

Alachua Bradford TIM Team Meeting

Wednesday, June 10, 2020

Meeting Minutes

The list of attendees, agenda, and meeting handouts are attached to these meeting minutes.

****For the health and safety of everyone, this meeting was held virtually to adhere to COVID-19 safety guidelines.***

Introductions and TIM Updates

- Penny Kamish opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.
- The purpose of this meeting is to improve Communications, Coordination, Cooperation and Collaboration between all TIM agency partners, as well as to improve safety and congestion on the highways.
- The Alachua/Bradford TIM Team meeting minutes were sent to the Team previously, and receiving no comments, they stand as approved.

Emergency Operations Update by Ed Ward

- FDOT currently has 70% of their employees teleworking statewide. They plan to enter Phase 2 soon which will bring back 25% of those employees to the offices.
- The Covid-19 checkpoint is still ongoing on I-95 at the state line. The checkpoint on I-10 at the state line has been shut down.
- Hurricane Season began June 1st. There have already been 3 named storms so far, Arthur, Bertha, and Cristobal. The next 3 names are Dolly, Edouard, and Fay.
- It is predicted to be an average to above average Hurricane Season, with 16 named storms, 8 hurricanes, and 4 major hurricanes predicted.
- It is uncertain how Covid-19 will affect protocols during a hurricane. FDOT has been having exercises and trying to update their plans.

Hurricane Season Update by the RTMC Staff

- Communication:
 - The RTMC is located in Jacksonville and can be reached 24/7 at (904) 903-2000.
- Event Management During Evacuations:
 - It is important for responders to clear lanes quickly. Jason Evans provided an overview of RISC, RISC Lite, and District 2 Rangers.
 - Rapid Incident Scene Clearance (RISC) Program – This program provides two heavy duty wreckers and support vehicles to assist with debris cleanup. They have a one-hour response time to be on the scene with that equipment and a 90-minute clearance goal. FHP typically activates RISC during an event, and it is managed through the RTMC.
 - RISC Lite – There is currently a RISC Lite truck in Alachua County and one for the Express Lanes in Duval County. This is a Class B wrecker which is used to clear the travel lanes, not a destination tow. The Alachua County RISC Lite truck is staged at the rest area in Payne's Prairie and patrols I-75 every hour to assist with disabled vehicles.

- District 2 Rangers – This service is activated during emergency situations only. They provide services similar to the Road Rangers, but do not carry the equipment to provide temporary MOT.
- Emergency Shoulder Use Presentation (ESU) – Craig Carnes gave a PowerPoint presentation on ESU. The ESU offers a way to add capacity to the existing roadways in the event of an evacuation. Standard Operating Procedures are being put in place for ESU on I-95, I-10, and I-75.
 - Ed noted that two ESUs cannot be done at the same time due to the number of personnel and resources that would be required.
 - Pete mentioned motorists would be encouraged to use US 19 as an alternate route to help relieve congestion on I-75 and provided details on the upgrades to the signal system along the US 19 corridor that have been completed since the last Hurricane evacuation.
- Road Rangers – Motorists can use this service by dialing *FHP. This service covers all 18 counties on interstates and also includes JTB, SR 9B, and SR 23 (SR 23 is dispatched through the Turnpike). During an evacuation, the Road Rangers are available 24/7 on their normal routes and will be prepared to assist with ESU. They are usually activated a few days before an event and stay activated as evacuees re-enter the state/area. The District 2 Rangers will be available to supplement the Road Rangers.
- Signals – Pete discussed how District 2 handles response, refueling of generators, and repair for signalized intersections. An Emergency Traffic Signal and Generator contract is implemented. A contractor is then activated and staged at the Gainesville Operations Complex to be ready so when the storm passes through, they can quickly address any signal outages.
- Mobility Share for Wind Sensor Access – The website is no longer available, but the RTMC will be providing a Mobility Share weblink to allow local agencies to log in and view the wind sensor information. This weblink can be accessed through any device such as a computer, smartphone, tablet, etc. The user will enter a username and password (one will be provided to each agency) and then be able to view a live screenshot of the wind sensor page from the RTMC, which is updated hourly.
 - Pete noted that this page will also provide water levels. This is important to Alachua/Bradford due to flooding and bridge issues during past storms.
- WebEOC – The RTMC has ‘view only’ access and the information is entered by Ed Ward at the EOC. Ed noted that as an option, the RTMC could get further access by going through Central Office. Laura with FHP said her dispatchers have access to the WebEOC, but only use it through the direction of Major Gaston or upper management.
- FL 511 – Pete mentioned that FL 511 is used for limiting the number of phone calls to law enforcement during major events. Central Office EOC has asked for closure information to be added into FL 511 during these events. DMS signs can also be used throughout the state to provide this information. Dee Dee mentioned that the app is more user friendly than it has been previously.
- Agency Game Plans/SOP – Dee Dee asked if other agencies could share their plans and/or SOPs with the group. To do this, please email them to her at DeeDee.Crews@dot.state.fl.us.

Hurricane Open Discussion

- Dee Dee asked for all agencies to provide any new emergency contact information for hurricane season. The information can be sent to Dee Dee at DeeDee.Crews@dot.state.fl.us or to Misha at melder@metriceng.com.
- Emmanuel noted that due to Covid-19, the City of Gainesville will only staff one signal tech and one operator the night before a Hurricane event.
- Ed mentioned that permanent generators will be installed at rest areas soon.
- Pete noted that DIVAS (Data Integration and Video Aggregation System) is live and stable after some troubleshooting. Everyone has access to this, including the Governor, so they will be viewing these cameras during large events or evacuations.

