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The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and the University of Miami Team up for Safety

Miami — FDOT District Six is once again partnering with the University of Miami to promote "Put it Down," a safety campaign aimed at informing drivers in Miami-Dade and Monroe counties about the dangers of distracted driving.

The campaign is targeting younger drivers, ages 16 through 24. As a result, FDOT is partnering with several agencies and academic institutions, including Miami-Dade County Public Schools, the University of Miami, Florida International University, Barry University, Florida Memorial University and Miami Dade College.

A key message to young drivers and parents will be a change in the law concerning texting and driving. On October 1, the State of Florida will start enforcing the ban on texting and driving law (secondary offense).

For more information on distracted driving, please visit www.distraction.gov or contact Community Traffic Safety Program Coordinator Carlos Sarmiento at (305) 470-5437 or carlos.sarmiento@dot.state.fl.us.

Drivers are encouraged to call 511 before they travel or log on to www.fl511.com to get real-time traffic and lane closure information. FDOT would like to remind drivers that wearing a safety belt is the single most effective way to protect people and reduce fatalities in motor vehicle crashes. Please drive cautiously in construction zones.

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