

MEETING MINUTES

Monroe County Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Team - Meeting No. 12

Date/Time:	06/24/2020		10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	
Location:	Florida Department of Transportation - District Six Virtual Meeting - Join Microsoft Teams Meeting Phone #: 1 850-739-5589 / Conference ID: 944 822 031#			
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1. Purpose of Meeting

1.1 The Monroe County Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Team meeting provides a forum for partner agencies and stakeholders to receive updates and discuss issues related to incident management and emergency operations. Information is provided on upcoming events, training opportunities, and coordination between the TIM team. The focus of this meeting will be on the current hurricane season regarding response and evacuation coordination.

2. Virtual Material Distribution

2.1 Monroe TIM Team Agenda

3. TIM Updates

3.1 FDOT District Six TIM Update – Rulx Belizaire and Alex Mirones

Incident Management Coordinator Rulx Belizaire and TMC Manager Alex Mirones welcomed everyone to FDOT District Six's first virtual TIM Team Meeting. Rulx said that District Six will provide their TIM updates followed by updates by other TIM team members.

Rulx started the District Six TIM update presentation. There has been a reduction in traffic volumes in recent months due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. However, there has been an increase of events in Monroe County beginning March 2020 due to high amount lane closures from recent construction projects (bridge rehabilitation projects and Irma repair projects). At this time, all intelligent transportation system (ITS) devices are operational in Monroe County (cameras, dynamic message signs, Card Sound Road Beacons, etc.).

FDOT has used Smart Work Zone Devices selectively placed at construction projects sites that contained limited ITS device coverage to closely monitor traffic conditions. They are independently powered (battery or solar) and equipped with cameras and traffic detectors. These devices have been used at the Snake Creek Bridge project and to monitor traffic signal operations at Coco Plum Drive. FDOT has one deployed at Cow Key Bridge. The Cow Key Bridge construction project has deployed its own smart work zone system to monitor and manage traffic in the construction areas.

FDOT has been operating and maintaining the 17 signalized intersections along US 1 from Stock Island to Key Largo since July 2018. The Monroe County Traffic Signal System (MCTSS) has been working well. FDOT will expand the MCTSS on July 1, 2020 to include 17 signalized intersections along the State Highway System (SHS) in the City of Key West. FDOT has been coordinating with the Key West Police Department with the upcoming transition.

Rulx presented the SunGuide.info website as a place everyone can virtually visit to obtain information about FDOT District Six from quarterly newsletters to new project announcements. The TIM Webpage (<https://sunguide.info/incident-management-service/tim-team/>) now features an interactive Incident Management dashboard. Rulx demonstrated the SunGuide.info TIM Webpage and the functions of the Incident Management Dashboard. Rulx also demonstrated the new Responder's Site which allows users to get access to 4 cameras. The site also allows a user to see a current list of all lane blockage and non-lane blockage events in District Six.

Rulx discussed the Keys COAST Pilot Project which will be the first connected vehicle project in District Six.

3.2 FDOT Emergency Operations Center Update – Crystal Schaefer

Crystal Schaefer (FDOT District Six) provided updates as the new District Six Emergency Management Specialist. Crystal provided important information regarding hurricanes such as personal responsibilities, developing a hurricane preparedness plan, building and maintaining a supply kit, storm surge dangers and awareness, organizational responsibilities, district emergency teams, the important processes to damage assessments and detailed inspections for repair, operational support, as well as maintaining fleet management and readiness within the department. Please refer to the links below.

Links to staying informed and prepared:

- https://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/1440449346150-1ff18127345615d8b7e1effb4752b668/Family_Comm_Plan_508_20150820.pdf
- <http://www.ready.gov/shelter>
- <https://flash.org/hurricanestrong/>
- <https://www.emergency.cdc.gov/shelterinplace.asp>
- <https://www.monroecounty-fl.gov/>
- <https://www.facebook.com/MonroeCountyBOCC/>
- <https://twitter.com/monroecounty>
- <http://readysouthflorida.org/stayinformed/>
- <https://fl511.com/>

3.3 Florida's Turnpike Enterprise Update – Michael Washburn

Michael Washburn (Florida's Turnpike Enterprise) provided updates on their Emergency Management Plans for significant events, criteria and procedures established for suspending non-emergency roadwork, the STARR wrecker plan, pre-storm operations, suspension of tolls, and post storm operations. Michael presented recent statistical data from their operations pertaining to the number of events, event type, and the Turnpike's RISC program. Michael also provided the Turnpike's general guidance and practices for safety service patrol during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

3.4 FDOT Traffic Operations Update – Saud Khan

Saud Khan (FDOT District Six) provided the Traffic Operations update pertaining to hurricane response and severe incident response. Saud presented the first three phases of FDOT's Operational Plan for US 1 at Palm Drive which was developed by FHP, Florida's Turnpike, Miami-Dade County, and FDOT. This plan maximizes the northbound traffic flow through this major intersection during an evacuation of the Keys designed to prevent unsafe backups. The plan involves thorough details regarding triggers, management, phases, emergency coordinating officers, etc.

3.4 Asset Maintenance Contractor Update – Elizabeth Jett

Elizabeth Jett (FDOT District Six) introduced herself as the FDOT Asset Maintenance Project Manager for Monroe County. She provided a brief overview of the asset maintenance contractor's duties. Elizabeth said that Ferrovial Services will be the new asset maintenance contractor beginning July 1st, 2020. The Ferrovial Services team gave introductions. Ferrovial Services shared their years of experience and relationship with FDOT.

3.6 National Weather Service – Jonathan Rizzo

Jonathan Rizzo (National Weather Service) provided in-depth information regarding forecasting, warning coordination, hurricane characteristics, hurricane intensification, case studies, accuracy, and data analysis. In addition, John provided the National Weather Service's current operational phase during the COVID-19 Pandemic and other operational phases. John said that NWS will maintain continuous availability through all phases and conditions.

4. Open Discussion

4.1 The Incident Management (IM) Dashboard on the SunGuide.info TIM Webpage

After Rulx presented the features and functions of the IM Dashboard, there were a couple questions.

Can someone filter for events by incident type (crash, disabled vehicles, etc.) and/or mile marker in Monroe County?

Don Avery (FDOT District Six TMC) responded that the dashboard provides results for an entire roadway only. In Monroe County it would be all of US 1/Overseas Highway. There are no filters for type of incident but it will filter on severity (minor, moderate, severe) and number of lanes blocked.

Is the webpage viewable to the public?

Don said that SunGuide.info and the IM Dashboard are available to the public.

4.2 The Responder's Site

After Rulx logged into the Responder's Site and demonstrated how to access districtwide camera and incident information, there were a couple of questions about the site.

How can I obtain access to the site?

Don commented that there is a registration form on the SunGuide.info TIM Webpage to obtain access.

Has the team considered adding a camera link to each incident to open the associated camera?

Don said that this is actually in development in our test environment. It will be rolled out to the main website once fully functional.

5. Meeting Adjourned

5.1 The presentations and meeting minutes are available on SunGuide.info (<https://sunguide.info/incident-management-service/team/tim-meetings/>)