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National Distracted Driving Prevention Month



Driving while using a cell phone = 4 times more likely to be involved in a crash!

Driver reaction while using a cell phone has been equated to driving with a BAC of .08!

Distracted driving is a dangerous epidemic on America's roadways. In 2009 alone, nearly 5,500 people were killed and 450,000 more were injured in distracted driving crashes.

The age group with the greatest proportion of distracted drivers was the under-20 age group. 16 percent of all drivers involved in fatal crashes were reported to have been distracted while driving. 20 percent of crashes involving injury reported distracted driving as a contributing factor. Of those drivers involved in fatal crashes who were reportedly distracted, the 30-39 year olds had the highest proportion of cell phone involvement.

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HAZARD LIGHTS



ONE TEXT OR CALL COULD
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Your life is in your hands. Turn off the phone. Visit www.distraction.gov.

Florida Legislative Update

Traffic Safety Bills - Summary

HB 151, SB 196 - BOOSTER SEAT

Provides child restraint requirements for children age 7 years or younger who are less than specified height; provides exceptions; excludes certain vehicles from such requirements; provides grace period; requires that warnings & educational literature to operator of motor vehicle during grace period.

- 1st reading in house and introduced in Senate, mid January. No action since.

HB 343, SB 590 - SIGNAL TIMING/RED LIGHT CAMERAS

Both bills relate to the timing intervals for traffic signals. One specifically addresses the yellow interval. One bill includes modifications to red light cameras with regards to signal timing, notification, and responsible party.

- Neither bill has a matching version on the other side. No activity since Jan/Feb.

HB 1223, SB 1122 - GENERAL BILL (CHILD RESTRAINT, SWAMP BUGGIES, BICYCLE HELMETS, ETC)

General transportation bill that incorporates a number of smaller traffic-related issues. Of key importance: allows "swamp buggy" use on public roadways if local government entity designates it for such use, operator requirements for child restraint use, provides that a driver convicted of certain offenses which result in a crash may have his/her license suspended or revoked, and provides the medical examiner's office with certain information stored in the driver's license database. Changes requirements for bicycle helmets, removes law that requires motorcycle tags be perpendicular to ground.

- ⇒ House vote unanimous acceptance. Message to Senate late February. SB scheduled for second reading on 3/5. Versions do not currently match, so some discussion and negotiation will be required for passage.

HB 39, HB 299, HB 1135, SB 416 (HB 187/SB 930 & HB 783) - TEXTING/CELL PHONE BAN

All bills incorporate some degree of banning and enforcement for mobile device usage while driving and/or specifically, texting. HB 187/SB 930 limits the ban to minor drivers. HB 783 is specific to cell phone use in school zones.

- None of the bills have had action beyond their first reading in mid January.

HB 187, SB 930 - TEEN DRIVER RESTRICTIONS

Restricts minor drivers and school bus drivers from using any mobile or electronic communication device while driving, allows selection on DHSMV application for donation to AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, requires DHSMV to issue a placard which must be displayed while minor is driving, and limits the number of passengers in a vehicle when a minor is driving.

- No action beyond the first read in mid January

HB 119, HB 523, HB 1007, SB 254, SB 1860 - MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE, CRASH REPORT INFO

All versions relate to motor vehicle insurance. At least two of the bills address changes to the information required in crash reports and the submittal of crash reports to DHSMV. Some address no-fault law, fraudulent claims, etc.

- None of the bills have seen action beyond the first read except for HB 119. Most recent action on it was a 3rd read and notes sent to the Senate on 3/2.

HB 161, SB 474 - SUSPENDED/REVOKED LICENSE

Changes the penalties and revises impounding/immobilization laws relating to drivers knowingly operating a vehicle on a revoked or suspended license.

- No action since first read in January. Withdrawn from consideration in Senate



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HB 269, SB 250 - AUTOMATED ENFORCEMENT FOR SCHOOL BUS VIOLATIONS

Allows for School Districts to install school bus infraction detection devices and imposes similar enforceability as red light cameras.

- The House version has seen no action beyond the first read in mid January. The Senate version progressed and, as of late Feb, was in committee.

HB 405, SB 1192 - LEGALLY BLIND/MOBILITY IMPAIRED

Requires new reporting specific to roadway users with disabilities, course content relating to laws that address legally blind or mobility impaired individuals in driving schools and law enforcement courses.

- No action beyond the first read in January.

HB 571, SB 874 - PARENTAL NOTIFICATION FOR TEEN DRIVERS

Allows electronic notification to parents of minor drivers when certain events are added to their DHSMV record.

- No action on HB since January. SB stalled in February.

HB 1133 - LICENSING AGE FOR TEENS

Increases the age for licensing.

- No Senate counterpart. No action in House beyond first reading in January.

HB 1207, SB 1768 - AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES

Allows use of autonomous vehicles on public roadways and requires DHSMV to prepare a report on the safety of their use.

⇒ Received unanimous approval in House and note sent to Senate. SB in committee as of late February.

HB 1341, SB 1624 - EXPUNGING OF CRIMINAL TRAFFIC CHARGES

Allows for application to FDLE for expunging or sealing criminal charges relating to certain traffic infractions.

