

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - DISTRICT SIX

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Final Meeting Minutes

Monroe County Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Team Meeting

Date/Time:	June 30, 2021 1:30PM – 3:30PM		30PM	
Location:	Florida Department of Transportation - District Six Online Meeting - <u>Join Microsoft Teams Meeting</u> Phone #: 1 850-739-5589 / Conference ID: 875-459-563#			
Host:	Florida Department of Transportation - District Six			
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1. Purpose of Meeting

To provide an update to the Monroe County TIM Team including Hurricane Response and Evacuation Coordination. Updates were given by FDOT District Six Transportation Management Center, FDOT Traffic Operations Office, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise, the National Weather Service, and FDOT Asset Maintenance Contractor. It also serves as an opportunity to network and share lessons learned to maximize interagency cooperation, coordination, and communication.

All presentations listed below are available on the SunGuide.info website.

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2. TIM Updates

2.1 FDOT District Six TIM Update - Alex Mirones, Don Avery, and Rulx Belizaire

Incident Management Coordinator Rulx Belizaire and TMC Manager Alex Mirones welcomed everyone to the Monroe County TIM Team Meeting. Rulx stated that District Six will provide their TIM updates followed by updates from other TIM team members.

Alex began District Six's presentation. The 7 Mile Bridge Run and Autism Awareness Bike to the Beach Event were the first major special events held in Monroe County since before the pandemic. Alex provided information on the Card Sound Road brush fire detailing its impact to traffic and the coordination efforts. Alex announced that ITS Florida recognized two District Six staffers with their inaugural Road Ranger of the Year and TMC Operator of the Year Awards. This was ITS Florida's first year of recognizing these positions and the event was held at the SunGuide Transportation Management Center. Alex provided updated Hurricane Response Action Plan strategies for 2021 including supporting evacuation efforts through possible traffic signal timing adjustments in Monroe County.

Don presented the latest information on the Monroe County Traffic Signal System. He gave updates on signalized intersection improvements, emergency signal improvements, and the design of three High-Intensity Activated Crosswalks (HAWK) Signals in the City of Key West. He provided a thorough breakdown of the Keys COAST Pilot Project.

Rulx referred to the SunGuide.info website regarding District Six TIM Newsletters, News Flashes, the IM Dashboard, and access for Responder Training registration. Rulx highlighted the successful continuation of National TIM Responder Training since transitioning exclusively to online trainings. Future training sessions be in-person with an option to participate online.

Rulx provided an in-depth refresher of the Monroe County Rapid Incident Scene Clearance (RISC) program. He provided comprehensive information regarding the purpose, criteria, performance measures, procedures, and effectiveness of the RISC program. Rulx provided examples of RISC events including when to activate RISC, and who can activate RISC. It is important to note that MCSO, FHP, and the FDOT TMC are empowered to activate RISC as soon as possible. The RISC program brings a package set of recovery vehicles and equipment to clear an incident within 90 minutes upon arrival.

2.2 Florida's Turnpike Enterprise Update - Douglas Prager

Doug provided updates on Florida's Turnpike Enterprise's (FTE) Emergency Management Plans. In response to a significant storm, Doug detailed pre and post storm operations. This includes the suspension of non-emergency road work, increasing Road Ranger patrols, Specialty Towing and Roadside Repair (STARR) program, strike teams, damage assessments, recovery, reentry, and toll suspension. Doug advised that the original intent for toll suspensions was to prevent stopping at toll booths, but currently there are more free-flowing electronic toll collection systems. Now, the suspension of tolls is intended to encourage evacuations as well communicate the gravity of the order.

2.3 FDOT Traffic Operations Update – Saud Khan

Saud presented FDOT's latest Traffic Management Operational Plan for US 1 at Palm Drive/SW 344 Street. This plan aids Monroe County evacuations by maximizing the corridor's capacity in the northbound direction. The location in Florida City was recognized as a choke point observed in past evacuations. A timely activation of this plan prevents unsafe backup and delays for evacuees. Saud described the plan's three phases as well as its triggers, command staff, support staff, and sequential order of implementation.

2.4 Asset Maintenance Contractor Update - Humberto (Bert) Serrano and Gabriel Guevara

Bert introduced Gabriel Guevara as the new Deputy Project Manager. Gabriel presented on behalf of Ferrovial Services. Gabriel provided their scope of services, protocols, essential personnel contact, coverage areas, and their response procedure to an activation call.

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2.5 National Weather Service – Jonathan Rizzo

Jonathan provided information on the 2020 hurricane season, proper forecasting, hurricane hazards, an analysis on Hurricane Irma, and storm preparation. He highlighted that the 2020 hurricane season had 30 named storms, which were the most named storms in the past 170 years. Jonathan forewarned the team of a developing storm in the Atlantic Ocean that the National Weather Service is currently monitoring.

3. Open Discussion

Dean Richardson (Ferrovial Services) asked "Do we have a plan to deploy gas and diesel trucks to the Keys? After Irma, everyone used these trucks at our compound including FHP, MCSO, and Fire Rescue. Secondly, do we have a failsafe protocol for re-entry to first responders and our teams?"

Bert responded that there is a fuel deployment plan for Ferrovial Services trucks solely. Bert added that Monroe County supplies a set amount of reentry passes to each agency, and each agency selectively distributes their passes. Additionally, Bert and Rulx advised to direct further inquiries to the Monroe County Emergency Management Office.

4. Meeting Adjourned

The presentations and meeting minutes are available on SunGuide.info (https://sunguide.info/incident-management-service/tim-team/tim-meetings/). The next Monroe County TIM Team Meeting will be on November 18, 2021.

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