to have all first responder agencies in the state trained using the video by the end of 2010.
- Charlie spoke about the Computer Based Training (CBT) for MOT that will be launched by Central Office in the upcoming weeks.
- Charlie stated that the RISC and Road Ranger comment card reports have been finished and will be online soon.
  - Joe Snyder added that Paul Clark of FDOT Central Office had sent out an email earlier that day with the links to the reports. The links will be sent to the TIM partners.



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- It was stated that the D6 will be granted permission to implement RISC on non-limited access roadways as a “pilot project” to ascertain feasibility for expanding the program.
  - Erich Bundy of Kauff’s Towing added that MDFR is a major part of the RISC contract and they should be well coordinated with on RISC events.
- Charlie also mentioned that a new Road Ranger survey should be released soon to distribute to TIM first responders.

### 6. Project Updates

#### a. SR 826/836 Interchange Project Update

- Oscar Gonzalez, the Public Information Officer (PIO) for the SR 826/836 Interchange Project gave a brief overview of the project. He also mentioned some upcoming closures which will affect travel.
- Don Avery, CEI for the project, stated that Road Rangers were part of this construction contract.
  - Don then provided some statistics on the amount of incidents and assists the Road Rangers have provided.
- Don mentioned all of the new ITS devices that will be a part of the project, such as Dynamic Messaging Signs (DMS), CCTV, and vehicle detectors.

#### b. I-595 Express Update

- Maggie Kirkpatrick, the PIO for the project, reviewed the different segments that the project is broken into and when construction on each began or will begin.
- Catherine Werner stated that Road Rangers were also provided through this construction contract. She added that the Road Rangers have a contract required response time in which they must respond to an incident.
  - She also provided statistics on the amount of incidents and assists they have provided.

#### c. Port of Miami Tunnel Update

- Christopher Hodgkins of Miami Access Tunnel (MAT) gave a brief overview of the Port of Miami Tunnel (POMT) Project.
- Chris provided some dates when construction will occur on MacArthur Causeway but stated most of the work will be done away from the roadway, thus not affecting travel lanes as much.
- Chris briefly explained the Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM), stating that there will be one TBM that will be used to create both bores of the tunnel.
- Chris stated it is a 55 month project.
- Ray Vaughan of MDFR asked about storm surge and what will occur in the tunnel.
  - Chris added that there will be cross passages throughout the tunnel and also tunnel entrance closure devices.



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### 7. Open Discussion

- Joe Snyder asked if anyone would like to add anything to the open discussion.
- Javier Rodriguez added that these meetings are important for agencies to attend and to provide any feedback. He used the example of having RISC on non-limited access roadways. That request came from a TIM meeting and now because of that it is taking place and has potential to help expedite incident clearance on those roadways.
- The meeting was adjourned and anyone that wanted a tour of the new MDRF training facility was asked to stay.

### 8. Action Items

- a. Rossi Gaudio – provide links to the RISC and Road Ranger Comment Card reports from FDOT Central Office (emailed on 9/7/10 by Alicia Torrez).