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To: All Florida Law Enforcement Agencies

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Subject: Section 320.133, Florida Statutes, provides for a transporter license plate to be issued to any applicant who, incidental to the conduct of his business, engages in the transporting of motor vehicles that are not currently registered with valid license plates.

Section 320.133, Florida Statutes, requires that businesses that regularly transport unregistered vehicles pay a license tax and be fitted with a Transporter license plate. Transporter license plates are valid for one year from the date of issue and are a different color from the license plates normally issued in Florida. Applicants for the transporter license must complete an application form and provide proof that the business has at least 100,000 dollars in liability insurance coverage.

Below are types of businesses that are eligible for Transporter plates, but eligibility is not necessarily limited to these types of businesses:

1. Motor Vehicle Detail Shops.
2. Van Conversion Shops
3. Specialized businesses which install additional equipment on motor vehicles.
4. Businesses which move mobile homes and recreational vehicles from one location to another. A transporter license plate may only be displayed on a mobile home or recreational travel trailer when the hauling unit is properly registered as a truck tractor.
5. Licensed repossessors who contract with lending institutions to repossess and/or recover motor vehicles or mobile homes.
6. Drive away services, businesses which provide drivers to deliver an unregistered vehicle from one location to another for a vehicle owner.
7. Motor vehicles dealers.

Should you have any questions regarding transporter license plates, please feel free to contact our department at 850-617-3001.