



# Road Ranger Safety Meeting 12/07/2016

Metric Engineering on behalf of FDOT District 2

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# ROAD RANGER SAFETY/TRAINING MEETING AGENDA

December 7th, 2016



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| <b>1. FIRST COAST ROAD RANGERS PRESENTATION –</b> | <b>Cody Parham</b>           |
| <b>2. FDOT ITS Operations</b>                     | <b>Dee Dee Johnson</b>       |
| A. Truck 208 Update                               |                              |
| B. MOT General Discussion                         |                              |
| C. Law Enforcement Safe Tow                       |                              |
| D. Extended Safe Tow Response Time                |                              |
| E. Radio, Battery and Charger Update              |                              |
| F. EM Locations- Arterials                        |                              |
| G. RR SPARR Login Cleanse                         |                              |
| H. Procedural Errors                              |                              |
| <b>3. AVL</b>                                     | <b>Sherrell Lall</b>         |
| A. Breaks/ Shift Changes                          |                              |
| B. Inspections                                    |                              |
| C. Ride-Alongs                                    |                              |
| <b>4. TMC SUPERVISOR CONCERNS</b>                 | <b>RTMC Staff</b>            |
| <b>5. ROAD RANGER OPERATOR QUESTIONS</b>          |                              |
| <b>6. ACTION ITEMS</b>                            |                              |
| <b>7. FINAL COMMENTS</b>                          | <b>Dee Dee/Greg/Marshall</b> |

## **CONTRACTOR MEETING**

- Road Ranger Contract Update
- Sponsorship Update
- Statewide Update
  - RISC
  - TIM

- Road Rangers
- First Coast Road Ranger Contractor concerns
- I-75 Road Ranger Update
- 12/19/16 Media Day Ride-Alongs
- General Discussion

Notes:

- Cody opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.
- New guys seem to be doing well.
- Larry went over why we have the meetings. Lessons learned and iron out questions.
- Truck inspections in house need to make sure things get checked and reported to Supervisors. First Coast had a good month of taking care of their trucks.
- No one pushed any vehicles this month with the truck. Nice Johnny!
- Tracy pushed a JSO vehicle the other day.
- Cody went over some MOT pictures.
  - Some reports of no cones being placed. That should be the first thing you do. Cody will go over the drivers individually.
  - Try to get responders inside your cones.
  - Cody covered tapers, spacing and other important notes for proper MOT.
  - Be careful around turns, humps and curves.
    - Make sure back up trucks are in a spot where they are most visible.
  - One really nice set up with a middle lane blocked. Nice work Donald.
  - Don't be afraid to ask for back up. If you know the area is dangerous request it before you arrive. Think of your safety!
- Authorization codes have been solid.
  - Even if the wrecker is not needed, once it is dispatched you need to get and record that code.
  - For Class C wreckers make sure to let the wrecker dispatcher know.
    - Same for if both rear tires are flat.

- Several Road Rangers say more dead spots than usual. Damage to the radio? FHP is also having issues.
  - Dee Dee is working on the purchase for replacements.
  - 900 MGZ radio is still a backup option.
- No complaints from RRs on TMC. Jake mentioned the Arterials and that the RR needs to be careful on what location they are selecting.
- RRs made comments about partial lane blockage and AM Contractor coming out. They should. Any part of lane blocked should have AM Contractor come out.
- Yes, the TMC knows what zones AM Contractors have.
- Team discussed the Dames Point issue and JSO asking to change a tire on the bridge. Be safe. You don't work for JSO.
- Mike Livingston said with Holiday traffic safe tows will take a long time. Jake asked the RR let the TMC know. Mike stated that the RR won't have that info so it won't be shared.
- Break times are OK. Still have people who take breaks during peak hours and towards end of shift.
- Shift changes, make sure you are properly handling your changes within SPARR. Not changing your status properly causes issues for Sherrell and in return First Coast.
  - If a Ranger runs out of something while doing a double make sure you take care of that. Call a supervisor if needed.
- Cody reminded Rangers not to download Apps that are not needed. iHeart Radio and SunGuide will crush it and cause it to overheat.
- Rangers shared some stories about angry motorists.
- Road Angels are back. Communicate to the TMC and the TMC will get with FHP.
  - Also using trucks with Zoom Zoom towing.
- Cody went over the 1/19/16 Media event and ride alongs. Be ready for footage being taken at a scene. Be ready for anything. Mike, Cody and Tracy will handle at the NFRTMC.
  - No Andy!
- Cody went over Christmas schedule. Monday through Friday like normal. Same with New Years.
- Cody went over a letter from a woman in New Jersey. Nice work.

- Nothing additional to add from Sherrell.
- Jake added late addition of events. Several cases of creating an event towards the end. Be safe. TMC Needs to know where you are and who you are helping.
- Contractor Meeting:
  - o Contract will be RFP.
  - o Greg stated that in RISC that they do clear all vehicles. Dee Dee asked due to a situation in Alachua.
  - o Contract should be advertised soon and it start in April. Advertisement should be up with pre-bid meeting information.
  - o Greg stated the concern of the trucks and sign boards that would need to be purchased if tight timeframe.
  - o Greg is yet to receive his contract extension.
    - Dee Dee will follow up with Darlene.
  - o Meeting adjourned.



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**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2016**



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