

# Treasure Coast Traffic Incident Management Team Meeting Minutes – January 2011



**Meeting Date:** January 20, 2011

**Meeting Time:** 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM

**Location:** Martin County Emergency Operations Center Public Safety Complex  
800 SE Monterey Rd.  
Stuart, FL 34994

**Attendees:** Listing Attached

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

Action Item #1: Hybrid Vehicle Safety Information Websites – Chuck provided websites that have additional information on hybrid vehicle safety.

[www.emergencytrainingsolutions.com/ETS/hybrid\\_vehicle\\_info.htm](http://www.emergencytrainingsolutions.com/ETS/hybrid_vehicle_info.htm) and [www.extrication.com.erg/htm](http://www.extrication.com.erg/htm)

Action Item #2: Hydrogen Sulfide Suicide Awareness – Chuck provided and additional website with more information on the safety precautions of hydrogen sulfide.

[www.hazmatfc.com](http://www.hazmatfc.com)

## **INTRODUCTIONS / AGENCY UPDATES FROM TIM MEMBERS**

Chuck started introductions and agency updates. No updates were given.

## **UPDATES**

### **New FHP Crash Report – Sgt. Kevin Ale, Florida Highway Patrol**

Sgt. Ale started by showing the TIM team an example of a report. The reporting software has changes and new features that have been added. The software uses GPS of the patrol vehicle to enter into the system when the Trooper is on a call. Some other features are the check off boxes for FDOT to receive copies of the reports that involve infrastructure damage. Photos can be attached to the new report form. Sgt. Ale stated that the report form is a work in progress and will take some time to get used to using in the field.

### **Wildfire Conditions – Melissa Yunas & Dale Armstrong, Division of Forestry**

Melissa and Dale gave a brief overview of the Division of Forestry website that encompasses the resources necessary to determine the dryness of certain areas. Melissa gave a detailed explanation of the Fire Danger Index and the Keetch-Byram Drought Index. To check out the maps and for more wildfire information visit the Florida Division of Forestry at <http://www.fl-dof.com/wildfire/information.html>.

### **Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Project Update – Chuck McGinness, AECOM**

The 90-day burn-in period was completed in January. There are still some technical issues that need to be resolved before final acceptance of the project.

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

- Repaving from Bridge Road to Kanner Highway: Daytime lane closures from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and nighttime closures from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Completion early 2011.
- Repaving and landscaping from St. Lucie/Martin County line to Okeechobee Road/SR 70: Nighttime lane and ramp closures from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. Completion in January 2011.
- Construction of southbound weigh-in-motion station, south of SR 714: All lanes open. Completion spring 2011.

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

Assists for December 2010 are 1,265. For the total four month period assists are 5,277. Totals by county are Martin County with 2,487, St. Lucie County 1,782, Indian River County 743, and Palm Beach County 269.

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Location Reference Markers (LRMs) will help provide more information to call takers when motorists do not know where they are. The LRMs will have the I-75 or I-95 shield with the direction and the 2/10 of a mile number. Funding is expected to be available beginning July 2011. All of I-75 and I-95 in District Four will receive LRMs and they will be placed on the shoulders on the northbound and southbound direction of the roadway.

### Rapid Incident Scene Clearance (RISC) Update – Chuck McGinness, AECOM

All RISC inspections for 2011 have been completed.

### TIM in '10 – Chuck McGinness, AECOM

A total of 2,202 first responders that were trained in 2010 and a total of 19 agencies received the TIM in '10 video.

### Upcoming Traffic Events – Chuck McGinness, AECOM

No scheduled upcoming traffic events.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### Treasure Coast Emergency Evacuation Plan – Kate Boer, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council

Kate Boer of the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council gave a presentation on the Emergency Evacuation plan for the Treasure Coast. The plan consists of seven volumes and the report updates the region's evacuation population estimates, evacuation clearance times and public shelter demand. The study also covers Indian River, Martin, Palm Beach and St. Lucie Counties and their municipalities.

