

Specialty License Plate Audit The Naval Aviation Museum Foundation, Inc. Blue Angels Audit Report 202324-09

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Introduction and Background

The purpose of this audit was to determine compliance with applicable laws and policies related to the annual reporting by The Naval Aviation Museum Foundation, Inc., (Foundation) for the Blue Angels specialty license plate. The Foundation is required to submit a Specialty License Plate Revenue, Expenditure, and Compliance Affidavit, or state single audit, to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (Department) within nine months after the end of the Foundation's fiscal year. The affidavit submitted by the Foundation for the 2022 Fiscal Year ended December 31, 2022, was used for this audit.

Specialty license plates are license plates available to the public with unique designs that promote philanthropic and other causes and require payment of an additional annual use fee.

Section 320.08056, Florida Statutes (F.S.), authorizes the issuance of all specialty license plates and specifies the annual use fee for the more than 144 specialty license plates Florida offers. For every Blue Angels specialty license plate sold or renewed, a \$25 annual use fee is charged and distributed, as required by statute.

Section 320.08058(79)(b), F.S., specifies the Blue Angels license plate annual use fee shall be used in the following manner:

- Up to 10 percent of the funds may be used for marketing of the plate and costs directly associated with the administration of the Foundation.
- The Naval Aviation Museum Foundation shall distribute 50 percent of the funds to eligible programs and projects associated with the National Flight Academy.
- The remaining funds may be used for eligible programs and projects associated with the National Naval Aviation Museum.

The Blue Angels specialty license plate was established in 2019 with no annual use fee assigned. In 2020, an annual use fee was assigned through legislative change of Section 320.08056(3)(d) F.S. There were 6,961 active Blue Angels specialty license



plates as of December 2022. The Foundation reported receipts of \$203,344 in specialty license plate fees for the 2022 Fiscal Year.

Results of Audit

The Foundation materially complied with applicable laws and policies related to the annual reporting for the Blue Angels specialty license plate.

Purpose, Scope, and Methodology

The purpose of this audit was to determine the Foundation's compliance with applicable laws and policies related to the annual reporting by the Foundation for the Blue Angels specialty license plate.

The scope of this audit included specialty license plate expenditures reported on the Foundation's affidavit for the 2022 Fiscal Year, and specialty license plate revenue and expenditures reported in the Foundation's financial records for the 2022 Fiscal Year.

The methodology for the audit of the Blue Angels specialty license plate included:

- Reviewing Florida Statutes, Department policies, and Foundation policies;
- Reconciling the Department's distribution of specialty license plate fees to revenues reported on the affidavit filed by the Foundation;
- Reconciling the expenditures reported on the affidavit to the Foundation's financial records;
- Reviewing the use of funds by the Foundation to ensure there is adequate supporting documentation, and the expenditures are for purposes authorized by statute;
- Reviewing timing, availability, and content of reports such as affidavits or single audits; and
- Comparing expenditures to statutory requirements for annual allocation limits, and reviewing reasonableness of balances.



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Statement of Accordance

Section 20.055, Florida Statutes, requires the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles' Inspector General to review, evaluate, and report on policies, plans, procedures, accounting, financial, and other operations of the Department and to recommend improvements. This audit engagement was conducted in accordance with applicable *International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing* published by the Institute of Internal Auditors and *Principles and Standards for Offices of Inspector General* published by the Association of Inspectors General. Pursuant to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, public records held by the Department's Inspector General are available upon request for inspection or copying.

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