

# Treasure Coast Traffic Incident Management Team Meeting Minutes

March 2010



**Meeting Date:** March 18, 2010

**Meeting Time:** 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM

**Location:** FDOT Treasure Coast Operations Building Room 3  
3601 Oleander Ave.  
Fort Pierce, FL 34982

**Attendees:** Listing Attached

## **Call Meeting to Order**

Chuck McGinness of AECOM called the meeting to order. Introductions immediately followed.

## **REVIEW ACTION ITEMS/PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

### FDOT Maintenance Notifications

This item has been discussed briefly at previous TIM meetings. The contact numbers for FDOT Maintenance to ensure they receive notifications of incidents are (772) 465-7396 from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., (772) 519-1063 for the on call supervisor, and (772) 519-1048 for Tom Greene, FDOT Maintenance Manager. Lt. Coker of FHP provided the appropriate numbers to all FHP supervisors for future incidents.

### Notifications to Vista TMC

FHP Chief duty officer sent an email with the contact information for the Palm Beach Vista TMC to all dispatchers to notify of incidents affecting travel lanes.

## **UPDATES**

### ITS Project Update – Mickey Kelly, FDOT Treasure Coast Operations

The ITS project is about 86% complete. The fiber has been completed through Indian River County and that will tie in Highway Advisory Radios (HAR), 100 speed detectors, 12 Dynamic Message Signs (DMS), and 60 Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) cameras. DMS signs are being installed; the foundation has been completed for the DMS. There will be rolling roadblocks taking place on April 5 for DMS installation as well as all through April. Proper notifications will be made on the rolling roadblocks. Once DMS are in place testing will begin. All cameras and detectors will be expected to be operational by summer 2010. All CCTV poles are installed. There is an emergency generator system in place as well as a hub in each county to power every piece of equipment. There will be a Roadway Weather Information System (RWIS) in each county as well. The target end date for this project is January 2011 and the equipment installation should be completed by the end of summer 2010.

### I-95 Construction – Mickey Kelly, FDOT Treasure Coast Operations

Gatlin Boulevard interchange - two southbound lanes closed from 7:30 p.m. today until 4:30 a.m. Friday for overpass repairs.

Construction of southbound weigh-in-motion station, south of SR 714 - all lanes open until further notice.

### Road Ranger Program Update – Guy Francese, FDOT District Four Freeway Operations Manager

The Treasure Coast Road Ranger contract has been awarded. The start date has been delayed until further notice. There was a hearing about a month and a half ago regarding the contract and the final decision. The decision should be released by the end of April. Coverage times and areas for Treasure Coast are Monday through Friday 6am to 10pm with eight patrol beats and a ninth truck patrolling the whole area and the coverage area is Mile Marker 89-106. The projected start date for the contract will be July 2010.

Guy is preparing to advertise the renewal of the Broward and Palm Beach Road Ranger program contracts in August of 2010.

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## Rapid Incident Scene Clearance (RISC) Update – Guy Francese, FDOT District Four Freeway Operations Manager

There have been no RISC activations since September 2009. There was a second RISC activation for Broward County on March 15. A RISC pamphlet has been created for FHP troopers to use as reference to determine when an incident qualifies as a RISC call. The pamphlet was emailed to all Captains and Lieutenants.

On Monday, March 15, 2010 at 1:26 p.m., a crash involving a rolled over dump truck was reported to BSO communications. BSO Fire Rescue, BSO Hazardous Material Response, and BSO Aviation Units were dispatched. BSO notified FHP at 1:29 p.m. FHP was dispatched. It occurred in the northbound lanes of Interstate 75 at Royal Palm Boulevard. The crash occurred on the east shoulder of the highway, just north of the overpass. The dump truck reportedly had a tire failure which caused the driver to lose control. The dump truck overturned and slid on its left side, across three traffic lanes, and onto the east grassy shoulder. The truck dumped its load of muck and rock onto the right three lanes of I-75. There was an undefined spill of diesel fuel onto the grass shoulder. The fuel drained by gravity downhill and settled in a puddle of water. The driver was trapped in the cab and sustained injuries. BSO Fire Rescue performed extrication. All north lanes were stopped while Aviation was on the ground for twenty minutes. After Aviation lifted off, two northbound lanes were opened to traffic. Sean Loscalzo of A Superior Towing, utilizing SMART SunGuide mobile notification, received information of the crash and began an equipment response. FHP initially requested Class "C" rotation wreckers and A Superior Towing was contacted to respond. A Superior was already enroute when notified and was told to bring a skid-steer loader. FHP Lt. Hingson arrived on scene and activated RISC via the Transportation Management Center. An error in RISC notification protocol occurred at the TMC. A Superior was utilized as the RISC Contractor. On arrival, the skid-steer was immediately utilized to push the dirt off the roadway to the shoulder. The skid-steer then used a sweep attachment to sweep the remaining dirt off the travel lanes and right shoulder. When given the Notice to Proceed, the dump truck was rigged, up righted, removed from the grass shoulder, and towed to the right shoulder of the road. Hazardous material concerns and contractor issues became an issue on scene. HazMat would not be conducted until the following day.

