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MOBILE OFFICE TO BRING MOTORIST SERVICES TO THE HOMELESS

~ Florida Licensing On Wheels delivers services and promotes safety ~

GAINESVILLE - The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles is pleased to announce its participation in Breakfast on the Plaza for Homeless to bring services directly to customers, saving them a possible trip to our offices.

The Florida Licensing On Wheels (FLOW) mobile office will be at 100 East University Avenue on Sept. 17, 2009, from 8 a.m. until noon.

The FLOW mobiles are equipped with the technology and ability to bring valuable motorist services directly to customers. They provide a convenient method to renew a driver license, obtain a replacement driver license, change a name or address on a driver license, get an identification card, renew a vehicle registration and purchase a specialty license plate. They also offer the Department's critical safety services such as emergency contact information registration and safety campaigns by the Florida Highway Patrol.

The Department implemented the Emergency Contact Information program nearly three years ago to allow Florida motorists to voluntarily register their emergency contact information either online or in a driver license office using their Florida driver license or ID card number. The information can then be accessed only by law enforcement officers to find designated contacts in the case of an emergency. The ECI program now includes more than 2.6 million participants.

Customers wishing to obtain a driver license or ID card must bring an original or certified copy of their birth certificate and proof of their Social Security number. Staff will assist customers who do not have the required documents on hand by explaining what documents they need to obtain a license or ID card, as well as information on where they can request such documents. The Department provides a complete list of acceptable documents online at www.flhsmv.gov/ddl/address.html. In addition to cash and personal checks, the Department accepts the following credit cards: MasterCard, American Express and Discover.

The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles provides highway safety and security through excellence in service, education and enforcement. The Department is leading the way to a safer Florida through the efficient and professional execution of its core mission: the issuance of driver licenses, vehicle tags and titles and operation of the Florida Highway Patrol. To learn more about DHSMV and the services offered, visit www.flhsmv.gov.

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