



Tallahassee

Traffic Incident Management Team

April 08, 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                   | J.J. McFadden   | COT           |
| Sgt. John Haire   | FHP                        | Debbie Brierton | FHP/TRCC      |
| Sgt. Bob Bouchee  | FHP                        | Jeff Bartoll    | Transcore     |
| Robert Mills      | Tallahassee Communications |                 |               |
| Miranda McMillian | FHP/TRCC                   |                 |               |

**Call to Order:** The Tallahassee TIM meeting was held on Friday, April 08, 2016 at 10:00 AM at the Leon County/Tallahassee Traffic Management Center in the Public Safety Complex at 911 Easterwood Dr. Tallahassee, Florida.

**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 the 33 Okaloosa to Leon County on I-10. They were busy with personnel hiring as they have recently lost a driver. He emphasized helping first responders 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*

Bobby Mills requested there be better communications between law enforcement and the various first responders and the TMC. Stephen Corbin stated this is a primary function of TIM however agencies must participate and network. Remember communicate and collaborate for safe and efficient clearance.

**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 a 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

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