## Wildfire Conditions – Melissa Yunas & Ben Pauley Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services Division of Forestry

Melissa and Ben presented the conditions of the wildfire season. There have been a few fires since the start of the season. It has been relatively dry from all the cold weather. In January, a lot of rain has accumulated and that has kept the deep layers of the soil moist which helps in keeping the number of fires low. Areas of concern are along I-95. Some causes of grass fires are FPL easements, tall vegetation, and sparks from trains on the tracks, ATVs, golf carts, and hot engines from patrol cars when police pull motorists over. Illegal pile burning has been an issue recently. March through June is severe for wildfires.

## 2009 National TIM Self Assessment – Chuck McGinness, AECOM

FHWA developed the TIM self assessment in 2002. The first assessments were conducted in 2003 and it was used as a benchmarking tool for evaluating TIM program components, program success and opportunities for improvement. Today, more than 80 operational areas participate in the annual TIM self assessment process. TIM self assessment was revised in 2008 to better align with NUG and NIMS. Changes included renaming of three primary categories, fewer questions from (34 to 31), new scoring method (High, medium and low scores instead of numeric scoring 0-4), TIM self assessment is now available online. The national mean is 60.6 percent in 2009 and 59.6 percent in 2008. Treasure Coast is at 32.8 percent for 2009 and 33.2 percent for 2008. Treasure Coast will conduct their TIM self assessment at the May 20<sup>th</sup> meeting and the results are due by June 1, 2010.

## I-95 Corridor Coalition Quick Clearance Workshop – Mike McGee, AECOM

In February, the I-95 Corridor Coalition offered free training to first responders on quick, safe clearance of the roadways. There were approximately 85-90 attendees. More information on this workshop can be found on the I-95 Corridor Coalition website, <http://www.i95coalition.org/i95/Training/QuickClearanceWorkshop/tabid/188/Default.aspx>.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### St. Lucie Nuclear Plant – Traffic Management Plan for Evacuations – Tom Daly, Michael Younger and Don Mothena

Emergency Classification Levels were described as

- Unusual Event – Potential degradation in the level of plant safety. No public action required.

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- Alert – Potential of limited uncontrolled releases of radioactivity. No Public action required.
- Site Area Emergency – Releases are not expected to exceed EPA PAG level of 1 REM beyond the site boundary. Public notified.
- General Emergency – Substantial core damage with potential for loss of containment integrity. Public notified. Protective actions given.

## Unusual Events:

- Notification made to:
  - Public Safety Director
  - Emergency Management Coordinator
  - Radiological Emergency Coordinator
  - County Administrator
  - Fort Pierce City Manager
  - Port St. Lucie City Manager
- All communications channels checked

## Alert:

- Recalled to Emergency Operations Center :
  - Public Safety Director
  - Emergency Management Coordinator
  - Radiological Emergency Coordinator
  - Public Information Officer
- Alert to standby key county and municipal agencies.
- School District Transportation Director recalls school bus drivers & preposition buses.
- Prepare Dosimetry.

## Site Area Emergency

- Recall key county & municipal personnel.
- Public Safety Director & staff report to FPL Emergency Operations Facility (EOF)
- Begin protective actions coordination.
- Issuance of appropriate EAS message.
- Activate siren system.
- EOC activation notification to State EOC.
- Begin evacuation of at risk schools.
- Issue dosimetry & survey equipment.
- Begin call-out to special needs population.

## General Emergency

- Protective action decision made.
- Deployment of Law Enforcement personnel to designated transportation control points.
- Issue appropriate EAS message.
- Activate siren system.
- Begin transporting special needs population.

