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

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DATE: 09/07/2011

TIME: 1:30 PM – 4:00 PM

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 serves to continue to build on the progress made since the last joint Miami-Dade / Broward County TIM Meeting, held on March 2, 2011.





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3. TIM Update

Joe Snyder opened the meeting by giving a short description and purpose of Traffic Incident Management (TIM) and presented an update on the FDOT District Six TIM Team.

- a. FDOT District Six TIM Team Update
 - i. Joe provided a Transportation Management Center (TMC), TIM, Rapid Incident Scene Clearance (RISC), and Road Ranger/Incident Response Vehicle (IRV) Update.
 - The TMC Update included the fact that the TMC Operators were provided with guidance for roadway events on narrow shoulders and the procedures for the closure of the 95 Express Lanes were revised.
 - District Six enhanced the software that the TMC Operational Staff uses, also known as Operator Task Manager (OTM). The enhancements include incident notifications from responder websites, graphs that display current speeds on FDOT limited access facilities, more effective Quality Assurance/Quality Control protocols, and creation of computer based Operator Telephone/Shift Change Logs. These enhancements allow the TMC Operators to quickly and effectively detect/verify incidents on the FDOT roadways.
 - The FDOT District Six website (www.sunguide.org) is now available in a mobile version.
 - A 511 application for the iPhone has been deployed.
 - ii. The TIM Update included the progress that there have been 9 agency outreach meetings/teleconferences since the last joint TIM meeting and highlighted the key events/achievements
 - Additionally the TIM update included an issue brought up at a TIM meeting and how the TIM team documented the lesson learned, assigned an action item, and resolved the issue. The lesson learned was the IRV Operators and Road Rangers addressed safety concerns for locations with hills/curves. The action item was to identify the locations and determine a method to present to Operational Staff. The resolution was the TIM Team created maps, including CCTV screenshots, for all Road Ranger and IRV patrolled roadways that identify these locations.
 - The TIM Self-Assessment (SA) score for District Six was 92.3% which was an increase in score from last year. The TIM SA score has increased for District Six every year since they have been participating.
 - iii. The RISC Update highlighted the average RISC benchmark times for the seven events that happened since the last joint TIM meeting.
 - A RISC Pilot Program update was also given which stated it is scheduled to begin in mid to late October.
 - iv. The Road Ranger/IRV update included the results of the 2011 Road Ranger Incident Responder survey which highlighted the fact that there were improvements in scores for all categories of the survey for the District Six Road Rangers.
 - The TMC has developed Training for the Incident Response Vehicle (IRV) Operators and are exploring having them on-call for large scale events after hours.



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- The FDOT District Six TMC is exploring migrating to the statewide 800 MHz SLERS radios.

- b. FDOT District Four TIM Team Update
 - i. Mike McGee, TIM Coordinator for FDOT District Four, opened the presentation and had Bob Murphy provide an update for the FHP Fog/Smoke Plan for US 27/I-75.
 - ii. Mike asked the group to let him know if there will be any upcoming scheduled events for their respective agency and if the TIM Team could assist in any way.
 - iii. Guy Francese, FDOT District Four, gave an update on the Road Ranger Program and discussed the recent request from FHP Troop L to determine if Road Rangers could display a flashing arrow on their arrow board when on the shoulder. After they conducted some research, it was determined that per MUTCD standards, the four dots or alternating diamond must be displayed while on the shoulder.
 - iv. Guy went over the Road Ranger Incident Responder Survey results for District Four. He added that D4 had the highest percentage of statewide responses and the scores have improved since last year's survey.
 - v. Mike stated that the new Severe Incident Response Vehicle (SIRV) contract was awarded and the Notice to Proceed (NTP) was issued on 8/25/11. It will expand coverage in Palm Beach and Broward Counties and include the procurement of new trucks.
 - vi. Mike and the TIM Team will be conducting additional outreach to the Oakland Park Fire Rescue on September 19-21.
 - vii. Mike gave the results from the District Four 2011 TIM Self-Assessment and illustrated how all 3 TIM Teams have experienced increases in scores compared to last year.

