

# FLORIDA HIGHWAY PATROL POLICY MANUAL

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|  | <b>SUBJECT</b><br>MISSION, AUTHORITY, AND JURISDICTION OF<br>THE FLORIDA HIGHWAY PATROL | <b>POLICY NUMBER</b><br>2.01     |
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**2.01.01      PURPOSE**

To acknowledge the mission, authority, and jurisdiction conveyed upon the Florida Highway Patrol, as contained in its legislated mandate.

**2.01.02      AUTHORITY**

This directive codifies material contained in Chapters 23, 252, 321, and 870, Florida Statutes, Executive Order 80-29 and the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan.

**2.01.03      POLICY**

It is the policy of the Florida Highway Patrol to promulgate procedures designed to ensure that its employees are fully acquainted with the responsibilities and the commensurate authority conveyed upon the agency by the legislature.

**2.01.04      OBJECTIVES**

- A. To define the mission, authority and jurisdiction of the Florida Highway Patrol.
- B. To delineate certain general accountabilities which ensure compliance with mandated responsibilities.

**2.01.05      RESPONSIBILITIES**

- A. **AUTHORITY AND JURISDICTION:** Members of the Florida Highway Patrol are designated law enforcement officers and conservators of the peace, whose jurisdiction extends throughout the State of Florida, under the provision of Section 321.05, Florida Statutes.
- B. **MISSION:** The mission of the Florida Highway Patrol is, likewise, specified in Section 321.05, Florida Statutes, and duties delegated to the agency include:
  - 1. Patrolling state highways and regulating, controlling and directing the movement of traffic.
  - 2. Maintaining public order, apprehending fugitives and effecting arrests for violations of the law that takes place in the presence of law enforcement officers.
  - 3. Investigating/enforcing laws pertaining to the offense of auto theft.

4. Enforcing laws regulating dimensional regulations, taxing, operation and other restrictions relating to licensing of vehicles or their operators.
5. Investigating traffic crashes.
6. Confiscating contraband and stolen property.
7. Assisting other constituted law enforcement agencies in the quelling of mobs and riots, the guarding of prisoners and the policing of disaster areas.
8. Members of the Patrol occupying command or special duty positions will devote a minimum of 10% of their duty hours to patrol related duties.

C. MUTUAL AID

1. State and Local Agencies - Assistance provided to such components, during riots, insurrections or natural disasters, shall be supplied in accordance with the Florida Mutual Aid Plan and the provisions of:
  - a. Chapter 23, Florida Statutes; the Florida Mutual Aid Act.
  - b. Chapter 252, Florida Statutes; Emergency Management.
  - c. State of Florida, Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan.
  - d. Chapter 870, Florida Statutes; Affrays, Riots, Routs, Unlawful Assemblies.
  - e. Executive Order 80-29, Disaster Preparedness.
2. Federal Agencies - Assistance provided to/received from such organizations is governed by the provisions of Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, entitled Emergency Management.