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FLORIDA HIGHWAY PATROL RELEASES RESULTS OF CAMPAIGN TO STOP RED LIGHT RUNNING

~ Patrol cites more than 1,000 red light scofflaws ~

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Col. John Czernis, director of the Florida Highway Patrol, today announced the results of the recently completed enforcement initiative where troopers placed special emphasis on motorists who fail to stop at red lights.

Last week FHP participated in the National Stop On Red Week campaign by monitoring motorists who failed to stop for a red traffic signal, thus endangering innocent pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists. During the targeted campaign, troopers issued 1,190 red light citations along with many citations for other poor driving behavior, such as speeding and failure to wear a safety belt.

“The campaign is a great reminder of the risks associated with red light running,” said Czernis. “Every day our troopers see the tragic consequences caused by running a red light. We want our residents and visitors to enjoy our wonderful state as they travel the highways, and we are dedicated to our mission of providing highway safety and security through proactive enforcement and education.”

Traffic crashes are the single most significant cause of preventable death and injury in the United States. Last year, red light running in Florida led to 76 fatalities and to crashes that resulted in more than 7,100 instances of injury or property damage. The leading excuse offered by drivers for running a red light is “being in a hurry.”

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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