- c. Florida's Turnpike Enterprise TIM Team Update
 - i. Mike Washburn, Turnpike TIM Coordinator, provided the update for Florida's Turnpike Enterprise (FTE).
 - ii. Mike stated that the FTE conducted Incident Management (IM) Training last quarter in each zone of the Turnpike.
 - iii. Mike added that the Turnpike Incident Commander will now wear a special safety vest that has "TPK Supervisor" on the back so that he/she can easily be identified.
 - iv. Mike reported on the Specialty Towing and Roadside Repair (STARR) program and provided average arrival times for different zones of the Turnpike for the vendors of the STARR program.
 - v. Mike explained the Road Ranger program on the FTE and coverage areas and hours.
 - vi. He added that there have been 4 Road Ranger involved crash incidents on the Turnpike in the last 6 months. The FTE has held Post Incident Analysis (PIA) meetings to discuss the incidents and determine methods to curtail the crashes.
 - vii. Mike stated the Turnpike will be hosting an IM Training workshop for cable barrier removal/clearance training on Sept. 8 at the Snapper Creek Service Plaza in the FHP Building.



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- d. Miami-Dade Expressway Authority (MDX) TIM Update
 - i. Jerry Cosme, MDX TMC Manager, provided the TIM update for MDX.
 - ii. Jerry provided an update on the status of the MDX Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) field devices. He added that MDX roadways and arterials feeding into MDX roadways will be getting Dynamic Messaging Signs (DMS) by May 2012. He also stated that confirmation cameras will be installed to verify the messages on the DMS.
 - iii. Jerry explained MDX's last RISC incident in which the eastbound and westbound ramps to Le Jeune Road on SR 836 were shut down due to a flatbed carrying a garbage container rollover.

2. Project Updates

- a. SR 826/836 Interchange Project Update
 - i. Oscar Gonzalez, Public Information Specialist for the project, provided an update on the progress of the project to date and the assembly of the gantry crane for the erection of segmental bridges. Additionally he provided an update on some upcoming long term ramp closures.
 - ii. Don Avery, Project CEI, provided an update on the project Road Rangers including fleet information, incidents responded to, and average incidents per month.
 - iii. Don also provided an update of the ITS portion of the project including progress of the ITS construction and additional devices which will be installed as part of the project.
- b. Port of Miami Tunnel Update
 - i. Luz Weinberg, Director of Communications for the project, provided an update on the progress of the Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM) including the shipment, arrival, pre-assembly, re-assembly, and the name of the TBM.
- c. I-595 Express Update
 - i. Maggie Bruno, Public Information Manager for the project, provided an update on the upcoming closures for the project and some IM statistics as provided by the 595 Express TMC.
- d. I-95 Express Phase 2 Update
 - i. Gregg Letts, AECOM, provided a brief update on the status of the 95 Express Phase 2 project. He stated that the contract has not yet been awarded, but went over the current approved design of the project which included the ingress and egress points. He added that once the contract is signed there is an expected 3 years of construction time.



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3. Other Updates

- a. MDX Board Member – Mr. Norman Wartman
 - i. Mr. Wartman presented on Skyview 360 and its product. Mr. Wartman is working with FDOT in Central Office on signing an agreement for obtaining CCTV feeds from FDOT. Skyview is planning on recording these feeds and making it available to private entities for a fee.
 - ii. He and his associate, Sam Brinkley, explained the benefits of recording the cameras for incident management purposes.
- b. NavTeq Presentation – Mr. Abe Howard
 - i. Mr. Howard gave an overview on NAVTEQ, including what they do with the traffic data they receive from their participating agencies.
 - ii. The information included how they receive the data and some agencies that NAVTEQ is involved with that provide them real time traffic data, such as state DOTs.
 - iii. He explained how the information is provided to the public; through personal navigation and mobile devices, in-dash navigation in vehicles, and by supporting web-based applications. He added the XM Traffic is powered by NAVTEQ.

4. Open Discussion

No open discussion was held.

Joe Snyder provided a brief overview of the Rapid Incident Scene Clearance (RISC) program so that anyone who was not familiar with the program could have a better understanding before they went outside to witness the RISC demonstration.

5. Rapid Incident Scene Clearance (RISC) Demonstration