

# TREASURE COAST TRAFFIC INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2009 1:30PM – 3:30PM



**LOCATION:** Indian River State College  
Treasure Coast Public Safety Training Complex  
4600 Kirby Loop Rd.  
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## MEETING AGENDA

<b>Introductions / Review Previous Meeting Minutes / Action Items</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FDOT Maintenance notifications</li> <li>• RISC public or private tows</li> <li>• TIM Team notification of Turnpike Fort Pierce closure</li> </ul>		
<b>Updates</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ITS Project</li> <li>• I-95 Construction</li> <li>• Road Ranger Program</li> <li>• Rapid Incident Scene Clearance (RISC)</li> <li>• Wildfire Conditions</li> <li>• IAFC Benefits of TIM Committees</li> <li>• I-95 Corridor Coalition Incident Management Training Workshop</li> </ul>		
<b>Post Incident Analysis</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Incident: 2027342 December 1, 2009 10:21 p.m. I-95 NB before Exit 129 (SR 70) – Two-vehicle crash with fatality and northbound closure.</li> <li>• Incident: 2030814 January 8, 2010 6:19 a.m. I-95 NB at St. Lucie Blvd WB – Tractor Trailer Tire Fire</li> </ul>		
<b>Training Safety Tip</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TIme 4 Safety – Module 3: Tools (Lights, Safety Vests &amp; Cones)</li> </ul>		
<b>Open Discussion</b>		
<b>Presentation</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IRSC Public Safety Complex Tour - Michael Dashosh and Stephen Huntsberger</li> </ul>		
<b>Future Meetings</b>		
March 18, 2010 FDOT Treasure Coast Operations 3601 Oleander Ave. Bldg. 3 Ft. Pierce, FL 34982	May 20, 2010 FDOT Treasure Coast Operations 3601 Oleander Ave. Bldg. 3 Ft. Pierce, FL 34982	July 15, 2010 FDOT Treasure Coast Operations 3601 Oleander Ave. Bldg. 3 Ft. Pierce, FL 34982

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<http://www.smartsunguide.com/TIM.aspx>

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

### **Welcome. What is the Treasure Coast TIM Team all about?**

The Traffic Incident Management Team is comprised of members from the Florida Department of Transportation, Florida Highway Patrol; Martin, Saint Lucie and Indian River Counties fire/rescue, law enforcement, emergency management, and traffic engineering agencies; as well as towing companies, hazardous material contractors, and other governmental agencies and private companies who service the interstate highway system on the Treasure Coast.

The Treasure Coast TIM Team was organized in May 2008. FDOT District 4 (FDOT D4) also has very successful TIM teams in Palm Beach and Broward counties, which have been in existence for nearly 20 years.

The 71 centerline miles of Interstate 95 on the Treasure Coast area include Martin (25 miles), Saint Lucie (27 miles), and Indian River (19 miles). An Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) deployment currently underway is scheduled for completion in December 2010. I-95 on the Treasure Coast will be covered by fiber optic communications that will support (12) Dynamic Message Signs (DMS), (60) Closed Circuit Televisions (CCTV), and (98) Vehicle Detector Systems (VDS). By December 2013, 100 percent of District 4's 200 centerline miles, in all five counties, will be covered by ITS devices.

Another TIM program is Rapid Incident Scene Clearance (RISC), which became operational in 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 for motorist use.

Sometime in 2010, the Road Ranger service patrols are expected to be in operation in Martin, St. Lucie and Indian River counties. The Road Rangers offer free motorist assistance, clear traffic lanes, and assist at highway incident scenes.

All of these systems and personnel will be monitored at the SMART SunGuide Traffic Incident Management Support Office (TIMSO) at 3601 Oleander Avenue in Fort Pierce. TMC Operators will use CCTV and vehicle speed detectors, receive calls from motorists and other agencies for assistance. 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 as safely possible. You and your agency are an important part of the team. Your cooperation is appreciated and we urge your organization to support us to make FDOT D4 "The best TIM Team in the Nation." If you don't understand something, please ask. We are here to help you.