

## District Six Increases Copper Theft Awareness Efforts



Copper theft and vandalism is a dangerous activity that affects the safety and reliability of our roadways. It impacts thousands of drivers everyday and poses a significant loss of resources to transportation agencies across the country.

FDOT District Six has been working

to combat this long-standing issue in our area. Most recently, the District Intelligent Transportation Systems Office, Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) Troop 'E', District Maintenance and consultant staff came together to develop a series of initiatives to raise partner agency awareness and reduce

occurrences.

The team began holding regular working meetings and identified the District's most vulnerable areas to increase enforcement. They gathered information for the past three years and created an easy-to-read map to illustrate the magnitude and frequency of the problem. The map was circulated among the partners including the City of Miami Police Department and Miami-Dade County Police Department. To date, several agencies have shown interest in the effort and pledged their support.

In addition to the completion of the map, the team developed a set of procedures for District staff and its partners to follow when dealing with this issue. The procedures provide a step-by-step outline for detecting, notifying and documenting each occurrence to reduce down times and improve tracking efforts.

Enhancing internal operations in combination with increasing outreach efforts is expected to reduce the negative impacts these acts have on the traveling public of our region.

## D6 Adds Heavy Tow Truck to Road Ranger Fleet

FDOT added a heavy duty tow truck to its Road Ranger fleet to help manage the influx of commercial vehicles in the area.

The truck has expedited clearance efforts when heavy vehicles become disabled and block travel lanes. The tow truck is only used to move vehicles to the nearest safe location where they can be fixed or removed by the owner's private tow truck or FHP's rotation.



This relocation procedure has improved responder safety by reducing their exposure to traffic when managing these events. The truck was added as an incentive-based resource requiring the contractor to move a

vehicle within 90 minutes from notification to receive compensation. As a result, the tow truck has an average lane clearance time of 48.5 minutes and has successfully met the timeframe 97 out of 98 times since July 2013.

### What's New?

- FDOT Increases Toll Rate on 95 Express to Manage Increased Demand
- District Six Hosts Technical Tour for National ITE Members
- District Six Hosts Statewide TSM&O Workshop

### Upcoming Events

- FDOT to adjust 95 Express Roadway Maintenance Schedule for Various Special Events

## Quarterly Statistics (Jan. 1, 2014 - March. 31, 2014)



# 10,306

Total TMC  
Events Managed



# 11:02\*

(mm:ss)  
Average Road  
Ranger Response



# 27:32

(mm:ss)  
Average Travel  
Lane Blockage

## RISC Stats

District Six implemented the Rapid Incident Scene Clearance (RISC) Program in 2009 to reduce the impact of large-scale traffic events along our roadways. The program covers: Interstates 75, 95, 195, 395, State Road 826, Krome Avenue, Okeechobee Road and the MacArthur Causeway.

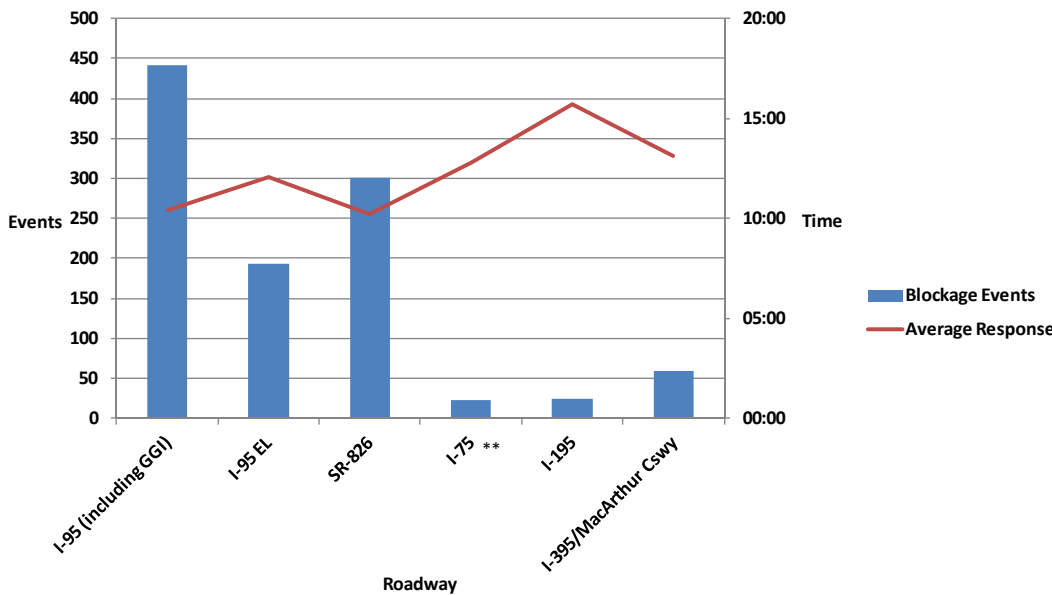
- RISC activations in Fiscal Year 13/14, Quarter 3 = 2 events

- Average Arrival Time of RISC Vendors = 61 minutes

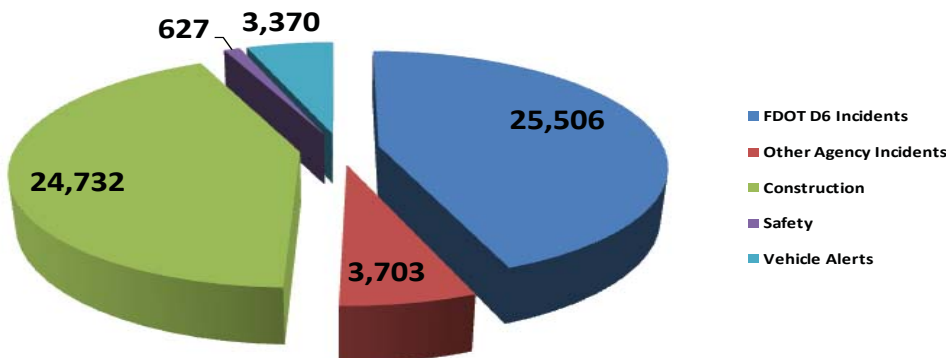
- Average Travel Lane Clearance Time = 112 minutes

- Average Total Incident Clearance Time = 235 minutes

## Lane Blockage Events, Average Response\*



## Quarterly DMS Usage by Type



For more information on FDOT District Six and its incident management programs, be sure to visit [SunGuide.info](http://SunGuide.info).

\* The data is based on lane blockage events for roadways with Road Ranger coverage (excluding roadwork events, special events, and events detected by TMC Responders). \*\*I-75 is dispatch-only for Road Rangers.