

Alachua/Bradford TIM Team Meeting Wednesday December 11, 2013

Meeting Minutes



- Donna Danson opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and stated the purpose of the meeting is to work together as a team and learn from each other.
- Donna then asked everyone to introduce themselves. The sign in sheet is attached to these Meeting Minutes.
- Following introductions, Donna Danson stated she had not received any corrections for the last set of Meeting Minutes, so as of now they are approved.
- Donna stated that Ed Ward could not attend the meeting due to a conflict. He relayed the message through Donna that there was nothing new to report.
- Pete Vega gave the ITS/511 Update.
 - The Paynes Prairie Project, from south of Micanopy to north of SR 21, has been LET and awarded to Hinson Electric. Construction will begin February 11th 2014. The groundbreaking ceremony will be held on January 21st at the southbound rest area.
 - The executive committee approved funding for full ITS deployment on I-75 from SR 121 to Georgia. The project is set to be executed for fiscal year 2015.
 - Discussions have been started regarding the possibility of a TMC in the Alachua/Bradford region.
 - Discussions have also begun with District 5 regarding interconnection for coordination of events impacting Marion and Alachua counties.
- Laurie Windham provided the Construction Project Update.
 - Construction has been completed on the turn lane at the YMCA on NW 34th Street (SR 121).
 - Construction has started on a new southbound entrance ramp from U.S. 441 onto I-75. The new ramp will be constructed where the former KFC restaurant stood and then tied into the existing roadway. A rolling road block is scheduled for about 15 minutes

beginning at 1 a.m. on Friday, December 20 to remove out-of-service power poles and lines. No other lane closures are expected until after the holiday break.

- Donna led the Agency Reviews.
 - FHP – Lt. Caulk mentioned a fire that could have closed SR 121 but did not. FDOT Maintenance assisted. A DUI checkpoint will be held on 39th Ave. on 12/31/13.
 - GPD – No issues for discussion.
 - FDOT Maintenance – Steve Scanlan stated I-75 was contracted out to DBI on 7/1/13 and are preparing to contract out all state roads in Bradford County to Jorgenson on 1/1/14. A formal letter will be sent out to Team members with contact information and phone numbers. There are no plans to contract out Alachua County.
 - DBI / Asset Management – No issues for discussion.
 - Medical Examiner – Not present.
 - Alachua County Fire Department – Larry Stewart mentioned they will be hiring 9 to 10 firefighters and possibly even more in February. The SHRP 2 four hour course will be part of their orientation. There will be a tour of the new mass casualty buss after the meeting.
 - Emergency Management – No issues for discussion.
 - Wrecker Association – PWOFF – Mike Seaman asked if there would be changes in the RISC program. Pete Vega responded that District 5 and District 3 may be adding RISC. Pete has initiated discussions as RISC's funding is running out to see if it would be possible to have a RISC rotation without incentives like the regular rotation.
 - Division of Forestry – Ludi Bond stated since the last Team meeting, there have been 3 wildfires at 6.4 acres, 333 burn authorizations for 562 acres, and 429 burn piles in Alachua County. In Bradford County there has been one wildfire at 0.1 of an acre, 49 burn authorizations at 356 acres, and 64 burn piles since the last Team meeting. She mentioned the wet summer has allowed for more prescribed burns.
 - FDEP-BER / Alachua Environmental – No issues to discuss.

- Donna led the Incident Debrief.
 - The incident list is attached to these meeting minutes.
 - Chief Szabo of Waldo Police Department relayed a message through Donna that the bus crash on U.S. 301 listed on the incident report was not correct because it did not occur in Waldo, rather in an unincorporated area near Waldo. Waldo did assist. Chief Stewart added that no students were injured although others involved in the incident were injured and the lane was only closed for a short period of time.
 - It was stated the incident on 12/2/13 occurred on C.R. 237, not C.R. 337 as the incident debrief states.
 - A fatality on SW 24th Ave. which occurred a few days ago was mentioned as well as several incidents involving pedestrians and bicyclists being struck.
 - A representative of the Gainesville Police Department Traffic Homicide Division mentioned late night call outs will not meet the 90 minute goal. Pete stated 90 minutes is a statewide goal that allows the Department to determine more severe incidents and gauge how they can do better and where more funds may be needed.

- Craig Carnes provided an update on the SHRP II Incident Management Training Course.
 - FHWA has been encouraging the SHRP II training statewide and nationwide. Craig stated he will work with any agencies schedules, including nights and weekends to make the training course available.
 - SHRP II Incident Management Training is a FHWA funded training course which teaches responders safety from incident response through scene clearance.

- Announcements: Next Alachua/Bradford Traffic Incident Management Team meeting will be February 12, 2014 at the FDOT Gainesville Operations Office – 5301 N.E. 39th Ave., Gainesville, Florida.
 - Laurie Windham stated the deadline for the newsletter will be January 20th, 2014.
 - PWOFF – Over 10,000 GVW drivers cannot use cell phones while driving. Are municipalities held to the same standards? Lt. Caulk responded they are not held to the Federal Regulations, they are exempt. Discussion followed on the fines and requirements.
 - Craig Carnes stated the next SHRP II Training should be scheduled during February in Jacksonville.
 - Pete mentioned