

# **District Six TIM Team Extends Reach into Monroe County**



The District Six Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Team has been working with Monroe County transportation officials and emergency responders to improve the incident management efforts in that area, and in the past fiscal year, significant improvements have been achieved as a result.

After formally establishing a TIM Team Program in the county last July, TIM members have worked to address the needs expressed by partnering agencies through a variety of well-proven measures and procedures. They worked together to identify possible areas of weakness in terms of interagency coordination and overall service. TIM members held several meetings to better open the lines of communication between the Department and each partner, as well as to review agency protocols, identify responsibilities and improve incident management procedures.

As a result of their improved communication, the District Six TMC managed 92 percent more events in the area during Fiscal Year (FY) 2009/2010, compared to FY 2008/2009. Similarly, monthly DMS messaging increased by an average of 74 percent over the same time frame. The messages ranged from construction activites, holiday travel and incidentrelated events. In addition to these service improvements, the team is also working with the county's transit and airport agencies to include them in the Department's statewide 511 Traveler Information System for broader agency reach.

## TIM Team Supports New Port of Miami Project

FDOT District Six recently began construction on the Port of Miami Tunnel (POMT) Project, which is one of the largest and most important transportation improvement projects in the state's history.

The \$1 billion dollar project was designed to improve traffic access going to and from the port to reduce daily congestion for the more than 7,000 cargo trucks, passenger buses and vehicles that utilize the facility every day. The POMT Project consists of three main improvements, which include: the construction of a pair of twin tunnels, 120



feet below sea level, that will connect Watson Island and the Port of Miami (Dodge Island), increased connections to the Port of Miami roadway system as well as widening the MacArthur Causeway Bridge.

To minimize the impacts of this four-year construction project, the TIM Team is working with project representatives to provide traffic management assistance via its Intelligent Transportation Systems devices, Transportation Management Center operator support and 511 Traveler Information System. The team will also assist the project's private tow-truck contractor with additional resources when needed, such as Road Ranger and Incident Response Vehicle support and even added a live streaming video tour of the project's roadways to its program website:

www.SunGuide.org.

#### What's New?

• 10 live streaming Video Tours now available on www.SunGuide.org

• District Six wins ITS America's Best Innovative Product, for Phase 1A of the 95 Express

• District Six Road Ranger Program Survey results now available on www. SunGuide.org

## **Upcoming Events**

• Semi-annual TIM Meeting in Miami-Dade County -Fall 2010

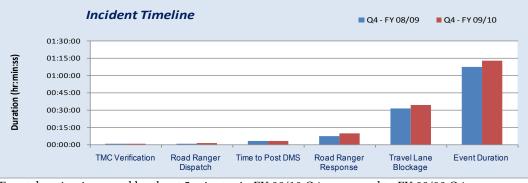
• All CCTV traffic images will soon be available on www.SunGuide.org

• 95 Express Survey - later in 2010

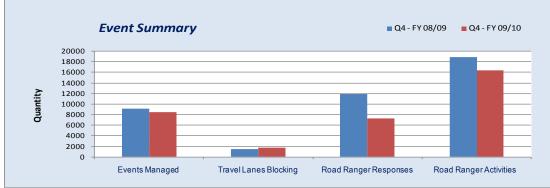




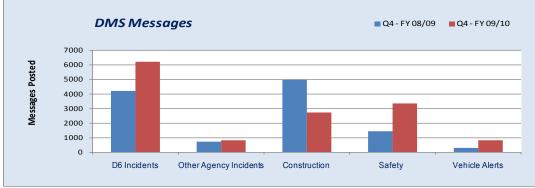




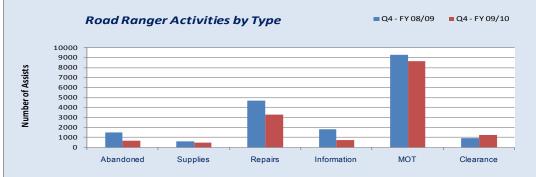
Event duration increased by about 5 minutes in FY 09/10 Q4, compared to FY 08/09 Q4



D6 managed nearly 250 more travel lane blocking events in FY 09/10 Q4, compared to FY 08/09 Q4



D6 posted about 2,350 more messages in FY 09/10 Q4, compared to FY 08/09 Q4.



RRs performed nearly 320 more Clearance activities in FY 09/10 Q4, compared to FY 08/09 Q4

Note: Graphs depicted compare TMC operational statistics from Quarter 4 in Fiscal Year (FY) 2008/2009 to Quarter 4 in Fiscal Year 2009/2010.

### **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) 09/10 Quarter 4 = **5 total events**
- Average Arrival Time of RISC Vendors = **49 minutes**
- Average Travel Lane Clearance Time = **91 minutes**
- •Average Total Incident Clearance Time = 250 minutes

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