

# Alachua TIM Team Meeting

Wednesday, April 8, 2009

## Meeting Minutes

For the list of attendees, please see the attached sign in sheet.

- Donna Danson opened the meeting by asking everyone to introduce themselves.
- Donna then stated the purpose of the meeting, which is to maintain appropriate communications between member agencies and discuss any issues that have been had, so that future incidents can be handled in the most effective manner.
- Laurie Windham provided updates for Construction Projects in the area.
  - Last Wednesday PBS&J worked with FDOT to put on an open house. There were 10 people that showed up with a main interest in Main St. Talk about reducing Main St. from 4 lanes to 2 lanes.
  - 39<sup>th</sup> Ave- resurfacing was set to start on the 5<sup>th</sup> but was delayed due to the rain and other issues. Laurie stated she is not sure when they will start but it should be soon.
  - SR 26 has about another week or so and that will be done.
  - US 301 overpass bids open in April and will be built adjacent to the existing 26 on the Southside.
- Donna passed out a handout of incidents since the last meeting, which is created by Ed Ward. Donna asked everyone to look over the list and see if there were any accidents that had been missed or if anyone had any knowledge of the incidents that were on the list and how the Team may have been able to do a better job of communications or roadway clearance. Incident update was given by Mike
  - On 02/07/09 at the Marion County line and I-75 the right lane was closed due to an accident with a flatbed truck with lumber, in which other vehicles hit the lumber.
  - On 03/16/09 at mile marker 382-384 there were debris in the road in the northbound lanes, there were no injuries and no fatalities.
  - Not on the list of incidents a fire chief fell asleep on US 301, there was only property damage.
  - City of Waldo Police stated there was a DUI that hit a semi at the traffic light in the morning hours by the flea market.
  - Steve S. asked for anyone to report if fatality or if there is going to be a 4 hours closure or if assistance is needed from MOT or roadway repair.
  - Donna stated this issue has been stressed with RISC contractors.
  - Mike stated per Bruce that authorities advised road be open because there will still be people on the road, there has to be good communication with someone on the site. That person needs to inform authorities of the situation and better coordination needs to happen between MOT super and FHP super, also FDOT needs to be more clear who it is that is calling.

- Rick from University towing stated that ABF moved one trailer dolly to move another trailer in 30 m in, the authorities said no so they moved it with a front end loader and the trailer busted open causing a 14 hour clean up on the roadside.
  - Steve stated the Marion/ Alachua county line is usually the problem spot, Donna stated she would take the issue to TASK.
  - Mike stated per Bruce that Alachua county sheriff's office causes most of the issues and he will work with Bruce to work with them to clear up any issues.
  
- Donna stated that although Ed Ward would not be attending the hurricane conference, he was hoping to get the feedback from it. Steve then gave an update on the flooding
  - The Suwannee river is rising
  - Message boards deployed
  - Tallahassee went to a level 2 over the weekend and are now at a level 1
  - Steve then stated that flooding is not expected to effect the interstate but is expected to effect US 90
  - Fincher stated that FHP is expecting to close the interstates and man power is on contingency
  - Fincher then stated to expect increased traffic because of diversion
  
- Chris Dolan gave an update for ITS and Traffic Signal work for Gainesville
  - 128 signals converted to NAZTEC
  - Deployed 52 pan tilt zoom cameras
  - There are 87 cabinets and controllers on line working at University
  - The 39<sup>th</sup> Ave. cabinet change outs are 62% done, money was saved on installation and more will be installed with the extra money
  
- Donna then gave the Road Ranger update
  - This will be the last month for Road Rangers until July due to the lack of budget. There will be a small budget starting in July; we can get money from other sources/sponsors
  - Public will be notified of Road Ranger suspension on the 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - Donna stated that the biggest problem with Road Rangers is people thought it to be a "Feel good" service but it is really an incident management tool.

Next is the RISC update

- Was activated last week and there have been no incidents yet
- University Towing turned in the proper paper work to be a RISC responder in Alachua and expect to cover Alachua and Columbia counties, perhaps Hamilton, also Baker, Suwannee is also available but it is a longer distance.
- The next step would be the inspection of University Towing.

Next Donna gave the general announcements:

- Stimulus Package may give us money, if so the deadlines comes quick
- The TASK team made to list via teleconference for ITS equipment on I-75, other projects have been discussed and will be done if we get funding.
- Steve stated that there are issues through Starke in which they need ITS equipment.
- Mike Szabo of Waldo PD stated they are having issues with game day traffic, Donna stated she will make Pete aware of game day issues.
- Szabo also stated that there have been a lot of fender benders at the merge of 24 and US 301.

Donna thanked everyone for their participation in the TIM Team and adjourned the meeting.