

Alachua TIM Team Meeting
Wednesday October 12, 2011

Meeting Minutes



- Donna Danson opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and asking everyone to introduce themselves.
- Donna then reminded everyone about the purpose of the meeting, which is to come together as a group to help each other grow and ensure that lines of communications continue to stay open.
- Donna stated she had not received any corrections for the previous meeting minutes, so as of now they are approved. She had a copy with her if anyone wanted to review them.
- Ed Ward gave the EOC update
 - Discussed the free day at ITS World Congress for Emergency responders.
 - There has been some smoke from the recent wildfires but it has not caused any road closures.
 - Not much to discuss, so far Florida has been lucky with Hurricane Season.
- Chris Dolan was not present to give the City of Gainesville TMC update.
- Laurie Windham introduced Alachua's Sheriff's Officer, Jayson Levy. Officer Levy is the new Traffic Supervisor for ASO and will be making it a point to attend our TIM Team Meetings.
- Officer Levy provided the Alachua Sheriff's Office update
 - City of Gainesville having control of the intersections has been great during the football games.
 - The Sheriff's office hopes to use the TMC images to find trouble intersections.

- A discussion was held on the new project by the City of Gainesville to use old signal cabinets as storage for traffic cones. The City is using the cabinet shells to house the cones for Maintenance of Traffic support when cones need to be deployed. This will enable local police and maintenance to have more cones available for emergency deployment of MOT. The cabinets are being placed off of the Right of Way where they will not present a traffic hazard.
- Craig Carnes provided the ITS Update.
 - There still hasn't been any funding for new ITS projects.
 - District 2 ITS is still coordinating with Matt Weisman with the City of Gainesville to try and have cameras placed at the interchanges of I-75 and local major roadways. The cameras will communicate back to existing signal locations on the local roadway by wireless communications. The camera images will then be available on the City of Gainesville Network which can be viewed by the TMC in Jacksonville through their existing connections with the Gainesville TMC.
 - Ryan Crist will be speaking with Matt Weisman to see if they would like to have their camera images posted to the fl511.com website
- Laurie Windham provided the Construction updates
 - The SR 26 overpass project over US 301 has been final accepted. There will be a future project to correct some of the issues from the previous design with sight distances involving barrier walls and other items.
 - I-75 at SR 26 off ramp – the contractor anticipates completing sometime in November.
 - Archer Road from 75th to 43rd will be resurfaced starting in December 2011 or January 2012.
 - SR 235 from CR 241 to Bradford County Line will be resurfaced starting in December 2011 or January 2012.
 - The I-75 Frontage Rd. in Alachua County, which extends to the campground, is scheduled to be resurfaced within the next several months.
 - Ed Ward asked why we maintain this Frontage Rd. – Steve Scanlan answered that there are actually several frontage roads, which were existing when the interstate was built. The Interstate severed the connection so it became FDOT's responsibility.
 - The area from Baldwin to Callahan on US 301 will be widened to four lanes in the near future.
 - The FHP Station North of Starke has been closed. There is power to the building, but there is no public access.
- Incident Debrief
 - FDOT Maintenance is still having problems with incident notifications from GPD?. Also, still having an issue getting calls from the Forestry Service to pick up the Fog/Smoke signs after Maintenance has been asked to remove them.
 - Bruce Strickland brought up the topic about Police agencies having officers stopping partially or completely in the lanes while giving out tickets or stopping for accidents. Captain Fincher and Officer Levy both stated that this is a safety concern and is not an approved practice Donna mentioned our efforts to increase participation in the TIM Team and asked for contacts.
- Team Concerns
 - Newsletter – to be posted on the Internet.
 - Law Enforcement Area Network at FHP on October 19, 2011.

Meeting Adjourned