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DRIVER LICENSE OFFICE SERVICES BEING TRANSFERRED TO COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR

~ Customers continue to get licenses and ID cards at the same location ~

CROSS CITY - The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles wants to advise the public of upcoming changes to your local driver license office. The office co-located with the Florida Highway Patrol station at 16102 SE Highway 19, Cross City, FL 32628-5700, will close its doors as a state-operated office at 5 p.m. on Aug. 24, 2009. Residents will still be able to access driver license services at the same location though, because the office will reopen as an agent for the Dixie County Tax Collector, who will begin to offer driver license services when the office reopens Aug. 27.

"By adding the driver license services to the tax collector's office and our services, we can provide a convenience to customers so they do not have to drive to the next county," said Dixie County Tax Collector Michelle F. Cannon.

The closest state-operated driver license office is located at 5830 Northwest 34th Street in Gainesville, Fla. DHSMV staff there are pleased to serve all customers.

During the transition on Aug. 25-26, the Department will provide a Florida Licensing On Wheels mobile unit on site to provide services to customers without interruption. FLOW mobiles are equipped with the technology and ability to bring valuable motorist services directly to customers. They provide a convenient method to renew a driver license, obtain a duplicate driver license, change a name or address on a driver license, get an identification card, register a vehicle and purchase a specialty license plate.

"The Department encourages customers to skip the trip and conduct their driver license business online at www.flhsmv.gov, where they can access various online services. Customers can renew their driver licenses, identification cards and vehicle tags, as well as change their address all from the comfort of their home or office. There are no surcharges for using the Internet," said the Division of Driver Licenses Director Sandra Lambert. "If a customer has received notification from the Department that they will have to come into an office, they can make an appointment at www.flhsmv.gov/oasis, which is an excellent time saving tool."

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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