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FLORIDA HIGHWAY PATROL GRADUATES 43 NEW TROOPERS

~ 117th Basic Recruit Class Graduates bolster Florida's commitment to public safety ~

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – The Florida Highway Patrol now has 43 new state troopers to join its ranks as the 117th Basic Recruit Class graduated from the FHP's Law Enforcement Training Academy today at the Tallahassee-Leon County Civic Center. The graduation ceremony marks the conclusion of an intensive 27-week training period that prepares them for a career as a Florida State Trooper and instills the FHP's core values of service, courtesy and protection.

"It is an honor to welcome our newest recruit class to the ranks," said Director of the Florida Highway Patrol, Colonel John Czernis. "Becoming a state trooper means taking on a great amount of responsibility and carrying on a 70-year tradition of safeguarding motorists on Florida highways. We are proud of our history, and we are pleased to have new troopers to carry on FHP's commitment toward a safer Florida. They will be a valuable addition to our future efforts to save lives."

Electra Theodorides-Bustle, Executive Director of the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles stated, "We are proud that these graduates have chosen the honorable career of a Florida State Trooper. As troopers, they will have the opportunity to protect our state and save lives. We look forward to getting these troopers out on our roads to further the mission of the Department of keeping our highways safe and secure."

The graduates and guests welcomed long-time supporter of the FHP, State Rep. Marti Coley, who addressed the class. Coley's late husband, State Rep. David Coley, was a lieutenant colonel in the Florida Highway Patrol Auxiliary.

During the commencement ceremony, the FHP honored Recruit Lisa Barnett with the Executive Director's award for achieving the highest grade point average at the Academy. The Patrol presented the Director's award, honoring the recruit demonstrating extraordinary courtesy and dedication during the training, to Recruit Trevor Kemp.

Florida's newest state troopers from the 117th class will report for duty by July 31, 2009. A complete listing of the names and duty assignment locations for members of the 117th Basic Recruit Class is included as an attachment to this press release. The Florida Highway Patrol continues its recruitment efforts for the 118th Recruit Class scheduled to begin on Aug. 9, 2009. For additional information, please visit our website at www.flhsmv.gov/fhp or contact our Recruitment Office at 850-617-2307.

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117th Assignments

Name	Troop	City	County
Artigas, Maykol	E	Miami	Dade
Barnett, Lisa	F	Bradenton	Manatee
Beagle, Janet	G	Callahan	Nassau
Beauford, Jim	H	Monticello	Jefferson
Binegar, Robert	F	Bradenton	Manatee
Breen, William	F	Fort Myers	Lee
Brierly, Jose	D	Orlando	Orange
Burk, Todd	L	Okeechobee	Okeechobee
Camacho, Alejandro	E	Miami	Dade
Castro, Taren	L	Davie	Broward
Corriveau, Chad	D	Orlando	Orange
Craig, William	D	Merritt Island	Brevard
Cranston, Matthew	F	Osprey	Sarasota
Cruz, Russell	F	Bradenton	Manatee
DeJesus, Julia	F	Bradenton	Manatee
Egerton, Clark	D	Kissimmee	Osceola
Flores, David	F	Bradenton	Manatee
Garcia-Cruz, Dallani	E	Miami	Dade
Godwin, Aaron	F	Weston	Alligator Alley
Gruebel, Karl	K	Plantation	Broward
Hartzig, Bobby	C	Crystal River	Citrus
Huckabee, Nickolas	D	Cocoa	Brevard
Imel, Robert	F	Westin	Alligator Alley
Johnson, Locksley	L	Davie	Broward
Jonas, Daniel	D	Kissimmee	Osceola
Kelly, Shawn	D	Orlando	Orange
Kemp, Trevor	E	Miami	Dade
Lalijie, Sean	L	Lantana	Palm Beach
Manfredo, Michael	D	Orlando	Orange
Marihugh, David	D	Orlando	Orange
Moore, Jason	F	Naples	Alligator Alley
Myers, Barbi	D	Orlando	Orange
Nowling, Andrew	F	Moore Haven	Glades
Oleson, Eric	F	E. Naples	Alligator Alley
Otano, Alexis	E	Miami	Dade
Patterson, Jonathan	L	Davie	Broward
Rodriguez, Jonathen	K	Plantation	Broward
Schweinsberg, Cody	D	Kissimmee	Osceola
St. Martin, Joseph	L	Davie	Broward
Stonebraker, Troy	F	Osprey	Sarasota
Tallman Jr., John	H	Hosford	Liberty
Vickers, Mary	K	Plantation	Broward
Zinser, Raymond	C	Bushnell	Sumter