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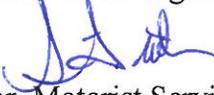
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To: Florida Law Enforcement Agencies

From: Steven Fielder 
Deputy Director, Motorist Services

Re: Commercial Driver License Holders- Disqualification

Effective today, the Department disqualified several thousand commercial driver license (CDL) holders for failure to comply with Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) self-certification requirements. While disqualifications have existed for many years, due to the implementation of this CDL FMCSA requirement, law enforcement may see an unusually high volume of disqualified drivers on the road.

As a reminder, Section 322.01(15), F.S. defines a disqualification as being: "a prohibition, other than an out-of-service order, that precludes a person from driving a commercial motor vehicle." A disqualification does not impact a holder's driving privileges related to the operation of a non-commercial motor vehicle. Drivers with a "medical certification disqualification" appearing on their record who are stopped while driving a non-commercial motor vehicle should be encouraged to visit a local driver license office and either meet the requirements for the certification by submitting the necessary documents or downgrade to a Class E license.

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