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## **District Six Adds Road Rangers on Palmetto Expressway, I-75**

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FDOT District Six recently added two Road Ranger Service Patrol vehicles to support incident management efforts for the State Road 826/Interstate 75 Express Lanes Construction activities.

The additional resources were added to supplement the existing fleet and mitigate the impacts associated with construction. The new vehicles consist of a tow truck that will primarily function to assist stranded drivers with minor repair work and vehicle removal. It will also help emergency response personnel with incident management support and maintenance of traffic activities. The second vehicle is a flat bed truck that will expedite clearance for larger scale events that occur in the area. The tow truck will patrol the facility through the project's limits which is along SR 826, from Flagler Street to NW 154 Street and along I-75, from SR 826 to NW 170 Street. The flatbed truck will remain staged on I-75 near the Miami Gardens exit and will be dispatched by traffic operators at the SunGuide<sup>®</sup> Transportation Management Center.

The vehicles were added on June 6th and are set to enhance current incident management activities to maintain the roadways' safety and mobility goals during this period of increased activity. Construction on these roadways is being completed as part of the Palmetto Express Project that is set to launch in 2017. The project is expected to deliver significant congestion relief for the highway and help it meet future traveler demands. For more information about the project, please visit www.palmettoexpresslanes. com.

# **TIM Team Hosts Annual Meeting in Monroe County**

The Monroe County Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Team recently held their annual meeting to discuss their year-inreview as well as initiatives planned for this fiscal year.

The team reported that their continued coordination efforts in combination with updates made to the area's messaging procedures allowed them to improve in all areas of performance.

They advised attend-



ees that event management efforts increased by 25% during fiscal year 2013/2014 when compared to the year before with 475 total events managed. They also reported improvements in traveler information with 10,292 messages posted on the Dynamic Message Signs which is a 186% increase from the previous year. These numbers demonstrate the program's commitment to improving traffic conditions and information in the area.

#### What's New?

- District Six Celebrates 10-Year Anniversary of SunGuide TMC!
- Governor Rick Scott Praises two Miami Road Rangers for their Public Service
- Color Dynamic Message Signs Added to Interstate 95

#### **Upcoming Events**

- D6 TMC to Host Incident Management Forum for Georgia Civil Leadership Group - Fall 2014
- D6 to Host Bi-Annual Joint TIM Meeting - Fall 2014





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**RISC Stats** 

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### Quarterly Statistics April 1, 2014 - June 30, 2014



**11,075** Total TMC Events Managed



**11:28** (mm:ss) Average Road Ranger Response



29:06 (mm:ss) Average Travel Lane Blockage

#### the Rapid Incident Scene Clearance (RISC) Program

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 Quarter Four for Fiscal Year 13/14 = **9 events** 

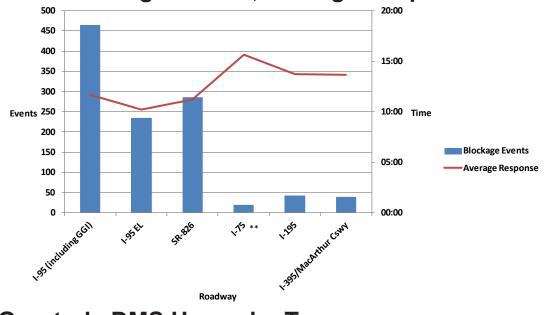
• Average Arrival Time of RISC Vendors = **41 minutes** 

• Average Travel Lane Clearance Time = **76 minutes** 

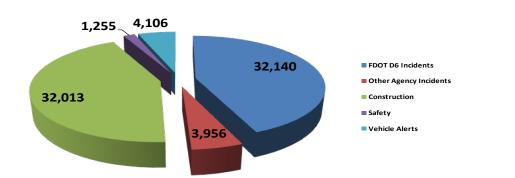
• Average Total Incident Clearance Time = 167 minutes

For more information on FDOT District Six and its incident management programs, be sure to visit SunGuide.info.

#### Lane Blockage Events, Average Response\*



Quarterly DMS Usage by Type



\* 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.