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FDOT and FHP Host Move Over, “Drive Safe” Aggressive Driving Press Conference

Monday, January 22, 2018, 10 a.m.

Miami, FL – The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) are kicking off the “Drive Safe” Aggressive Driving campaign and Move Over Awareness month by sharing important driver safety tips at a press conference on Monday, January 22, at 10 a.m., at 1011 NW 111 Avenue, Miami, Florida 33172 (Florida Highway Patrol, Troop E).

This media event will provide an exclusive opportunity to promote the “Move Over” law, educate the public about safe driving practices, and advise of the consequences related to speeding and aggressive driving.

The event will include:

- Press conference
- FHP offering opportunities for the media to ride with a trooper
- On-site Road Rangers
- Tow operators, fire rescue and other service vehicles impacted by Florida’s “Move Over Law”
- Educational information and promotional items

“We are committed to educating the public and bringing awareness of ways to avoid aggressive driving,” said FDOT District Six Secretary Jim Wolfe. “Fifty percent of drivers admit to driving over the speed limit. Drivers need to slow down and Drive Safe.”

“In addition to endangering law enforcement, first responders, public servants and other motorists, failing to move over can result in fines and points on a driving record,” said Lieutenant Alex Camacho, FHP Public Affairs Officer. “The simple act of moving over gives law enforcement, emergency first responders and other service vehicles adequate space to do their jobs and can greatly increase safety on Florida’s roadways.”

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ABOUT DRIVE SAFE

The Drive Safe campaign was initiated in 2016 and serves to inform drivers in Miami-Dade and Monroe counties of the risks of aggressive driving. The campaign, which targets all drivers, will run through June, and includes extensive community educational outreach and law enforcement operations throughout the region. FDOT and FHP join forces with numerous law enforcement agencies, educational institutions and other partner organizations to promote the Drive Safe message.

ABOUT MOVE OVER

The Move Over Act was enacted in 2002 to help protect law enforcement officers, first responders and other public servants while they provide critical services in one of the most dangerous environments: the side of the roadway.

January is Move Over Month and the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) reminds all motorists to Move Over for emergency and service vehicles stopped along the roadway. Most drivers understand to pull over for emergency vehicles approaching from behind. State law also requires vehicles to move over a lane for emergency vehicles, sanitation vehicles, utility service vehicles or wreckers stopped on the side of the road. If a driver cannot move over, they should slow down 20 miles per hour below the posted speed limit as they go by.

For more information, please call the FHP Public Affairs Officer, Lt. Alex Camacho at 305-308-0586 or visit www.sunguide.info. For around-the-clock, real time information, call 511. Remember: Move Over, Drive Safe.

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