

# Treasure Coast Traffic Incident Management Team Meeting Minutes - May 2010



**Meeting Date:** May 20, 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**

### Indian River State College Public Safety Training Complex Award – Chuck McGinness, AECOM

An article published on the TC Palm website stated the new Indian River State College fire training center at the college's new Public Safety Training Complex was named the best in the state in a competition hosted annually by the state fire marshal's office. Chuck extended the TIM team's congratulations to the college and faculty for the honor. The January 21<sup>st</sup> Treasure Coast TIM meeting was held at the college.

### Emergency Support Function – 17 County Coordinators' Contact Information – Chuck McGinness, AECOM

Based on recent events involving animals in traffic crashes, particularly the February 8<sup>th</sup> incident on US 27 at MM 46 in Broward County, the following information was obtained to disseminate to the TIM team: St. Lucie – Karen Taylor, (772) 465-5770, Indian River – Jason Ogilvie, (772) 569-6700, Martin – Lt. Wes Starling or Karen Kneubehl, (772) 220-7170. The appropriate ESF-17 coordinator should be contacted during incidents with injured animals.

## **UPDATES**

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

Dynamic Message Signs (DMS) have been installed for the last two months. Fiber optic cable has been tied into the DMS. Testing should begin within the next month. Highway Advisory Radio (HAR) is currently not tied into the fiber optic cable. All should be fully operational by September/October.

### I-95 Construction – Chuck McGinness, AECOM

The southbound weigh-in-motion station just south of SR 714 is the only project on I-95 at this time and all lanes are open during construction.

### Road Ranger Program Update – Chuck McGinness, AECOM

The Treasure Coast Road Ranger contract has been awarded and all issues with the bid protest have been resolved. The anticipated start time for the contract is the end of July to mid August. The hours of operation will be Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. and there will be nine road rangers with two home bases, one located in the northern part of the Treasure Coast and one located in the southern part of the Treasure Coast.

The Broward County Road Ranger contract will be up for renewal in September 2010, and the Palm Beach County Road Ranger contract will be up for renewal in October 2010.

### Rapid Incident Scene Clearance (RISC) Update – Mike McGee, AECOM

There have been a total of five RISC activations since the start of the RISC program. Post Incident Analysis (PIA) meetings are held immediately after the incident and all involved parties are invited to attend the meeting. Once the meeting has been held, a PIA report is sent to the agencies involved in the incident as well as all RISC vendors.



### TIM Performance Measures Webinar – Chuck McGinness, AECOM

The TIM performance measures webinar discussed the Focus States' Initiative, which is compressed of eleven states including Florida, to develop performance measures and their benefits. Some performance measures include reducing roadway clearance times by focusing on the time between awareness of an incident and restoration of all lanes for traffic flow. Reducing incident clearance times is another measure by focusing on the time between awareness of an incident and when the last responder leaves the scene.

District performance measures show in 2009 the average reduction in roadway clearance was 36.7 minutes (1% improvement over 2008). The average reduction in incident clearance was 62.6 minutes (an 11% decrease from 2008).

Reducing secondary incidents is the number of unplanned crashes beginning with the time of detection of the primary incident, where a collision occurs either a) within the incident scene or b) within the queue, including the opposite direction.

TIM Performance Measurement Knowledge Management System is a searchable knowledgebase to find resource materials, performance measures and TIM-related conferences/events. LISTSERV, a managed email list has been established to ask questions, share tips and new resources. Visit [http://www.ops.fhwa.dot.gov/eto\\_tim\\_pse/preparedness/tim/knowledgebase/index.htm](http://www.ops.fhwa.dot.gov/eto_tim_pse/preparedness/tim/knowledgebase/index.htm) for more information.

### National Unified Goal (NUG) Incident Management Safety Session – Bob Murphy, AECOM

Bob gave an update of a National Unified Goal (NUG) seminar he attended at ITS America annual conference in Houston, TX. Speakers included John Corbin, P.E., PTOE - State Traffic Engineer, Wisconsin DOT, Charles Wallace, PH.D., P.E. - SE Regional Marketing Director, Telvent Transportation North America, Rebecca Brewster - President & COO, American Transportation Research Institute, and Paul Jodoin -Traffic Incident Management Program Manager, FHWA Office of Operations, Emergency Transportation Operation (ETO) Team.

NUG is a part of the National Traffic Incident Management Coalition (NTIMC). The mission of the NTIMC is to link public safety and transportation communities to define, standardize, and advance the state of traffic incident management practice. The vision for NTIMC is leading and supporting a national network of traffic incident management (TIM) programs that are consistently implemented.

Emergency Operations Center (EOC) functions include managing local or statewide declared emergencies including weather, natural or human-caused disasters, homeland security threats, activate Emergency Support Functions (ESFs), ESF #1 – Transportation, ESF #3 – Public Works, with a total of 15 in all.

Transportation Management Centers (TMC) functions include routine traffic management, incident management, traveler information, dispatch road rangers, and coordinate with Emergency Management Agency (EMA) for emergencies.

Fusion Centers (FC) have evolved as a term that broadly describes a center where information is 'fused' or integrated to support threat and hazard assessment, prevention, and law enforcement. Many FCs evolve from regional anti-terrorism task forces. There are 72 FCs around the nation as of July 2009, which includes state and regional FCs.

Workzone Safety Control Devices – discussed the impact from the recent MUTCD change that calls for alerting drivers to work zones/incident scenes (sign standards, glare). Awareness of potential unintended consequences, impacts of fluorescent orange over time and incident scene/secondary crash/near miss causation. Performance standards/inspection guidelines for traffic control devices like Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) or Standard Operating Guidelines (SOG) for incident scenes, and nighttime/mobile operations with a specific need and applicability to incident scenes.

