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TO: All Law Enforcement Agencies

FROM: Maureen Johnson, Chief 
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SUBJECT: Florida's E-Crash and FIRES Portal Update

Florida's Traffic Record Coordinating Committee (TRCC) and the Department of Highway Safety recently established a Strategic Goal of having all law enforcement agencies utilize E-Crash Reporting by 2015. Efficient, timely and aggregate information allows for the implementation of cost effective, informed, collaborative and optimal traffic safety policies which lead to a safer Florida.

To further this goal, the Department entered into a contract with Appriss to partner in the responsibility of maintaining a central repository for processing, housing and disseminating crash reports from all law enforcement agencies across the state. This central repository is known as the FIRES portal. <http://www.flhsmv.gov/courts/latestinfo/FIRES.pdf>

There are currently 159 submitting E-crash data with approximately 58% of crash reports being submitted electronically. Some current initiatives include:

- 1) Legislation was implemented that allows the Department to share revenue from report sales with local agencies. The Department has recently published the revenue sharing policy and procedures for the investigating agency to receive \$5 for every crash report that is submitted within the 10 days of the crash, accepted into the DHSMV database and is sold via the Buycrash.com website.
- 2) Effective June 1, 2012, the Department authorized Appriss to directly reimburse all agencies without requiring any contract to be executed between Appriss and the local agency. Reports sold that are received via paper or electronically that meet the criteria will be reimbursed at the full \$5. This link is provided for your convenience. http://www.flhsmv.gov/ddl/ecrash/FIRESPolicy_ProceduresFormat_v4.pdf

- 3) E-Crash software and products are grant funded by the TRCC.
http://www.dot.state.fl.us/safety/TRCC_files/TRCC_Home.shtm
See links below to access more information about TraCS software
<http://www.tracsflorida.org/wp/>
- 4) Appriss offers free crash reporting software (FIRES Client) that enables agencies to create, review and submit electronic crash reports to DHSMV. Appriss also offers free access to a web tool to allow agencies to analyze and query all for their current and historical crash data. Email pimssupport@appriss.com or call 866-495-4206 to access the www. Firesportal.com. To those agencies who are already working with another vendor, Appriss has established integration with these other vendors to help facilitate crash data submission and maintenance.
- 5) The Department is rewriting the Crash manual to document current crash business rules and provide cross- logic edits for software enhancements.
- 6) The Department has a Court and Law Enforcement Information webpage available for resources for Law Enforcement Agencies. <http://www.flhsmv.gov/courts/>

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