



# Road Ranger Safety Meeting 7/1/2020

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Metric Engineering on behalf of FDOT District 2

# ROAD RANGER SAFETY/TRAINING MEETING AGENDA



July 1, 2020

**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 Operations Interaction
  - a. Communication
  - b. Dispatch
  - c. Event Information
- E. Phone / Tablet Issues
- F. Safe Tows

**3. AVL**

**Derrick Odom/Dee Dee Crews**

- A. Breaks/ Shift Changes
- B. Inspections

**4. Hurricane Season**

**Dee Dee Crews**

**5. Expanded Routes**

**Dee Dee Crews**

**6. RNC**

**Dee Dee Crews**

**7. RTMC Supervisor Concerns**

**Derrick Odom**

**8. Road Ranger Operator Questions**

**9. Action Items**

**10. Final Comments**

**FDOT/1<sup>st</sup> Coast Road Rangers**

**CONTRACTOR MEETING**

- 1. 24/7 Routes start date
- 2. Hurricane Season
- 3. RNC
- 4. End of Fiscal Year and Beginning of new fiscal year

## Notes:

- Cody started meeting off with introductions.
- Cody acknowledge the following for their years as a Road Ranger. Mr. Haines 3 years, Mr. Nolan 1 year and Mr. West 1 year.
- Cody thanked the Road Rangers for all their work these last couple months due to COVID.
- Cody and Dee Dee advised the Road Rangers to try to avoid transporting motorists, if at all possible, due to COVID. Only transport if there is no other option. Dee Dee advised she would rather the Road Ranger stay with motorist if they can be picked up by a family/friend.
- Cody suggested the Road Ranger put extra masks in their trucks incase motorist needs to be transported and they do not have a mask.
- Cody advised the Road Rangers that the check point Road Rangers will stay in effect until DOT says otherwise.
- Pete advised check point could be until July 8<sup>th</sup> or longer.
- Cody showed pictures of good MOT and gave the Road Rangers compliments on their MOT.
- Cody advised the Road Rangers of the procedural error monthly report that he receives. On the monthly report there were a lot of cone issues. He reminded the Road Rangers that if you are providing a service then you must put your cones out.
- Cody advised some of the radios work in some trucks but not others. RT 16 is still having phone service issues due to the location they travel.
- Cody reminded the Road Rangers to please make sure they are creating events. If you are having issues or need to attend to a motorist ASAP then call the TMC and ask them to create the event. He also asked them to please make sure to fill out the event accurately. Dee Dee advised them it is for their own safety.
- Cody went over the Hurricane schedule. Current schedule, morning 6:15am to 1pm evening 12:15pm to 7pm Hurricane schedule morning 2am to 12pm and evening 12pm to 12am. Cody also advised them that the routes may change as well. Duties will remain the same however, please make sure your trucks have gas in them. If your truck is running low please stop and fill them up. Also make sure your gas cans are full.
- Safe Tows will be a little more flexible with the potential of more towing options.
- Road Rangers advised they are having issues with maintenance. When maintenance arrives they do not put out their MOT. They will advise the Road Rangers to go take their cones out of the their truck so the Road Rangers can leave. The Maintenance cones are in bad shape. Cody will make a sheet for the Road Rangers to fill out when they have issues with Maintenance and will forward them to Alex. Alex advise if they could send them to him so that he can discuss the issues with maintenance. If the Road Rangers do not have time to fill out sheet they may call

into the TMC and advise them so the TMC Operator can forward the information to the supervisors.

- Derrick to advise operators that if a Road Ranger calls in with an issue in regards to maintenance to please notify a supervisor. He will also advise the operators that if they see maintenance on camera not doing their job to please notify a supervisor.
- Cody asked the Road Rangers to please make sure they prepare outside of work. Take care of home prior. When you get off work you will need to get rest to be able to start the following day.
- Visibility may become an issue. If you are having problems please advise the TMC and pull over for a few minutes. Please do not stop on an overpass. DOT monitors the wind speed and will keep everyone informed.
- Cody advised some motorists are causing conflict. Advised the Road Rangers to please be safe and to remember there is a lot of tension due to COVID.
- RNC will bring longer work hours. Dee Dee advise she should have more information in the next couple weeks. Cody advised the Road Rangers they will have the opportunity to work extra hours during RNC.
- Dee Dee advised this year they may use the ESU shoulder. Please keep in mind we may only use one ESU.
- Cody advised we will soon be Open 24 Hours
- Meeting adjourned.

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