FHWA, USDOT, and TIM The Future – discussion for the need to increase focus on responder safety, need more widespread training on three levels, more effective use of currently installed Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS), integrated communication and data sharing, and performance goals and measures.

National Traffic Incident Responder Training & Certification - March & April Pilot Sessions held in Indiana & Georgia included standardized core competencies, consistent curriculum content, a two day Train-the-Trainer, and a one day Practitioner Training. National TIM Summit will be September 21-22, 2010.

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### 2060 Florida Transportation Plan – Chuck McGinness, AECOM

There will be a public workshop on Thursday, June 3, from 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. It will be held at the Indian River State College Morgade Library located at 5851 S.E. Community Dr., in Stuart, FL. For more information contact, Andrew Riddle at 866-336-8435, ext. 4605 or [andrew.riddle@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:andrew.riddle@dot.state.fl.us).

### **PRESENTATIONS**

#### FHWA TIM Self Assessment Scoring – Chuck McGinness, AECOM

Chuck presented last year's scores and the new scores for the 2009 year. Scores are based on a new scoring method for 2008. Treasure Coast TIM Team had a score of 32.8% (2008 old scoring 33.2%). Scoring was based on the following method, High (activity is outstanding), medium (some or good level of activity), G – efforts are strong and results are promising, though still room for improvement, F – some good processes exist, but they may not be well integrated or coordinated, low (little or no activity), S – issue has been acknowledged and some single agency activity, and N – no activity or discussion. The team completed the Tactical portion of the self assessment as a group. The 2010 overall score of 38% will be reported at the July 15 meeting.

#### Florida's Turnpike 2010 Evacuation Plan – Mike Washburn, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise

Mike presented some prevention plans that include FHP, Toll Suspension, Expanded Road Ranger coverage, Strike Teams, ITS, Wrecker Plan, Fuel Supply, Stranded Motorist Assistance, and Palm Drive Intersection in Florida City. For a one way evacuation the primary plan is from Lantana (MP 88) to Orlando South (MP 254) and the contingency plan is from Florida City (MP 0) to Orlando South (MP 254). Termination points include southbound traffic being forced off at 265 East–West Expressway. Reversed traffic will terminate at MP 254 Beachline/441/Orange Blossom Trail. Plans for the one way evacuation include approximately 21-61 interchanges, 4-6 Service Plazas, 2-8 Mainline Toll Plazas, 170-270 U-turn openings, 20,000+ Traffic Control Devices, 400-700 FHP Troops\* (two per shift needed), 170–400 FDOT Staff Members, and 290 Dynamic Message Signs (DMS).

#### Congestion Management Process – Neelam Fatima, St. Lucie Transportation Planning Organization

Neelam explained that Congestion Management Process (CMP) is a federal and state requirement to be eligible for funding and it identifies areas that have congestion and safety concerns. The 2009 CMP report has short and long term goals to reduce congestion using low cost methods. Some identified causes of congestion are due to crashes, construction, poor signal timing, and high volume of traffic. Some of the components of the CMP include Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS), Traffic Incident Management (TIM), and Traffic Engineering (TE). Any questions, contact Neelam Fatima at (772) 462-2182 or [fatiman@stlucieco.org](mailto:fatiman@stlucieco.org).

#### Post Incident Analysis Review: May 3, 2010 I-95 NB at Mile Marker 141 (Indian River County) – Chuck McGinness, AECOM & Sgt. Gary Armstrong, Florida Highway Patrol.

On Monday, May 3, 2010 at approximately 1:15 p.m., a traffic crash occurred on I-95 northbound at mile marker 141. This crash involved two vehicles with full southbound lane closures and a fatality. Northbound lanes of I-95 were never closed. The southbound lanes of traffic were shut down as a result of the crash which involved a northbound vehicle that crossed over the median into the southbound lanes.. Indian River County Sheriffs Office assisted in diverting traffic at SR 60 west to Florida's Turnpike. For long term MOT, FHP dispatch called Transfield Services. Sgt. Armstrong of FHP showed some photographs of the scene and of the lane closures.

#### Training Safety Tip – Chuck McGinness

Time 4 Safety video module 5: Action Review was shown to the Treasure Coast TIM team. 3,031 First Responders were trained or will be trained and 19 agencies received videos. Agencies include police, fire, towing, public safety, and education institutions.

#### Open Discussion – All

No items were discussed.

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## Action Items

None at this time.

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Armstrong	Gary	FHP
Buchwald	Peter	St. Lucie TPO
Burkeen	Brian	Indian River County Fire Rescue
DiFrancesco Jr.	Anthony	Tri-County Towing
Fatima	Neelam	St. Lucie TPO
Gove	Lt. Steve	FDOT - MCCO
Greene	Thomas	FDOT District Four – Treasure Coast Operations
Guidebeck	Andrew	Tropic Towing
Jaholkowski	Maricia	Mike's Wrecker Service
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Kelly	Mickey	FDOT Maintenance – Treasure Coast Operations
Lanam	Michael	FHP
McGee	Michael	Broward / Palm Beach TIM Coordinator
McGinness	Chuck	Treasure Coast TIM Coordinator
McGlynn	Nicole	TIM Administrative Assistant
McKissack	Ed	Florida's Turnpike
Moore	Stan	Kauff's Towing
Murphy	Bob	Project Consultant Manager
Needham	David	SMART SunGuide Broward RTMC
Slay	Captain Bud	Okeechobee County Sheriffs Office
Stevens	Chris	TSNATI
Stewart	Sgt. James	Indian River County Sheriffs Office
Trevino	Sylvia	TSNATI
Washburn	Mike	Florida's Turnpike
Weber	Wolfgang	Indian River County Sheriffs Office