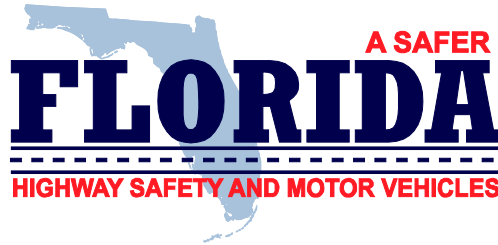


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GOVERNOR CONTINUES COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC SAFETY

~ Budget recommendations focus on ensuring highway safety ~

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Governor Charlie Crist’s budget recommendations for Fiscal Year 2010-11 include critical funding for the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV), representing a continued commitment to public safety in Florida.

“Once again, Governor Crist has made public safety a priority,” said DHSMV Executive Director Julie L. Jones. “Despite the many issues competing for resources, the Governor has remained focused on our shared vision of highway safety and security through excellence in service, education and enforcement.”

The Governor’s budget recommendations continue funding for the Department’s core mission, including more than \$1.2 million for additional equipment for Florida’s state troopers, more than \$1.3 million for upgrades to the telephone systems at three Florida Highway Patrol regional communications centers, and more than \$1 million to make critical repairs to Department facilities throughout the state.

The Department will continue to work with the Governor’s office, members of the Legislature and their staff as the state’s budget development process moves forward. DHSMV remains committed to carrying out its mission through the most efficient and effective means available.

The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles is leading the way to a safer Florida through the efficient and professional execution of its core mission: the issuance of driver licenses, vehicle tags and titles and operation of the Florida Highway Patrol. To learn more about DHSMV and the services offered, visit www.flhsmv.gov.

For additional details on the Governor’s recommended Fiscal Year 2010-11 budget, visit www.ThePeoplesBudget.state.fl.us.

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