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TO: Clerk of the County Court
All Law Enforcement Agencies

FROM: Harry D. Scott, Chief 
Bureau of Records
Division of Driver Licenses

SUBJECT: Aggressive Careless Driving

As you are aware, legislative action recently amended Section 316.650, F.S. (October 1, 2001) requiring a special box be added to all future printings of the uniform traffic citation, which is to be checked by the law enforcement officer when the officer believes that the traffic violation or crash was due to aggressive careless driving as defined in S. 316.1923. All uniform traffic citations (HSMV 75901) with a revision date of 05/01 and after, contain the special check off box.

The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) is required by this amendment to prepare and deliver a report to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate no later than December 1, 2002, the number of incidents of aggressive careless driving. This data will be collected by this agency through the 'Blue' agency copy of the citations containing the special box properly marked by law enforcement.

Further, it is the intent of the Legislature that S. 316.1923 be used by Florida law enforcement officers only as a guideline for defining 'Aggressive Careless Driving'. This new statute is to be used for statistical purposes only and is not to be considered a new violation of Chapter 316. Law enforcement officers statewide should utilize the check off box when they have witnessed 'aggressive careless driving' as defined in S. 316.1923, however, the driver should be cited for individual violations under the current statutes listed under paragraphs 1 - 6 of the attachment, not under S. 316.1923.

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If you have questions or require additional assistance, please contact the Uniform Traffic Citation Section at (850) 487-4467.

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