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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES PROMOTES SAFETY FIRST ONLINE

~ New Web page offers helpful tips leading the way to a Safer Florida ~

TALLAHASSEE - The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles invites everyone to click their way to a Safer Florida. All Floridians and visitors can do this by checking out the Department's newest feature on its Web site – *Safety First* at www.flhsmv.gov/SafetyTips/.

“The new Web feature is one way we can arm Floridians and visitors with information they can use to protect themselves,” said DHSMV Executive Director Electra Theodorides-Bustle. “With a simple click to the *Safety First* page, one can learn about various topics, such as buying a vehicle online, school bus safety, identity theft, driving in inclement weather and *Trip Tips* for safely navigating Florida roadways.”



The Department will continue to update the Web page to include information about the Emergency Contact Information system and other topics on driver-related safety.

“As our state continues to grow, the demand for highway safety results in new requirements and laws affecting motorists,” said Florida Highway Patrol Director, Colonel John Czernis. “The *Safety First* Web page helps us quickly disseminate important information to the public. A better informed public will help the Florida Highway Patrol achieve the Department's vision of a *Safer Florida*.”

In addition to visiting the Safety First Web page, the Department encourages Floridians with a valid driver license or identification card to go online to www.flhsmv.gov and enter their Emergency Contact Information. This vital information gives law enforcement immediate access to this information in cases of an emergency, which makes it easier for them to contact a family member or friend.

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