

Road
Ranger
Safety
Meeting
02/07/2018

Metric Engineering on behalf of FDOT District 2

## **ROAD RANGER SAFETY/TRAINING MEETING AGENDA**

February 7th, 2018



1. FIRST COAST ROAD RANGERS PRESENTATION -

**Cody Parham** 

- 2. FDOT ITS Operations
  - A. New Road Rangers
  - **B.** MOT General Discussion
    - a. Handing Over the Scene
  - C. SHRP 2 Course/ Test
  - D. Procedural Errors
  - E. GeoFence- On Route
  - F. SPARR/ Radio Communication
  - **G.** Road Ranger Operation Updates
    - a. Coverage
    - b. Contracted Training
  - H. RR Database Update
  - I. LiveScan
  - J. 2017 Event Breakdown

3. AVL

- A. Breaks/ Shift Changes
- B. Inspections
- C. Ride Alongs

Dee Dee Johnson

**Sherrell Lall** 

4. TMC SUPERVISOR CONCERNS

Jason Evans

- 5. ROAD RANGER OPERATOR QUESTIONS
- 6. ACTION ITEMS

### 7. FINAL COMMENTS

FDOT/ 1st Coast Road Rangers

### **CONTRACTOR MEETING**

- Road Ranger Contract Update/Concerns
- Sponsorship Update
- TPO Material Assistance
- General Discussion

### Notes:

- Cody opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.
- Last month Safety Meeting was cancelled. He welcomed Merintha, Ted and Daniel who started last month.
- The incident with Leonard Fournette that was covered by national news agencies was discussed at length and DeeDee advised them that it was the AM contractor that ended up with the bumper. Getting something signed or taking a picture in the future is fine but never take anything from the scene.
- Cody when over some MOT examples from the last 2 months. Showed the difference between long safety zones and instances of cones placed way to close together or not enough taper.
- Cody went over safetow/transport/extra time codes reminding everyone to record all of the information required when getting a code.
- Cody advised that there was a new invoicing procedure for safetows through southern and the ranger will no longer get a tow ticket but will be emailed instead.
- Cody reminded the rangers not to connect their personal phones to the trucks. He is having to delete several of them a week. Personal phones are not permitted.
- Cody mentioned the new comment cards that have a barcode that can be scanned at the bottom. At least one of these has been reported so it does work.
- Cody and Greg reviewed some "Move Over" law statistics from 2016 and 2017 showing how many citations were issued each year in Florida and how many "Move Over" crashes occurred in the same timeframe.

- Jason went over some of the Road Ranger statistics from 2017. The Road Rangers arrived at around 20,000 events and performed almost 55,000 services during those events. They assisted 11,776 DAVs and worked almost 4,700 crashes. The Road Ranger also created almost 900 red tags saving FHP troopers about 27 days' worth of time that could be spent working crashes.
- Cody discussed truck inspections and to make sure that they are wearing their nametags at all times. He advised if they need more, he has several printed for each employee. Greg ask
   DeeDee if they were allowed to but more reflective tape on the back of the trucks to make them more visible. DeeDee stated she will check on that.
- Several of the Road Rangers asked if it was possible to add a few more messages to the sign boards to give motorists a better idea of what was blocked ahead. Cody told them to send him suggestions and he will review them.
- DeeDee went over some of the recent issues with AM contactors and handing over MOT. She advised them that once Broad Spectrum or DBi have been on scene for 10 minutes to tell them you are picking up your MOT so that they can take over. Jason told them that if any issues arise, do not argue with them. Let the TMC know and we will deal with it.
- DeeDee talked about the changes coming to the SRHP2 Course/Test. Stated that the questions they have to answer at the end are going to be changed to make them more pertinent.
- Jason reviewed the 2 procedure errors for the last 2 months, one failed to arrive and one failed to deploy cones. Not bad for a 2 month stretch.
- Jason talked about the geofence violations that have been popping up as of late. If you are going to go off route for any reason, make sure to update your status especially if you are going off for non-work related things. We can see and track everywhere you go.
- Jason advised to keep us appraised of any new dead spots with the radios or any radio issues in general. We are working to swap them out one at a time to get them fixed. Also, make sure if they are going to update SPARR or the phones, make sure we communicate that beforehand incase any issues arise.
- Jason stated that we are going on 9 days since we had LiveScan set up and training given. We are just waiting on the go-ahead to start using it. Hopefully we will have it soon and can avoid sending new hires to the tax collector's office.
  - o Sherrell went over some items:
    - Watch times when taking breaks especially in the PM during rush
    - Make sure you are setting your phones to the correct status when patrolling vs. breaks. Several times when rangers were set to break while patrolling and vice versa.

- Make sure phones are getting turned off at the end of the PM shifts.
- Make sure you have your nametags (must have) and spotlights? (Cody will check)
- Cody adjourned the Road Ranger meeting.

### **Contractor Meeting**

- Jason brought up the TPO material assistance that Marci has been asking about. DeeDee advised she told Marci that it would have to wait until the new Road Ranger start in July.
- O DeeDee talked about the AVL issue last week. We had no Road Rangers showing up on the map Thursday morning. She advised that the only trucks had a second AVL on the trucks as a backup. Greg said the new ones do not. DeeDee said that if we are not going to have the backups then those phones have to work 100% percent of the time as it is required in the contract.
- Greg is working on procuring the property in Alachua County for Road Rangers. Greg brought up the truck stop prior to Micanopy. Dee Dee confirmed that Greg needs to be prepared to run south through the Prairie down to Micanopy despite there being limited exits.
- o Dee Dee working on the amendment. Hours, coverage, RISC Lite, Safe Tow, etc.
- Pete/ Dee Dee working on magnets for FDOT, Safe Tow and RISC Lite on trucks.
  - o Greg needs to get a magnet stating FREE SERVCE.
  - o RISC Lite and Safe Tow needs to have RR uniform.
- Dee Dee went over how Central Office wants the full deployment up and running on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Once Gainesville and Nassau is set Dee Dee will shift over to District wide deployment.
  - Sign boards take the longest to obtain.
- Greg expressed some concerns about RISC Lite and how law enforcement will respond to moving vehicles just out of the roadway and leaving it on the shoulder. FDOT will get with Major Powell and Gaston.
  - Greg asked to sit in with that.
- Greg asked for Dee Dee's approval for the reflective shirts. Greg will send a sample to Dee Dee.
  - Needs to have the same patches. Dee Dee will check with Shawn Kinney.

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