

District Five & CFX RISC/Safe Tow Guidelines

Common Vehicle Type Involved:

- Trucks > 16k lbs (DOT Class 5/6/7)
- Any Commercial Vehicle (CV) exposed to fires
- Motor Homes
- Busses – 16+ passenger
- Mobile/Modular Homes/Buildings
- Aircraft
- Boats
- Hazardous Materials Involved
- Vehicles are not easily towed from scene
- Complex lost loads (debris) with no identified owner blocking the roadway (*non-vehicle RISC*)

Common Scenarios:

- Rollover, blocking 1 or more travel lanes
- Multiple commercial vehicles involved crash
- Chain reaction crash (5+ vehicles) with lane blockage
- Commercial Vehicle (CV) exposed to fires
- Lost load on, or event affecting, travel lanes
- Load shifted on, or affecting, travel lanes
- Lost tandems or split trailer on, or affecting, travel lanes
- Hazardous material spill on/near the roadway
- Major impact with, or on top of:
 - Barrier wall
 - Guardrail
 - Bridge Support
 - Structure
 - CV into a woodline
- Complex or extended incident, not easily towed from scene and/or debris creating hazard on the roadway.
- *At the request of Fire Rescue, to assist with the extrication of victims*

Special Considerations:

- Location: near major city or significant traffic impact, at/near major interchange, no viable alternative routes for closure
- Impact of incident and/or rubbernecking impact
- Time: at or near rush hour/peak, special events, holiday weekend
- Vendor/Vendor's Sub cannot initiate RISC stop. Only Fire, LEO, EPA and/or FDOT

QUICK ACTIVATION IS KEY.

If in doubt, **activate!**

To contact the FDOT Communications Center (RTMC)

Brevard, Volusia, Flagler
(321) 348-3290

Seminole, Orange, Osceola, CFX Roads
(321) 348-3121

Marion, Sumter, Lake
(321) 348-3123

RISC Important Benchmarks to Document:

1. Arrival of all equipment (< 60 minutes)
2. Notice to proceed (NTP) is issued by law enforcement or FDOT
3. Incident Clearance is achieved - white line to white line / RISC Vendor not on travel lanes (Goal of <90 minutes from notice to proceed.)
4. If a RISC Stop is given by first responders (stop time, restart time, and why)

Safe Tow Program:

The Safe Tow Program is designed to relocate a crashed or disabled vehicle off the roadway or to a safer location. This program requires the **owner's permission or law enforcement on scene** to relocate the vehicle. We typically ask that the first responder remain on scene until the vehicle has been moved. The Safe Tow Program is not intended to assume the owner's responsibility and will only relocate the vehicle to the **closest safe location**, not to the owner's preferred location.

Safe Tow Scenarios:

- A vehicle (CV or passenger) blocking a travel lane, exit ramp, or unsafe location and is disabled due to mechanical issues.
- A vehicle crash with no significant injuries and an extended wait time for a law enforcement officer to respond and conduct a crash investigation.
- A disabled vehicle with vulnerable individuals that, based on the training and experience of the first responder, would be safer if moved to another location.

Have any additional questions or concerns?

Please reach out to your area TIM Manager 24/7/365:

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State Roads in Marion and Sumter Counties, as well as Lake County North of the Turnpike

Mike Hudson - (407) 706-7334

State Roads in Orange, Seminole, Volusia, Flagler and Brevard Counties as well as Lake County South of the Turnpike

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