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May is Motorcycle Safety Month

Tallahassee, FL – Florida has great weather and roads for motorcycle enthusiasts. More than a million drivers in Florida have a motorcycle endorsement on their driver licenses, and many visitors ride motorcycles in the Sunshine State.

FDOT Interim Secretary Rachel Cone said, “At FDOT, we want to make highways safe for all road users, including motorcycles. Motorcyclists should ride smart, and motorists should watch for motorcycles, as they can be difficult to see in traffic.”

FDOT is committed to making roads safe for all, including motorcyclists. The responsibility for safety is on motorists as well as motorcyclists. FDOT is observing motorcycle safety month in May and asking motorcyclists and motorists to share the road by using these simple tips.

Tips for motorcyclists:

- Say no to Drinking and Riding.
- Make yourself more visible to motorists: Wear bright colors.
- Always wear adequate riding gear.
- Ride in Control (within legal and personal limits).
- Train regularly and get endorsed.
- Inspect your motorcycle before each ride to ensure your safety by having it in good working order.

Tips for drivers:

- Always allow a motorcyclist the full lane width; never try to share a lane.
- Check for motorcycles by looking in your mirrors and blind spots before entering or leaving a lane of traffic and at intersections. Remain extra vigilant when entering or crossing intersections.
- Do not tailgate. Allow more following distance when following a motorcycle, so the motorcyclist has enough time to maneuver or stop in an emergency.
- Don't drive distracted- eyes on the road, hands on the wheel, and mind on driving.
- Always drive sober.

Click [here](#) for a link to Governor Scott's proclamation.

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