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## FDOT announces reduction in crashes on Northeast Florida roadways

**Jacksonville** – Crashes on the interstate, in Northeast Florida, saw a sharp reduction from 2016 to 2017, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) announced today.

Interstate 95 saw a 41 percent reduction in crashes in the Jacksonville area, according to data collected by the Florida Highway Patrol and FDOT. Interstate 295 saw a 45 percent reduction in crashes and Interstate 10 saw a 24 percent reduction. Three-year analysis suggests roadways are becoming increasingly safer in Northeast Florida (see chart below).

"FDOT remains committed to providing a safe roadway for drivers, but we can't do it alone. It starts with driver responsibility and it's clear our safety message is resonating. Folks are staying off their phones, paying attention to driving and staying alert. The reduction in crashes is a testament to both drivers and law enforcement for keeping our roadways safe," said FDOT District Two Secretary Greg Evans.

FDOT works to promote safety by offering Road Rangers to disabled motorists. This free service from FDOT assists disabled motorists with additional fuel and flat tire assistance and other solutions to help drivers get on their way and keep our roadways safe.

Florida 511 is another free tool that offers motorists, commuters, commercial vehicle operators, residents and visitors the latest traffic information and urgent alerts. These include notifications about traffic incidents, road closures and suggested alternate routes. Florida 511 also provides, severe weather notifications and the AMBER, Silver and law enforcement Blue alerts.

Drivers are encouraged to continue taking responsibility for their behavior on the road. Through the elimination of distracted driving, awareness of other vehicles on the roadway and safe driving habits, Florida roadways will see fewer crashes.



