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FLORIDA HIGHWAY PATROL RELEASES HOLIDAY WEEKEND ENFORCEMENT RESULTS

~ FHP: Increased enforcement helps state realize fewer fatalities and thousands of motorist assists ~

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Col. David Brierton, director of the Florida Highway Patrol, today announced preliminary results from the Patrol’s Thanksgiving holiday period enforcement efforts. During the Nov. 23-27 heightened enforcement period, the Patrol suspended administrative duties and mobilized support from reservists and auxiliary troopers to protect motorists on Florida’s busy roadways.

The Florida Highway Patrol issued over 12,000 traffic citations and assisted nearly 3,000 motorists on Florida’s roadways during the holiday weekend. Troopers made 136 arrests for Driving Under the Influence of alcohol or drugs and cited nearly 5,000 drivers for speeding and more than 1,300 for failure to buckle up. Preliminary statewide totals, which include other law enforcement agencies’ reports, indicate 26 people died in crashes during the holiday period.

“The Florida Highway Patrol works hard to ensure residents and visitors make it safely to their destinations,” Brierton said. “We are very proud of the dedicated service and commitment to highway safety exhibited by our troopers.”

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.

FHP Preliminary Enforcement Results: Nov. 23- 27, 2011

Motorist Assists = 2,805
DUI Arrests = 136
Speeding Citations = 4,882
Safety Belt Citations = 1,332
Total Citations = 12,300

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