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~ Florida Highway Patrol releases recent enforcement results ~

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Col. John Czernis, director of the Florida Highway Patrol, today announced FHP’s results of the recent *Click It or Ticket* campaign. From March 1 through 15, the Patrol participated in the statewide *Click It or Ticket* campaign and focused on drivers who did not fasten their safety belts.

Troopers issued nearly 37,000 traffic citations. Of those, more than 6,500 were for failure to buckle up. They also made 311 arrests for Driving Under the Influence of alcohol or drugs, cited more than 10,000 drivers for speeding, and assisted nearly 10,000 motorists.

Statistics: 3/1 – 3/15

Total Citations = 36,858
Safety belt citations = 6,550
DUI Arrests = 311

Florida implemented the *Dori Slosberg and Katie Marchetti Safety Belt Law* on June 30, 2009, which allows law enforcement officers to stop and cite motorists who violate the law. The law allows for the primary enforcement of Florida’s safety belt requirements, which the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates will save 124 lives and prevent more than 1,700 serious injuries in Florida annually.

“We are committed to educating motorists and enforcing Florida’s Safety Belt Law to ensure they buckle up,” said Czernis. “The Florida Highway Patrol will continue to collaborate with our law enforcement partners on such initiatives to pave the way to a safer Florida. The dedicated service and commitment to highway safety that our troopers exhibit makes a difference.”

The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles provides highway safety and security through excellence in service, education and enforcement. The Department 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.

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