

Treasure Coast Traffic Incident Management Team Meeting Minutes

January 2009



Meeting Date: January 22, 2009

Meeting Time: 1:30 PM

Location: Treasure Coast Operations Center
3601 Oleander Avenue
Fort Pierce, FL 34982

Attendees: Listing Attached

Call Meeting to Order

Mike McGee of AECOM called the meeting to order. Introductions immediately followed.

Distributed Documents:

- Agenda
- Previous Treasure Coast Meeting Minutes
- FHWA Self Assessment
- MUTCD Chapter 6i – Emergency Lighting
- Silver Alerts
- FDOT Construction Update
- Road Ranger Beat Map
- SMART Moves

ON GOING ISSUES

RISC Update – Guy Francese

Guy stated that the inspections have been conducted on all five vendors that have applied for the RISC contract. Guy would like to schedule a kick off meeting in the next few weeks. Guy spoke with the Statewide Incident Management Coordinator in Tallahassee, Charlie Creel, and he plans to do a training session in Miami-Dade and would like to do one for District Four. The training will include agencies from law enforcement, wreckers, FDOT, etc. Guy would like to see the RISC contract start by the end of February.

I-95 Construction Update – Mickey Kelly / Dale Walker

In Martin, St. Lucie, and Indian River counties, the installation of underground conduit and pull boxes are underway. A coordination meeting was held with FDOT Weigh In Motion (WIM) Coordinator for future WIM stations. On 1/20/09 a design workshop was held to discuss issues on the 100% ITS plans.

I-95 & Becker Interchange

- Night time lane closures
- Shoulders will be resurfaced
- Under deck lighting will be installed

511 have been notified of all lane blocking events. All night time lane closures will go to daytime closures.

Crosstown Interchange

- Night time lane closures will affect I-95. Under deck lighting will be installed.

Gaitlin Blvd

- Resurfacing the street should be complete by June 2009.

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Treasure Coast Traffic Incident Management Support Office (TIMSO) Update – Mickey Kelly

Ocean Gate General Contractors (OGGC) mobilized on site on July 21, 2008, activities by OGGC for this month included the installation of an LPG generator tank, rough-in electrical, plumbing, HVAC duct work, door frames, interior drywall system, and 85% of the membrane roof system is on the main building.

Ocean Gate General Contractors (OGGC) is scheduled to complete electrical, HVAC, plumbing, painting, doors & windows. The installation of Ramp "A", structural steel for walkway canopy, handrails and stucco on the main building is also scheduled to be completed.

FHWA TIM Self Assessment – All

The group conducted an annual self assessment of the TIM team for FHWA. Section 4.2 was completed and sections 4.1 and 4.3 will be completed by the TIM Management team. Results will be given at the next TIM team meeting.

Statewide TIM / RISC Updates – Guy Francese

- Road Ranger Program – This is set to start August 2009 depending on the decision the legislature makes regarding the transportation budget. The proposed schedule would be Monday through Friday from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. This contract will be advertised three months prior to the start date. Guy showed the proposed beats for the Treasure Coast. Lt. Jeffrey from FHP suggested changing the southern most beat to 2 beats due to high call volume.

Traffic Incident Management Memorandum of Understanding – Mike McGee

Mike explained that the TIM MOU was established with partnering agencies to have members assigned to come to the TIM meetings to bring issues for discussion and information back to their agency. Mike explained that there is a permanent member along with an alternate to keep attendance at every meeting. This MOU for the Treasure Coast will be sent out in the coming months.

Traffic Incident Management Coordinator for Treasure Coast – Guy Francese

Guy stated that with the new Treasure coast TIM team established, there will be a TIM Coordinator hired for the team. The TIM Coordinator will be targeting agencies for meeting attendance and facilitating meetings. The TIM Coordinator will be stationed at the Vista Center in West Palm Beach and then at the new TC TIMSO.

Silver Alerts – Mike McGee

Governor Crist signed an agreement to have Silver Alerts used for the elderly with cognitive impairments. If an elderly person is reported missing, with certain criteria a message can be posted on the Dynamic Message Signs (DMS). This alerts motorists to keep a look out. The criteria are vehicle make, model, year, and color to activate.

May Meeting Location – Mike McGee

Mike asked the group if anyone would be willing to host the next Treasure Coast TIM meeting on May 21, 2009. Martin County Sheriffs Office offered to request permission and will let Mike know.

Mike also conveyed that anyone interested in having him give a TIM presentation to their agency can contact him at Michael.mcgee@smartsunguide.com or (954) 847-2634.

Post Incident Analysis – Catherine Werner

On Monday, August 11th, at 11:31 pm, nine miles north of the Fort Pierce interchange, the preliminary report: a tractor trailer was traveling southbound in the outside lane. A second tractor trailer and three other vehicles were stopped in the outside lane due to heavy traffic for a prior crash in the southbound lanes of the Turnpike. The first tractor trailer failed to observe the stopped traffic and failed to stop. This caused the first tractor trailer to collide into the rear of the second tractor trailer which caused the second tractor trailer to be pushed onto the third vehicle causing this vehicle to be pushed

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into the fourth vehicle causing this vehicle to be pushed into the fifth vehicle. The driver of the first tractor trailer was pronounced dead at the scene. The first tractor trailer came to final rest facing a southwesterly direction under the rear trailer of the second tractor trailer.

Lessons Learned:

- No-one was at the end of the queue to watch for traffic. It would have been beneficial to have someone at the end of the queue to watch for traffic and to advise traffic to move over.
- Miscommunication between all (FHP, Roadway Maintenance and TMC) at the scene and diversion. All parties involved needed to verify the diversion was set up for everyone's safety and be able to work.
- It would have been beneficial for the incident responders on scene to know what the queue looked liked and how far.
- It would have been beneficial as soon as it was advised that the scene was a hazmat scene, that Hazmat should have been called.
- Handex did not respond quickly to the incident by not answering the phone and having to shuffle paperwork around for a sub contract.
- DMS devices needed to advise Turnpike customers the road was closed and not blocked. This might have helped the travelers coming off the Turnpike System.
- It would have been beneficial for the Service Plaza to be proactive by advising customers of the impact of the incident ahead.

Action Items:

- Email ANSI Class III vest requirements to TIM team.
- Share FDOT Resource list with TIM team.
- Invite VMS Asset Management to TIM meetings.
- Martin County Sheriffs Office suggested that Guy get the call statistics for the southern most Road Ranger beat to identify the need to split the beat into two smaller beats.
- Lt. Ewing of the Martin County Sheriffs Office stated that it would be beneficial to conduct table top exercises for the law enforcement and fire rescue dispatch centers of partnering agencies.

Attendees:

Bergen	Brian	Martin County Sheriffs Office
Ewing	Michael	Martin County Sheriffs Office
Ferguson	Erik	Martin County Traffic Ops
Francese	Guy	FDOT - D4
Gove	Steve	FDOT MCCO
Jaholkowski	Maricia	Mike's Wrecker Service
Johnson	Jeffrey	FHP - Treasure Coast
Kauff	Richard	Kauffs Towing
Kelly	Mickey	FDOT TC Operations
McGee	Michael	AECOM
McGlynn	Nicole	AECOM
McKissack	Ed	Florida's Turnpike
Mittwede	Kurt	Saint Lucie County Sheriffs Office - Sergeant
Moore	Stan	Kauff's Towing
Murphy	Bob	AECOM
Needham	David	Palm Beach Vista Center
Walker	Dale	FDOT Traffic Operations
Weber	Wolfgang	Indian River County Sheriffs Office
Werner	Catherine	Florida's Turnpike