



Bay County

Traffic Incident Management Team

April 07, 2016

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Stephen Corbin	FDOT	Ron Meyer	Atkins
Eddie Johnson	HNTB	David Bremer	Atkins
Jonathan Wilkes	Autobase	Reggie Brown	FDOT
Capt. Robert Ifft	FHP	Jeff Duncan	ICA
Sgt. J. D. Johnson	FHP	Greg Free	ICA
Cpl. Ray Bailey	FHP	Gary Hogan	FDOT
Jason King	FHP	Martin Brust	FDOT
Bubba White	Gulf Towing	Kaitlyn Argin	Lynn Haven PD

Call to Order: The Bay County meeting was held on Thursday, April 07, 2016 at 10:00 AM at Florida Highway Patrol Troop Headquarters at 6030 CR 2321 Panama City, Florida. Stephen Corbin facilitated the meeting.

Introductions: Team members introduced themselves and the agencies they represented before and at the conclusion of the meeting.

Agency News:

Road Rangers

Jonathan Wilkes, Operation Manager for Autobase Inc., the newest Road Ranger contractor for District 3, reported that they had trucks in service from Okaloosa County to Leon County on I-10. They were busy with personnel hiring as they have recently lost a driver. He emphasized helping first responders and safely clear the road. Additionally, he said they were busy hiring additional personnel.

Towing and Towing and Wrecker News

Stephen Corbin informed the team that negotiations with a towing company are progressing and Rapid Incident Scene Clearance (RISC) support for all of as well as all of FDOT District 3. RISC is an initiative by FDOT to provide monetary incentives for private partners to clear major incidents more quickly in support of Florida's Open Roads Policy. This policy is most commonly implemented with incidents of complete roadway closures on limited access highways, where typical medium and heavy-duty wreckers are not capable of clearing the incident. Gulf Towing is a RISC contractor and has been successful in quick clearance of heavy duty vehicles and loads.

Other Agency News

Capt. Ifft requested that FDOT look into a sidewalk on Joan Ave to curb pedestrian crashes that typically result in fatalities which are prevalent during vacation times. He also requested FDOT to look at the possibility of gates to close the entrance ramps onto I-10 from arterial roads. They would be invaluable during evacuations and natural disasters such as the ice storms from 2 years ago. These gates would relieve the necessity of having to physically man the ramp. Stephen Corbin said he would forward these requests for consideration through his chain of command for review and study.

Update on TMC:

Stephen Corbin briefed the members in attendance on the TMC in Chipley and how its operation will assist in the notification on incidents affecting traffic within FDOT D-3.

Update on TIM Initiatives

None

FDOT Construction Update

None

Presentation

Ron Meyer a Senior Analyst with Atkins presented a program involving the feasibility and implementation study for a Regional Advanced Transportation Management System. He provided the project overview and solicited stakeholder input. Steve Corbin reiterated that this was the time for prospective agency input during the planning stages as after the center is built it will be too late to want to provide input or request occupancy. The project centers on connecting existing traffic control systems and establishing an emergency operations center. The objectives are to improve safety and efficiency and enhance mobility. The presentation focused on long range planning and funding requests. The plan for this multi-agency regional operations center locations include but are not limited to existing sites and potential new sites. These sites could be in either Santa Rosa or Escambia County. The final site location will be determined at a later date.

Mr. Meyer explained the benefits of ATMS in providing real time data and monitoring, allowing fast response to incidents and how these responses can be monitored and managed. Mr. Meyer asked that potential stakeholders think about collocation and collaboration with other stakeholders. Some of the areas for consideration are who needs to occupy this facility, what would be the level of support, standard operating hours and are there times of expanded hours and staffing? Mr. Meyer concluded asking for input and next level support.

Future Meetings:

TBA

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the District 3 TIM Team Manager, Mr. Stephen Corbin at 850-330-1280 or via email Stephen.corbin@dot.state.fl.us