- Moved through House committees before stalling in January. SB stalled in February.

HB 957, SB 122 - EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO DISTRACTED DRIVING

Requires the addition of course content relating to the risks associated with distracted driving, specifically usage of cell phones, to driver education/driver improvement curriculums.

- No action since January/February.

HB 681, SB 864 - INTERLOCK DEVICE

Requires installation of interlock device on all vehicles owned/leased or jointly owned/leased by drivers convicted of driving under the influence. Senate version allows convicted driver to opt for interlock device in lieu of 5-10 yr revocation period as required by law, along with changes to the notification procedures.

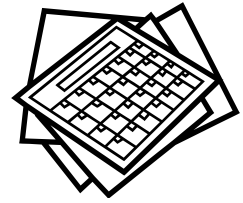
⇒ House voted acceptance by large majority and sent message to Senate. Senate temporarily postponed in early February. If the SB regains momentum, discussions/negotiations will be required to align language of the two bills.

HB 4017, SB 390 - BICYCLE (HANDS ON HANDLEBARS)

Removes the requirement to keep one hand on the handlebars while operating a bicycle.

⇒ Passed by large majority in Senate. Message to House. No action in House since first read in January.

Dates to Remember



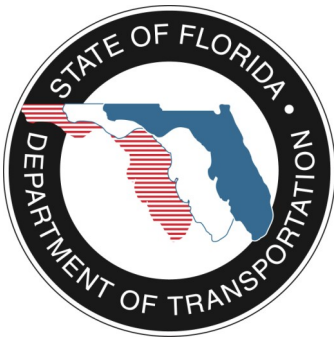
March 2012 - MOTORCYCLE SAFETY (DISTRICT FOCUS)

7th	Flagler CTST meeting 9:00 AM Flagler EOC
N/A	Sumter TSWG 9:00 AM Sumter County Public Works Department
8th	Marion CTST meeting 9:00 AM Ocala PD
9-18th	Bike Week (District-wide Motorcycle Safety Campaign)
12-18th	St. Patrick's Day (National Impaired Driving Campaign)
13th	West Volusia CTST meeting 8:30 AM FHP DeLand
14th	Osceola CTST meeting 9:00 AM SDOC Transportation Headquarters
15th	Lake CTST meeting 9:30 AM FDOT Leesburg Operations
18-31st	Click It or Ticket (Florida's Spring Occupant Protection Campaign)
20th	Orange CTST meeting 9:00 AM Orange County Public Works
22nd	East Volusia CTST meeting 9:00 AM Daytona Beach Public Works
27th	Seminole County CTST meeting 8:30 AM Lake Mary PD
28th	Brevard CTST/TIM Combined meeting 9:00 AM Brevard County Government

April 2012 - DISTRACTED DRIVING (DISTRICT FOCUS)

4th	Flagler CTST meeting 9:00 AM Flagler EOC
9th	CTST State Coalition Meeting - 8:30 AM (Webinar)
N/A	Sumter TSWG 9:00 AM Sumter County Public Works Department
10th	West Volusia CTST meeting 8:30 AM FHP DeLand
11th	Osceola CTST meeting 9:00 AM SDOC Transportation Headquarters
12th	Marion CTST meeting 9:00 AM Ocala PD
17th	Orange CTST meeting 9:00 AM Orange County Public Works
18th	Brevard CTST meeting 9:00 AM Brevard County Government
19th	Lake CTST meeting 9:30 AM FDOT Leesburg Operations
24th	Seminole County CTST meeting 8:30 AM Lake Mary PD
26th	East Volusia CTST meeting 9:00 AM Daytona Beach Public Works

Community Traffic Safety Teams (CTST) District 5 Directory



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Flagler County– July 2011

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Lake County– February 1997

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Marion County– February 1996

Capt. Greg LaMont– Chair
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Orange County– September 1994

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Osceola County– December 1995

Glen Hammer – Chair
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Seminole County– May 1989

Robin Butler– Chair
Seminole County Fire & Rescue
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Volusia County (East)– March 1993

Harold Briley– Chair
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Volusia County (West)– September 1995

Lt Kevin Vaughn– Chair
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The CTST Newsletter is a product of the FDOT, District 5 Safety Office. If you are having an event (Safety Fair, Mock DUI Crash, Enforcement Wave, Child Safety Seat Checkpoint, Sobriety Checkpoint, etc.) please e-mail your information to "joe.steward@dot.state.fl.us".

Problems & Solutions

Know of a potential safety hazard on a roadway that you frequently travel? Complete the following form and submit it to your CTST Chairperson!

Study Requested By _____ Date _____

Phone _____ Agency _____

Location _____

Crash or Safety Problem Detail _____

Has the problem been previously reported or studied? Date _____

Recommendation/Request: _____

Crash reports attached: 12 months Hard Copies or Crash Diagram (From Local Engineering Dep't)

To be completed by maintaining agency:

Maintaining Agency State County City/Town of: _____ Other _____

Contact Person _____ Date Received _____

Number of reported crashes _____ in number of months _____ Crash Rate _____

ACTION TAKEN _____