For more information visit, [http://www.tcrpc.org/special\\_projects/RES/RES\\_Home.html](http://www.tcrpc.org/special_projects/RES/RES_Home.html)

### Florida's Turnpike Cable Barrier System – Mike Fouche, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise

Mike Fouche of Florida's Turnpike gave a presentation on the cable barrier system that is in place in Miami-Dade County, Palm Beach County, Martin County, and St. Lucie County. Currently there are an additional 23,936 linear feet being installed in St. Lucie County and 5,441 linear feet in Indian River County. There are future plans for cable to be installed in Okeechobee and Osceola Counties. One concern for first responders is vehicles becoming entangled in the cable barrier system. There are four options for reducing tension on the cable barrier systems. Option #1: Remove posts and hardware along the run 75' ~ 100' from both sides of the entangled vehicle. The cables will lay flat on the ground creating slack so cables can be moved more easily. Option #2: Loosen the turnbuckles in the middle or at the ends and tension will be decreased. Option #3: Release the cables at either end and the entire run will become slack. Option #4: Immediate danger to life and health. Cut the turnbuckles not the actual cables in option four. If you need any assistance, call the TMC numbers: Pompano TMC (MP 0-100) 954-934-1370 or Orlando/Turkey Lake TMC (101-308) 407-264-3363. Any questions or concerns contact Michael Fouche at 561-683-4646 ext. 2626 or [Michael.fouche@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:Michael.fouche@dot.state.fl.us).

### Post Incident Analysis Reports – Chuck McGinness, AECOM

#### RISC #7: I-95 NB at Midway Rd, November 17, 2010 7:18am Tractor Trailer Rollover

On Wednesday, November 17, 2010, at 0718 hours, a two-vehicle crash involving a tractor trailer and a pickup truck was reported to FHP. The pickup truck was traveling northbound in the left lane. The tractor trailer was traveling northbound in the center lane. The pickup truck had a right rear tire blowout. The driver attempted to pull off the roadway onto the median shoulder, but lost control. The pickup truck spun clockwise into the path of the tractor trailer. The front of the pickup collided with the front of the tractor trailer. The pickup truck spun clockwise and came to rest in the right and center lanes. The tractor trailer overturned on its right side and came to rest in the left and center lanes. Both drivers were using their seat belts. There were no injuries. None of the tractor trailer's cargo (fruit) spilled on the roadway. The first FHP trooper arrived at the scene at 0723. FHP notified the Broward Regional Transportation Management Center at 0725. Based on the circumstances (all three lanes blocked) and the time of day (morning rush-hour), FHP Sgt. Kevin Ale activated RISC at 0726. RISC contractor, Tri-County Towing, was notified at 0730 and was on scene with two recovery wreckers and MOT support vehicle at 0754. Tractor trailer was up righted and cleared from the roadway in 66 minutes. There was a minor oil spill that Tri-County Towing and FDOT Maintenance worked together to clean up. All lanes were open at 0915.



### RISC #8: I-95 NB beyond Oakland Park Blvd. November 30, 2010 3:36pm Garbage Truck Fire

On Tuesday, November 30, 2010 at 1535 hours, a heavy truck vehicle fire was reported on Interstate 95 northbound, north of Oakland Park Boulevard. The vehicle was a Waste Management straight truck with a refuge body. The driver initially had the ability to drive or steer the vehicle off the roadway, but stopped in lane four. FHP, Road Rangers and Severe Incident Response Vehicle (SIRV) responded and closed all lanes. FHP Lt Robinson arrived on scene and after approximately twenty minutes advised Lake Worth Regional Communications Center (LWRCC) to activate RISC. LWRCC contacted Regional Transportation Management Center (RTMC) at 1610. RTMC contacted A Superior Towing at 1610; they gave an ETA of thirty minutes. Waste Management independently made an owner's request for J&J Towing. Based on that request, Lt. Robinson canceled RISC. A Superior continued to respond and arrived on scene first at 1645. J&J Towing had not arrived. In the interest of clearing the roadway, Lt. Robinson gave A Superior a Notice to Proceed at 1700. A Superior cleared the vehicle from the roadway in seventeen minutes at 1717. The roadway was opened at 1740 after FDOT maintenance remediated the asphalt.

