



**INFORMATION NOTICE**

**DIVISION OF MOTORIST SERVICES**

<b>DATE:</b> 9/16/2020	<b>Information Notice (INFO) INFO20-029</b>
<b>SUBJECT: COVID-19 Affecting PRIDE License Plate Production and Deliveries</b>	

**Overview:**

PRIDE has informed the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (FLHSMV) that it is operating on reduced staff due to an inmate quarantine regarding COVID-19. PRIDE anticipates regular operations to resume in about two weeks after the quarantine has been lifted. License plate orders and deliveries for September will be affected.

**Details:**

The grips of COVID-19 continue to affect the PRIDE license plate plant as it moves forward. The plant is experiencing another inmate quarantine directive from the Florida Department of Corrections, and the facilities are operating without an inmate work force. The reduction in staff has a significant impact on license plate production and deliveries for the month of September. PRIDE will ship orders on September 19<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. The September 19<sup>th</sup> shipment will contain all IRP orders as well as regular, specialty and personalized plates. However, the September 30<sup>th</sup> shipment will only contain RGS, RGR, RMR, MCR, and MUR plates. They anticipate resuming standard production levels and deliveries by October 1<sup>st</sup>.

To help mitigate situations like this, FLHSMV routinely reviews inventory levels and contacts counties/agencies with low levels of license plates. This week, our latest analysis shows that some counties/agencies have less than one month’s supply of commonly issued license plates.

FLHSMV suggests that Tax Collectors review their license plate inventory and ordering to ensure that plates are on-hand. If not, the alternative is borrowing license plates from a sister agency to make up any deficiencies while waiting on a plate delivery from PRIDE. If you need assistance with your inventory monitoring or ordering strategies, please contact the Inventory Control Unit by phone or email.

**Conclusion:**

If you require additional information , please contact your next level of management or the inventory Control Unit at (850) 617-2900 or [inventorycontrolunit@flhsmv.gov](mailto:inventorycontrolunit@flhsmv.gov).