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FLORIDA HIGHWAY PATROL RELEASES RESULTS FROM HOLIDAY TRAVEL PERIOD

~ Patrol cites nearly 6,000 motorists for speeding ~

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Col. John Czernis, director of the Florida Highway Patrol, today announced the preliminary enforcement results from the Thanksgiving holiday travel period on Nov. 25 - 29. During the five-day heightened travel period, the Patrol beefed up its force by adding troopers who typically perform administrative duties, as well as reservists and auxiliary troopers, to patrol duty.

Troopers issued nearly 8,000 traffic citations and made 157 arrests for Driving Under the Influence of alcohol or drugs. They cited nearly 6,000 drivers for speeding and nearly 1,400 for failure to buckle up. Troopers also assisted more than 4,000 motorists and worked crashes that resulted in 21 fatalities.

“The Florida Highway Patrol enhanced our patrols to remove unsafe drivers from the streets so that families could reach their destinations safely and enjoy the holiday with friends and loved ones,” said Czernis. “Throughout the holiday season we will continue our enhanced enforcement efforts with special emphasis on impaired drivers. Motorists should always designate a sober driver if they plan to consume alcohol.”

One way to give the gift of peace of mind to loved ones is to register your Emergency Contact Information. Floridians may provide two contacts by visiting www.flhsmv.gov/eci or a driver license office. Parents can even register their child’s contacts if the child has a Florida ID card. A child as young as five years old is eligible.

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.

Preliminary Crash Facts: Nov. 25 - 29

Total Citations = 7,874
Speeding Citations = 5,944
Safety Belt Citations = 1,391
Fatalities = 21
Motorist Assists = 4,099

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