Incident Debrief

- Dee Dee encouraged the Team to discuss any incidents on the list. The Team had no comments.

Open Forum

- Dee Dee mentioned that two additional Road Rangers will be added to I-75 on the weekends soon. This brings a total of four Road Rangers on I-75 seven days a week.
- Jason noted the IVR (phone option) on FL 511 is no longer available but can be accessed through the app or website. If someone calls the IVR, it will direct them to the app and/or website.

Announcements

- The next Alachua/Bradford TIM Team meeting will be held on August 12th. FDOT will be awaiting guidelines from the Governor to decide whether to have this meeting in person, or virtually. This information will be provided in the meeting reminders.
- If anyone needs anything or has any questions, please contact Dee Dee Crews at DeeDee.Crews@dot.state.fl.us or (904) 903-2009.

Meeting Adjourned



Alachua-Bradford Traffic Incident Management Team

June 10th, 2020 10AM to 12PM

Link to Meeting: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/865678229>

INTRODUCTIONS

Team Members

PURPOSE OF MEETING

Dee Dee Crews

MINUTES –FEBRUARY 2020 APPROVAL

Team Members

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS UPDATES

Ed Ward

HURRICANE SEASON UPDATE

RTMC STAFF

- **Communication**
- **Event Management During Evacuations**
- **Emergency Shoulder Use (Presentation)**
- **Road Rangers**
- **Signals**
- **Mobility Share for Wind Sensor Access**
- **WebEOC**
- **FL511**
- **Agency Game Plans/ SOPs**

HURRICANE OPEN DISCUSSION

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OPEN FORUM

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Next Meeting is 08/12/2020**

MEETING ADJOURNED

MISSION: The Florida Department of Transportation District 2 Traffic Incident Management Teams through partnering efforts strive to continuously reduce incident scene clearance times to deter congestion and improve safety. The Teams' objective is to exceed the Open Roads Policy thus ensuring mobility, economic prosperity, and quality of life.

VISION: Through cooperation, communication and training the Teams intend to reduce incident scene clearance times by 10% each year.

TRAFFIC INCIDENT MANAGEMENT LIST (FEBRUARY 12, 2020 THROUGH JUNE 3, 2020). THIS LIST INCLUDES EVENTS FROM THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT CENTER AS WELL AS SUNGUIDE

Date	Unit	Incident	Road Number	Time of Day	Description	Duration of Incident:	Deaths	90 Minute Goal Met?
03/17/20	SUNGUIDE	ACCIDENT	I-75	03:20:00 AM	I-75 NB RAMP AT SR-222/NW 39TH AVE, FATALITY INCIDENT.	3.4 HRS	1	N
04/18/20	TMC	ACCIDENT	I-75	08:35:00 PM	I-75 SB AT MM384, ALL SB LANES BLOCKED, SINGLE VEHICLE CRASH INVOLVING A FATAL	5 HRS	1	N
04/24/20	TMC	ACCIDENT	I-75	06:58:00 AM	I-75 NB BEYOND MM391, ALL NB LANES BLOCKED, SINGLE VEHICLE CRASH (SEMI)	.50 HRS	0	Y
05/01/20	TMC	POLICE ACTIVITY	I-75	09:53:00 PM	I-75 NB AND SB AT MM395, ALL LANES BLOCKED IN BOTH DIRECTIONS, FHP INVOLVED INCIDENT	6 HRS	0	N
05/21/20	TMC	VEHCILE CRASH	I-75	11:50:00 AM	I-75 SOUTHBOUND AT MM380, RIGHT LANE BLOCKED, SEMI VS SUV, RISC ACTIVATED	0	0	Y
02/14/20	TMC	ACCIDENT	SR-231	06:30:00 AM	SR-231 AT SR-235, ALL NB AND SB LANES BLOCKED FOR 2 VEHICLE CRASH WITH FIRE AND INJURIES	0.75 HRS	0	Y
03/06/20	TMC	ACCIDENT	SR-26	09:35:00 AM	SR-26 AT NE 119TH TERRACE, CRASH INVOLVING 2 SCHOOL BUSES, ALL EB AND WB LANES BLOCKED	0.25 HRS	0	Y
05/28/20	TMC	VEHICLE CRASH	SR-26	03:54:00 PM	SR-26 AT 154TH ST. EB AND WB, ALL LANES BLOCKED, SEMI VS CAR	3 HRS	0	N
02/26/20	TMC	ACCIDENT	SR-331	06:43:00 PM	SR-331 AT SW 23RD ST, ALL NB AND SB LANES BLOCKED FOR 2 VEHICLES CRASH	1.0 HRS	0	Y
03/06/20	TMC	ACCIDENT	SR-331	03:15:00 AM	SR-331 AT US-441, OVERTURNED SEMI BLOCKING ALL NB AND SB LANES	0.5 HRS	0	Y
05/21/20	TMC	VEHICLE CRASH	US-41	01:05:00 PM	LEVY COUNTY: SE US-41 NB & SB AT SE 70TH LANE, FATAL CRASH	4 HRS	1	N
04/23/20	TMC	ACCIDENT	US-441	04:40:00 PM	US-441 AT CR-234, ALL LANES BLOCKED IN BOTH DIRECTIONS, 2 VEHICLE CRASH	.25 HRS	0	Y

List of Attendees:

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Chris Gilbert

Cody Parham

Craig Carnes

Dee Dee Crews

Derrick Odom

Ed Ward

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