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**The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles,
Division of Florida Highway Patrol
Applauds the Efforts of the Legislature to Keep our Roadways Safe!**

TALLAHASSEE- Colonel John Czernis on behalf of the men and women of the Florida Highway Patrol would like to express our appreciation to both the House and the Senate for recognizing our Troopers in one of the most challenging budget years this state has faced.

Our Troopers understand the difficult decisions that lawmakers are facing this year and the significance of a pay increase during these challenging economic times. The Florida House and Senate leadership's decision to support and fund a pay increase for over 1500 Troopers will assist in the Department's recruitment and retention efforts by keeping our Troopers with the Patrol and our roadways safe.

"The members of the Senate and House and specifically the leadership in both Chambers are truly committed to the safety of the People of Florida and must be commended," said Executive Director Electra Bustle.

"We are thankful to the House and the Senate for making the safety and security of the people of this great State a top priority. This salary increase is a poignant statement of the respect and recognition of what the Patrol does for Florida's residents and visitors in keeping our highways safe and we thank them for that," said Colonel John Czernis.

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