



Road Ranger Safety Meeting 01/23/2019

Metric Engineering on behalf of FDOT District 2

GAINESVILLE ROAD RANGER SAFETY MEETING AGENDA



January 23rd, 2019

1. FIRST COAST ROAD RANGERS PRESENTATION –

Cody Parham

2. FDOT ITS Operations

Dee Dee Crews

- A. MOT General Discussion**
- B. Safety**
- C. Procedural Errors**
- D. Road Ranger Operation Interaction**
 - a. Communication**
 - b. Event Creation**
 - c. Event Information**
- E. Blocking Additional Lanes**
- F. Phone/Tablet Issues**
- G. SLERS Radios**
- H. Stats**

3. AVL

Sherrell Lall

- A. Breaks/ Shift Changes**
- B. Inspections**

4. RTMC SUPERVISOR CONCERNS

Ryan Crist

5. ROAD RANGER OPERATOR QUESTIONS

6. ACTION ITEMS

7. FINAL COMMENTS

FDOT/ 1st Coast Road Rangers

Notes:

- Cody Parham opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.
- Attendees introduced themselves to the group.
- Cody showed the Road Rangers what the trucks will look like once they are wrapped in the new design which includes the State Farm logo. He also advised the Road Rangers that they will start wrapping the Alachua trucks in a couple of weeks. A spare truck will be provided for use to the Road Rangers during this time. He also asked them to please wipe down the truck before it is wrapped.
- Cody asked Charles and Gomer if there is anything that they wanted to add from the incident on I-75 SB at MM 394/ South of US-41. They did not have any comments.
- Cody advised the group that if there is a big crash please do not worry about trying to get the tag number of the vehicles involved and to stay in the back of the incident scene unless law enforcement is specifically asking for your help. The Road Rangers primary responsibility is to assist with the maintenance of traffic in such instances.
- Matt Jamieson advised the Road Rangers that if they get to a scene and or after a scene that if it is or was bad and they do not think they can handle it or need a little time to please call Matt and he or Scott or Sam will come out and take over.
- Cody advised the Road Rangers to always put out their cones when arriving at an incident scene. Safety is their number one priority and can help save their life.
- Cody and Jason Evans reminded the Road Rangers that they cannot block a lane without law enforcement there. If a tow truck is asking you to block a lane and law enforcement is not there you do not block the lane. Also advised that the TMC cannot even ask you to block a lane. The only way you can block a lane is if law enforcement is there.
- Sherrell Lall advised that we are having issues with Road Rangers going over their allotted break times. Break times add up so please do not take a 30 to 45 minute break. You are allowed one 15 minute break per shift. Sherrell also reminded them that they cannot take break time during peak hours, especially right before they are about to end their shift.
- Sherrell also noted that the shift change times are looking good. There were no issues reported.
- During the inspections, Sherrell noticed that some of the Road Ranger sign boards did not contain the correct signs and needed to be fixed.
- Cody also advised that if they are not helping a vehicle and are outside of their truck that is considered a break. If you have to use the restroom every now and then that is ok, however just let the TMC know. Sherrell is looking for consistent behavior when it comes to break times i.e.

peak hour breaks, going over the allotted time of 15 minutes per shift, taking breaks right before shift change, etc. There are exceptions that are taken into account.

- Road Rangers were advised when they are not in their vehicle to please make sure you have your cell phone at all times.
- Road Rangers were reminded to please create an event, answer your phone and communicate with the TMC. It is for your own safety.
- Jason went over the 2018 Road Ranger stats and advised them that the numbers look great, especially on their side of the district and thanked them for a good job.
- Cody advised the group to please make sure you already know your escape route before getting out of your vehicle or while walking up to vehicle when you pull up to an event. This is just a precautionary measure.
- If you pull up to an event and the vehicle is too close to the guard rail and they don't want to move their car, please notify the TMC. Advise them you don't feel safe and ask them to call RISC LITE to assist with the removal of the vehicle to a safe location.
- Cody reviewed some pictures with the Road Rangers on the proper way to utilize the wood blocks when changing a flat tire on a trailer.
- Dee Dee asked the Road Rangers please do not speed to get to a scene. Matt advised that if you are going to an event yes you may go 5 over however if you are patrolling please do the speed limit. If you have to ride the shoulder please go slow.



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Wednesday, January 23rd 2019

Gainesville

Jody Parker	Greg	Event
Steven Green		FCRR
Travis Dodson		FCRR
Charles Howard	Wendy Howard	FCRR
Matt Jamieson		FCRR
Brian Shipley		FCRR
Dustin Rhoads		FCRR
Fred Quimby		FCRR
Judith Cannon		FCRR
Spencer Shopp		FCRR
Kevin Parks		FCRR
Scott Christmas		FCRR
David Kochelet		FCRR
Kisa Sparling		metric
Jason E Van		FDST / metric