

Alachua/Bradford TIM Team Meeting
Wednesday, April 10, 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.
- Following introductions, Donna stated she had not received any corrections for the last set of Meeting Minutes, so as of now they are approved.
- Ed Ward provided the EOC update.
 - Ed mentioned that he is still working on claims for Tropical Storm Debby.
 - The Governor's Hurricane Conference will be held next month in Fort Lauderdale.
 - Michael Heeder with Bradford EOC mentioned that he was present for a teleconference in which it was stated this hurricane season is shaping up to be comparable to 2004.
- Craig Carnes gave the ITS Update.
 - The I-75 project is in the 100% design phase. There will be a Dynamic Message Sign (DMS) and a Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) just north of SR 121 in the southbound direction. There will also be DMS northbound south of CR 234 and north of CR 234 prior to Paynes Prairie. There will be Forward Looking Infrared Radar (FLIR) type infrared cameras and visibility sensors both on I-75 and US 441 in the Paynes Prairie area. There will also be a DMS south and north of the Paynes Prairie on US 441 as well as a CCTV to look at each DMS as well as a CCTV in the center. This will provide full coverage of the Paynes Prairie area on US 441 and I-75. On SR 121 to SR 331 there will be signs with beacons on each side of the road that can be turned on to flash to inform motorists of low visibility. There will also be CCTVs and vehicle detectors along I-75 from CR 234 to SR 121. This project is estimated to be complete at the end of 2014.
 - Craig was asked if the video feeds were recorded and responded the FDOT does not record the video from the CCTV cameras, the video feed is in real time only.

- Pete Vega would like to coordinate a meeting within the next month or so to thoroughly review the I-75 project plans with the Team. Pete will be following up the first part of May.
- Ryan Crist provided the 511 Update.
 - The latest version of the Droid App is out. It should work pretty good with release 4.x. We are particularly interested in how it works for earlier releases. If you provide feedback on the app, let me know on what release your system is operating under. A handout is attached to these minutes.
Release Notes: Florida 511 for Android, version 0.78.
Download URL: same as before:
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/x08p7z7a6qnkei8/Florida511.apk>
- Laurie Windham provided the Construction Project Update.
 - Construction on the SR 24 Trail is underway and progressing nicely. The trail runs from SW 91st Street to the water tower in Archer.
 - Resurfacing of SR 230/Call Street in Starke was started this week. We will have lane closures between St. Clair Street and the Clay County line but should not be a large impact to the traveling public. No work is planned for the weekend of the upcoming Strawberry Festival.
- Donna led Agency Reviews.
 - Gainesville TMC – Chris Dolan stated other than patching up a few fiber connections there is nothing to report.
 - FHP – Captain Fincher stated they are preparing for the extra summertime traffic that is usually experienced when school is out. They are also gearing up for hurricane season.
 - Alachua Sheriff's Office – Not present.
 - FDOT Maintenance – Steve Scanlan stated on July 1st of this year the Maintenance and FDOT Emergency Response on Interstates will be contracted out and on January 1st, 2014 the entire Bradford County operation will be contracted out. Ed Ward mentioned there have been issues in the Jacksonville area with police agencies not acknowledging Asset Maintenance (AM) contractors and allowing them to work at the site. Along with Jim Hannigan, they are developing a tag or some other method of identifying the AM Contractor as working for FDOT.
 - Medical Examiner - Cathy Weldon stated effective March 31st 24-hour coverage at the Medical Examiner's office began. This does not include from Friday at midnight to 11PM on Sunday in which an investigator will be on call instead. When the investigators are on call the more advanced notice they can get is helpful in getting to the scene sooner, considering they will be traveling from home. The Medical Examiner's office has contracted ATS for body removal.
 - Fire Department – No issues for discussion.
 - Emergency Management – Michael Heeder mentioned Bradford County Emergency Management would be in attendance for upcoming TIM Team Meetings. He stated they now have 6 portable DMS and are available to assist when needed.
 - Wrecker Association – Not present.
 - Division of Forestry - Jamie Rittenhouse wanted to thank Bruce Strickland for his help with the Wood Resources Recovery fire on March 11th. Several members discussed the fire and the upcoming changes to the company's business model. There have been 13 wildfires at 35 acres, 375 burn authorizations for 5,149 acres, and 541 burn pile permits in Alachua County since the last meeting. There have been 3 wildfires at 9 acres, 84 burn authorizations for 681 acres, and 157 burn pile permits in Bradford County since the last meeting.

- FDEP-BER / Alachua Environmental – Don Mozick mentioned an incident that occurred with a spill involved and the state watch office was not called for 2.5 hours. He stated the importance of them being notified sooner.
- Donna led the Incident Debrief.
 - I-75 SB at MM 390 Alachua County – The car overturned in a drainage ditch. The driver and his wife were submerged and resuscitated but the husband died at the hospital.
 - US 301 at CR 225 – Traffic congestion was a major issue for responders. Also, FDOT Maintenance was notified over 40 minutes after the accident and Medical Examiner was notified 1.5 hours later. Discussions were held between Michael Heeder, Cathy Weldon, Captain Fincher and others regarding notification protocols and the need to follow the chain of command established within both Bradford and Alachua Counties.
- Bruce Strickland led the Upcoming Incident Training.
 - The tabletop exercise will be held to simulate incidents and going through site set up, communications, etc.
 - Volunteers are needed to help with scenarios.
 - The tabletop items are set up and available for viewing and ideas following this meeting.
- Announcements: Next Alachua/Bradford Traffic Incident Management Team meeting will be June 12, 2013 at the FDOT Gainesville Operations Office – 5301 N.E. 39th Ave., Gainesville, Florida.
 - There is a quarterly TIM Team Newsletter – please provide input and articles to Laurie Windham.
- A RISC debrief had been planned following the TIM Meeting. However, several of the key team members were not present, so the meeting will be held at the next TIM Meeting.
- The meeting was adjourned and those who were interested went with Bruce Strickland to view the tabletop exercise pieces and discuss potential topics for the training.