### RISC #9: I-95 SB before Broward Blvd. December 8, 2010 5:56am Tractor Trailer Crash with Cargo Loss

At 0556 hours, a red tractor trailer (box-empty) making a lane change struck a blue tractor trailer (flat bed-plywood). The crash resulted in the flat bed tractor trailer losing its load of plywood, which was ejected to the roadway. The load consisted of approximately 600 sheets of plywood. Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue received the crash at 0556; FHP received the call at 0600. FDOT Maintenance was notified at 0615, arrived at 0700, and began moving the plywood toward the median barrier wall. First FHP Trooper arrived at 0619. Lt. Hingson arrived at 0626 and activated RISC at 0630. Broward RTMC notified J&J Towing at 0635, and responded to FHP at 0637. J&J was enroute at 0656 and arrived at 0722, 0730, and 0740, respectively. Wrecker 62 was the only wrecker certified for response. MOT truck was not reported as dispatched or arriving on scene. Notice to proceed was given at 0725 after arrival of the low boy at 0722. Travel lanes cleared at 1015.

### RISC #10: I-75 NB at US 27 December 21, 2010 2:48am Tractor Trailer Rollover with Cargo Spill

On Wednesday 21, 2010 at 0249 hours, a tractor trailer (dump-refuge) was northbound (west) on Interstate 75 exiting onto the ramp to northbound US 27. The ramp curved to the right before merging into US 27. The tractor trailer was traveling too fast for the curve, began to rollover as it was exiting the ramp, and came to rest on its left side, blocking both northbound lanes of US 27. Exit ramp traffic from I-75 was directly affected by the rollover. The trailer ejected its load to the roadway, which consisted of construction refuge (sand, drywall). An FHP Supervisor was on scene almost immediately and activated RISC. RISC was initially activated. Because the crash occurred on US 27, RISC was cancelled and a class C rotation wrecker (EMS Towing) was called. FHP told EMS they would need two class C wreckers. EMS only had one. EMS was cancelled by FHP and RTMC was re-contacted to activate RISC. DBI Services was called to provide MOT and ramp closures. The northbound and southbound ramps from I-75 to US 27 were closed. Westway responded with required equipment and given notice to proceed shortly after arriving at 0422. The tractor trailer was righted and moved to the shoulder. A front end loader and skid steer were used to recover the construction debris. All lanes cleared at 0701.

### Training Safety Tip – Chuck McGinness, AECOM

#### Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) Training Available to First Responders

FDOT Central Office has created a Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) training website for all incident responders. The training consists of eight modules and a quiz at the end. The website is <http://wbt.dot.state.fl.us/ois/MOTTIRCBT/index.htm>

### Open Discussion – All

A tour of the Martin County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and 911 center was given to interested TIM team members.

### Action Items

None at this time



**Attendees:**

Bergen	Brian	Martin County Sheriffs Office
Boer	Kathryn	Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council
Chaney	Catherine	St. Lucie County Fire District
Fouche	Mike	Florida's Turnpike
Francesce	Guy	FDOT District Four
H.R. Barekat	Hossein	Florida's Turnpike
Kennedy	Patrick	TBE Group
Luna	Luis	Anchor Towing
McGee	Mike	AECOM
McGinness	Chuck	Treasure Coast TIM Coordinator
McTague	Dee	SMART SunGuide RTMC
Murphy	Bob	Project Consultant Manager
Myers	Kurt	St. Lucie Co Public Safety
Ortiz	Adrian	Anchor Towing/TC Road Rangers
Stewart	Sgt. James	Indian River County Sheriffs Office
Washburn	Mike	Florida's Turnpike
Weber	Wolfgang	Indian River County Sheriffs Office
White	Helena	Palm Beach Vista Center
Wouters	Daniel	Martin County Fire Rescue
Yingling	Lt. Forrest	Martin County Sheriffs Office
Yunas	Melissa	Division of Forestry