## St. Lucie School District Required Actions

- ALERT – Recall all bus drivers and pre-position buses at schools.
- SITE AREA – Begin school evacuation
- GENERAL – Evacuation of special needs

Tom Daly of St. Lucie County Emergency Management described the areas of evacuation in order of importance.

## State Road 50 Secondary Crash with Injuries – Chuck McGinness, AECOM

This incident occurred on February 14, 2010 at approximately 8:43am. The weather was clear the road was a 4 lane road that was under construction. E-37 was in blocking position on SR 50 westbound from previous accident. E-37 crew

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members prepared to back HCA-1 into SR 50 when a car with a distracted driver lost control and drove into the accident scene injuring several workers and crushing several motorcycles. Several factors contributing to the secondary crash are the roadway being under construction, the time of day, lack of traffic control devices and procedures (pre-warning), inter-agency communication and procedures, situational awareness, human factors, and need for singular/unified command and cooperation. Some recommendations are to utilize all issued traffic warning devices, evaluate the need for different/more equipment including DOT signage, implement the Maintenance of Traffic Training Program, re-evaluate roadway incident policies command procedures, send finished response policies to all emergency response agencies, and identify and follow the Central Florida TIM policy.

## Post Incident Analysis – Mike McGee, AECOM

Mike McGee made a presentation on a traffic fatality crash involving three tractor trailers on southbound I-95 at Indiantown Road. The incident was a secondary crash that resulted from traffic backing up for a tractor trailer jackknife that occurred at southbound I-95 at Donald Ross Road, nineteen minutes earlier. The Palm Beach TMC was not notified for twenty eight minutes after the incident. The Road Ranger assigned to that beat was on the Donald Ross incident and could not respond to the second crash. Because of the impact, diesel fuel tanks were ejected from the wreckage causing a fuel spill. It was shown that the notification and response for hazardous material clean-up took 5:24. The problem was the notification process: Palm Beach EOC contacted Palm Beach FDOT who contacted Posen Construction to verify it was not in the construction area. It was not. FDOT maintenance drove to the scene, assessed the scene, and contacted WRS-Compass. WRS-Compass took 1:18 to call back, 50 minutes to respond, and call a sub-contractor Eagle-SWS. It took almost two hours for them to respond, assess, and call out a crew to perform the clean-up. It then took 2:29 to do the clean-up. This hazardous material incident took almost eight hours to resolve. Discussion was held on finding a way to shorten the assessment process in order to more effectively clear an incident in a shorter period of time. Most TIM members were in agreement that both incidents described above should have been RISC activations with the emphasis on quick clearance.

## Training Safety Tip – Chuck McGinness

- TIME 4 Safety video module 4: At the Scene, was shown to the TC TIM team.

## Open Discussion – All

- No items were discussed.

## Action Items

- None at this time.

## Attendees:

Beck	Scott	Port Saint Lucie Police Department
Boland	Anne	Florida Division of Emergency Management
Cataldo	Captain John	FHP
Coccoli	Scott	Florida's Turnpike Enterprise
Coker	Lt. Harry	FHP – Treasure Coast
Daly	Tom	St. Lucie County Emergency Management
Donnell	Kacey	Port Saint Lucie Police Department
Francese	Guy	FDOT District Four TIM Project Manager
Gove	Lt. Steve	FDOT - MCCO
Greene	Thomas	FDOT District Four – Treasure Coast Operations
Howie	James	Port Saint Lucie Police Department
Kelly	Mickey	FDOT District Four – Treasure Coast Operations
Mallore	Michael	Indian River County Metropolitan Planning Organization
McGee	Michael	Broward / Palm Beach TIM Coordinator
McGinness	Chuck	Treasure Coast TIM Coordinator
McGlynn	Nicole	TIM Administrative Assistant
McKissack	Ed	Florida's Turnpike
Millard	Mike	SRS 511 Help Center
Moore	Stan	Kauff's Towing
Mothena	Dan	Florida Power and Light
Murphy	Bob	Project Consultant Manager
Myels	Kurt	Saint Lucie Public Safety

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Odom	Patrick	FDOT Central Office
Stewart	Sgt. James	Indian River County Sheriffs Office
Weber	Wolfgang	Indian River County Sheriffs Office
White	Helena	Palm Beach SunGuide Vista Center
Wright	Lt. Robert	Martin County Sheriff's Office
Younger	Michael	Florida Division of Emergency Management
Yunas	Melissa	Florida Division of Forestry – St. Lucie County