



# Road Ranger Safety Meeting 2/08/2019

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Metric Engineering on behalf of FDOT District 2

# ROAD RANGER SAFETY/TRAINING MEETING AGENDA



February 8, 2019

1. FIRST COAST ROAD RANGERS PRESENTATION –

Cody Parham

2. FDOT ITS Operations

Dee Dee Crews

- A. MOT General Discussion
- B. Safety
- C. Procedural Errors
- D. Road Ranger Operation Interaction
  - a. Communication
  - b. Dispatch
  - c. Event Information
- E. FHP Advising Not To Deploy Cones
- F. Phone/ Tablet Issues
- G. SLERS Radio
- H. SR-23 Expansion
- I. WBW Express Lanes

3. AVL

Sherrell Lall

- A. Breaks/ Shift Changes
- B. Inspections

**4. RTMC SUPERVISOR CONCERNS**

**Ryan Crist**

**5. ROAD RANGER OPERATOR QUESTIONS**

**6. ACTION ITEMS**

**7. FINAL COMMENTS**

**FDOT/ 1<sup>st</sup> Coast Road Rangers**

**CONTRACTOR MEETING**

- Expansion Update (FCE and EL)
  - Truck Update
- Staging in March (Use EL Wrecker for Safetows)
- Cones on Risc lite Wrecker in Gville
- General Discussion

Notes:

- Cody opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.
- Cody advised the Road Rangers if you have to call a back up Road Ranger to please advise the back up Road Ranger what is going on before they get to the scene.
- Cody showed the group some MOT pictures from out in the field and advised Rick he did a good job on one of his incidents where visibility was difficult because of the hill.
- Cody advised that if we need to tell law enforcement that a back up Road Ranger is on the way that is fine. Don't put yourself in a dangerous situation.
- Cody went over Tina's situation on when she was changing a tire on a disabled vehicle and the car got hit by an oncoming vehicle. Cody advised the Road Rangers to always make sure you have an escape plan when out on the roadway and to always keep your head on a swivel.
- Cody reminded the Road Rangers that they do not block a lane unless law enforcement is there. The only time we can block a lane is when law enforcement is present and advises them to.
- Jason advised the Road Rangers to please make sure you notify the TMC even if you have to use the phone that is in the vehicle. Communication with the TMC is key, especially when at an incident scene.
- Jason advised the Road Rangers to please deploy your cones correctly.

- Dee Dee noted that there have been several complaints in regards to the Road Rangers speeding while on the road. She advised the Road Rangers that they are not supposed to be speeding and that the TMC is monitoring all of their speeds and movements while on the road. Dee Dee advised them that it doesn't matter if they are going to an event. You do not need to speed.
- Dee Dee advised that if you drop your phone please do not try to drive and pick it up. When you do that you will swerve. Please just pull over and get your phone.
- Dee Dee advised them to please be aware of what you are doing. All eyes are on you. The trucks are more noticeable now that they have been wrapped by State Farm.
- Cody advised the Road Rangers that they are putting a monitor system in the truck and it will alert you when you go over 70mph. It will continue to alert you until you slow down to 70mph.
- Cody advised that they will be able to run a report. It will tell them how many violations were made. It will also tell Cody your top speed.
- Dee Dee advised the Road Rangers that we are not looking at just seconds. It has to be consistent over a period of time.
- Dee Dee advised the Road Rangers that their job is to look for any disabled vehicles or scenarios where they can be of assistance and to help out. That would not be possible if the Road Rangers are speeding.
- RT 16 sometimes has problems with the radio due to the area he drives in.
- Dee Dee advised as far as the radios she has heard different stories. She is not sure yet when the Road Rangers will be getting new radios or if it will happen.
- Cody advised the Road Rangers that the radios need to be left in the truck at all times. It doesn't change any of their procedures; you still need to contact the TMC. You are back and forth to your truck. If you need to bring your cell phone out then that is ok.
- Cody advised if you want to take the radio out of the truck and you lose it then understand you are responsible for it and you will pay for the radio.
- Please keep the truck and yourself organized.
- Greg advised that the amount of water being drank is out of control. Greg also advised that he is putting a penalty in place that will hold them accountable for keeping the trucks organized.
- Greg also advised the speeding if it continues to happen he will fine the Road Ranger. Dee Dee advised all the Road Rangers that she could fine Greg for this but she hasn't. They both stressed again that the speeding is not acceptable.

- Greg advised keep radios in vehicle. Get in the vehicle roll windows up and communicate with the TMC.
- Cody advised the Road Rangers that are on the Westside that their uniforms are in. Please bag up your old uniforms write the number on the bag with sharpie and turn it in to your supervisor. This will begin on Monday.
- Cody advised the Southside Road Rangers to please get with Mike regarding your uniforms. We need your size again due to an error.
- March 2, 2019 Road Rangers will be out on the Express Lanes. One person can pick up an extra hour a day. Cody advised that he would need an experienced Road Ranger. This is a staged location. Cody advised to please get with him if you are interested and he will go over details. Cody is looking to get a part time person for weekend shift.
- Jason advised the Road Rangers that if FHP tells you not to put your cones out you need to advise them that you have to per your procedures and if they don't want you to put them out then you will have to continue back on route. If they give you any problems please call into the TMC and advise them.
- Sherrell advised that there is still one fire extinguisher that is expired.
- Sherrell advised to please make sure when logging in that you are logging into the correct route and truck and correctly into your device.
- Sherrell advised please make sure that you are watching your break times. The break times add up per shift and should be a maximum of 15 minutes per shift.
- Sherrell advised that the shift changes are looking great.
- Sherrell advised to please make sure all your items are filled before leaving the yard It is the drivers' responsibility to make sure that they have all of their items.
- Jason advised the stats for 2018. We have added eight more trucks. We now have 16 trucks total. Events went up by a third. Activities were about 3 per event. We had thirty four hundred events for the year.
- Meeting Adjourned.





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**Friday, February 8th 2019**  
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