



Road Ranger Safety Meeting 06/01/2016

Metric Engineering on behalf of FDOT District 2

ROAD RANGER SAFETY/TRAINING MEETING AGENDA

June 1, 2016



1. **FIRST COAST ROAD RANGERS PRESENTATION –** Cody Parham

2. **FDOT ITS Operations** Ryan Crist
 - A. Introduce Jason Evans
 - B. Construction- Ways to help
 - C. Hand off to AM Contractor
 - D. MOT Concerns
 - E. Overtime
 - F. Red Tags
 - G. Safe Tow Procedure
 - a. Brochure
 - H. Comment Cards (3% of events)
 - I. SPARR

3. **AVL** Sherrell Lall
 - A. Breaks/ Shift Changes
 - B. Inspections
 - C. Ride-Alongs

4. **TMC SUPERVISOR CONCERNS** Ryan Crist

5. **ROAD RANGER OPERATOR QUESTIONS**

6. **ACTION ITEMS**

7. **FINAL COMMENTS** Josh/Greg/Marshall

CONTRACTOR MEETING

- **Updated Safe Tow Procedures**
- **Road Ranger Contract Update**
- **Sponsorship Update**
- **First Coast Road Ranger Contractor concerns**
- **General Discussion**

Notes:

- Cody opened the meeting, welcomed everyone and turned it over to Ryan as the projector was getting set up.
- Ryan introduced Jason Evans as the new TMC Supervisor. Ryan went over the safe tow codes and how the Lead Op position works. Jason has been with the TMC for over 10 years and should pick things up quickly.
- Josh started about the over use of Overtime codes. Mike Livingston made the point that normally 6:30PM-7:00PM is First Coast Road Ranger time. If you are not at an event after 6:30PM do NOT ask for a code. OT is not there for you to get gas or make it back to the yard. Once 6:30PM hits and you are at an incident request an OT code from the TMC. If you cannot record it at that time you can ask on your way in later. TMC Op and Supervisor will check departure times.
- Cody started the Road Ranger Safety Meeting presentation:
 - Why do we do these? Lessons learned, best practices and find ways to improve.
 - 0 complaints, call-ins or crashes this month. Nice job. Don't relax. Keep up the hard work and follow SOP.
 - The Team reviewed MOT pictures and talked about taper, using ALL 15 cones, buffer zone and best practices. The Team has done much better since last meeting where Cody took a lot of time on MOT.
 - Mike reminded Rangers to turn the wheel when parked at an event. If your truck gets hit from behind you do not want it rolling towards you. Cut the wheel.
 - Cody reminded the guys that they can move within their work zone. When you are getting ready to pick up your cones from a lane blocking event move the truck to the shoulder and pick up the cones in the proper order so you don't leave your truck un-protected.

- Be safe. Think it through.
 - Cody reviewed proper cone deployment and pick up one last time.
 - The Team reviewed the Buckman event that left the Road Ranger exposed in the 3rd travel lane. Using the above discussion the Team reviewed what should have been done.
 - On 5/26/16 a Road Ranger was struck in D7 and is currently in critical condition. He was working a shoulder event on a bridge. The D2 Road Rangers work scenarios like that every day. Follow SOP, don't become complacent and safety first.
 - Cody asked Ryan to follow up on calling for a back-up Road Ranger for bridges as soon as possible. It has been either delayed or not happening of late. Ryan to follow up.
 - Cody mentioned to Ryan about debris pick up calls. Road Rangers can get smaller easier stuff but AM contractor needs to be used more. Ryan will follow up with staff and make sure that occurs as planned.
 - Cody reminded the Rangers that if you are past the debris do NOT go back to get it. Circle around and grab it safely. Do NOT put yourself in danger for a piece of debris!
 - Cody and Mike covered the sign issue and how it can get stuck if you keep jamming it. Cody had pictures of the pin you can pull to manually lower it. If you manually lower it make sure it is secured.
 - If you are a back-up Road Ranger...do NOT hang out up front with the primary Road Ranger. You are there for support farther upstream. Be there. If you need information from up front grab it and head back. This causes delays in departing events and cause a safety issue.
 - Cody wrapped up the presentation and handed it over to Ryan.
- Ryan introduced Jason Evans again for those who arrived late.
 - Road Rangers can call in issues within Construction zones to the TMC. The TMC is responsible for coordinating with the Construction contractor if issues are called in. MOT, barrels in the roadway, debris, etc. The Road Rangers chimed in with JTB EB to 95SB the ROAD CLOSED sign is confusing. Ryan will follow up.
 - Red tags are slightly a different color and are adhering maybe too well to the cars. Can be hard to peel from backing but no real issues. So far so good.
 - Safe Tow brochures should be in any day and Ryan will get with Cody to distribute.

- Comment Cards actually got worse from the last meeting. Still under 4% of events getting comment cards. Since the last meeting 150 cards were given out. During that same period there were 200+ flat tires changed, 100 vehicles provided gas, 50 jumps, 50 safe tows, 50 people provided air and so on. Pass out the cards. It benefits the Rangers and the program.
- SPARR- we are waiting for them to fix the alarm issue before rolling it out to all phones. Rangers would rather it crash than hear the alarm so frequently.
- Sherrell went over her parts:
 - o Breaks and shift changes have been solid. Cody addressed the one issue Josh sent over the other week.
 - o Inspections were just missing a few odds and ends but the Supervisors were aware and already addressed.
 - o Ride alongs need better MOT and comment cards.
- Road Rangers had nothing further so Josh adjourned the meeting.
- Contractor Notes:
 - o RFP is pending and Josh hopes to have it advertised soon.
 - o Road Ranger audit is ongoing. Some changes may come. Josh has a call later today.
 - o Express lane dedicated Ranger has been discussed and is needed but not finalized.
 - o Greg mentioned that St Johns County thinks a dedicated Road Ranger for their county is in the new contract. That is still pending and won't be their entire county either way. Josh will try to clarify with them.
 - o Nothing new on the sponsorship front.
 - o New contract will be for 7 years.
 - o Greg requested the new contract not require a 4 door truck due to costs and lack of actual transports.
 - o Meeting adjourned.