

TIM Team's Special Event Coordination a Success



Traffic coordination for special events is a common practice in Southeast Florida. With so many calling our area home throughout the year, the District Six Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Team has become well-versed in these efforts, and during this quarter, assisted in a major sporting event at SunLife Stadium and an annual toy run event along Interstate 95 (I-95).

The main priority for the TIM Team during these events is to maintain driver safety and mobility. But with event traffic typically co-mingling with regular highway traffic, managing operations can be challenging. To prepare, the District typically meets with its partner agencies for several weeks in advance to devise coordination, signage and traffic routing plans. During the process, each

agency plays a separate but equally important role and is why the three roles of the TIM Program, communication, cooperation and coordination, play a fundamental part in the successful execution of these plans. For instance, the District worked extensively with FDOT District Four, Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) and Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO) among others during the toy run which closed northbound I-95 to make way for nearly 30,000 motorcycle riders who took part in the event. The District provided two additional Road Rangers, two Incident Response Vehicles and an FHP Trooper to supplement regular incident management services during this December weekend event. They posted event information on the highway's Dynamic Message Signs (DMS),

added bilingual floodgate messages onto the 511 Traveler Information System and also posted a Twitter message to pre-alert the public and the media of the closure. The District also activated northbound Ramp Signals to manage traffic. Similar efforts were also followed for the Orange Bowl Game which took place mid week in January during rush-hour traffic. That event attracted more than 80,000 attendees to Sun-Life Stadium, most of which used I-95 as their main route.

The traffic coordination plans for these events were both successful. The predetermined initiatives were well carried out and traffic impacts were kept to a minimum. Also, travel speeds remained at typical levels for their respective days of the week, and overall driver feedback was positive.

District Six to Add Road Ranger on I-95

Starting this Spring, the north end of Interstate 95 (I-95) in Miami-Dade County will have an additional Road Ranger tow truck patrolling to supplement incident management efforts in preparation for 95 Express Phase 2. With the project's construction-related activities scheduled to increase throughout this year, the additional Road Ranger will expedite response times



along this portion of the highway. The new Road Ranger service will be avail-

able five days a week, from 5 AM to 9 PM.

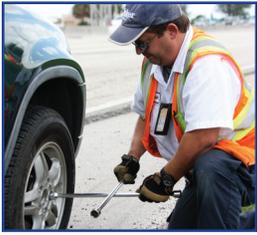
What's New?

- RISC arterial expansion launched in Miami-Dade County
- New roadway statistics reports available on SunGuide.org
- FDOT District Six now on Twitter: @MyFDOT_Miami
- FHWA TIM Workshop - Winter 2012

Upcoming Events

- Bi-Annual Regional TIM Meeting - Spring 2012

Quarterly Statistics (Oct. 1, 2011 - Dec. 31, 2011)



9,434
Total TMC
Events Managed

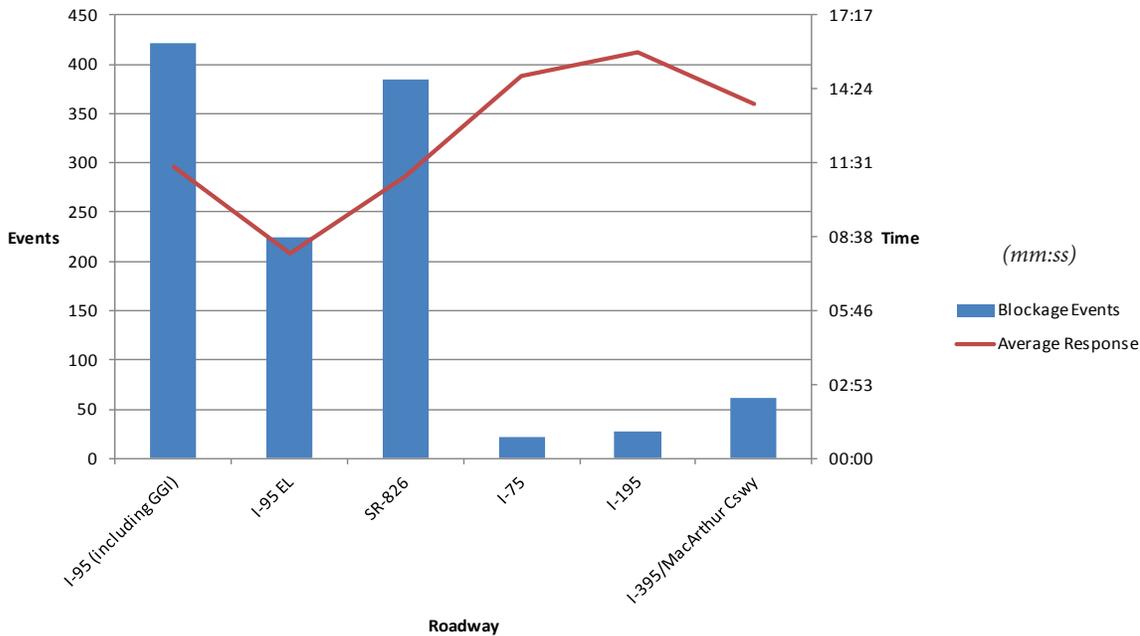


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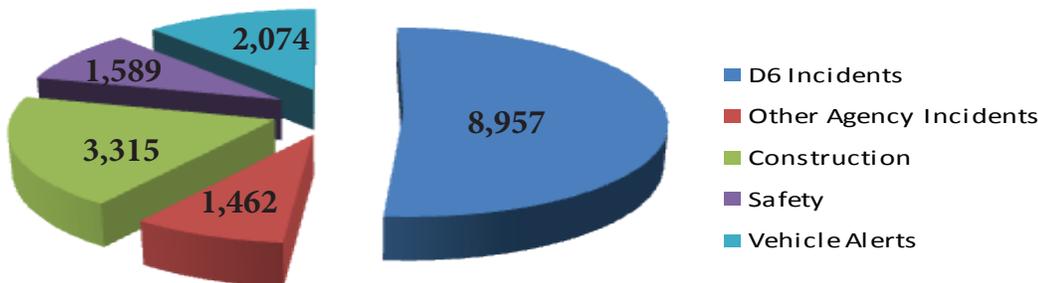


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Average Travel
Lane Blockage

Lane Blockage Events, Avg. Response**



DMS Messages by Type



RISC Stats

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

- Total RISC activations in Fiscal Year (FY) 11/12 Quarter 2 = **2 total events**
- Average Arrival Time of RISC Vendors = **32 minutes**
- Average Travel Lane Clearance Time = **49 minutes**
- Average Total Incident Clearance Time = **119 minutes**

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

*For events not detected by a Road Ranger. **The figures presented are based only on travel lane blockage events per roadway. ***I-75 is dispatch-only for Road Rangers.