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Florida Attorney General, FDOT and Safety Partners Raise Awareness as “100 Deadliest Days for Teen Drivers” Approaches

GAINESVILLE, Fla. – Attorney General Ashley Moody, FDOT, UF Health Shands Hospital and first responders from the area gathered Wednesday afternoon at FDOT’s Gainesville Operations Center to raise awareness and educate the public ahead of the 100 Deadliest Days for Teen Drivers.

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death among teenagers in Florida. The season between Memorial Day and Labor Day is known as the “100 Deadliest Days” for teenage drivers in Florida because of the significant uptick in serious crashes involving teen drivers. FDOT encourages all drivers to always be alert while driving, observe traffic laws, wear your seatbelt, and avoid distracted driving.

Attorney General Ashley Moody, doctors, emergency responders, transportation officials, and Amber Rollins of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) discussed their experiences with crashes involving teen drivers resulting in serious bodily injuries and fatalities and provided helpful strategies on how to avoid these incidents. (See video below).

WATCH: Attorney General Ashley Moody and FDOT Officials



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The Florida Department of Transportation’s mission is to provide a safe transportation system that ensures the mobility of people and goods, enhances economic prosperity, and preserves the quality of the state’s environment and communities. The department is committed to building a transportation system that not only fits the current needs of Florida’s residents and visitors, but also enhances mobility throughout the state to accommodate its consistent and rapid growth. The unique nature of the Sunshine State and its year-round warm climate provides numerous opportunities to achieve the department’s mission through multiple transportation modes including highways/streets, air, rail, sea, spaceports, transit, and the ever-expanding deployment of bicycle & pedestrian facilities.

FDOT was joined by the following safety partners: Florida Attorney General Ashley Moody, Alachua County Fire & Rescue, Alachua County Sheriff's Office, Florida Highway Patrol, Gainesville Fire & Rescue, Gainesville Police Department, MADD Northeast Florida, UF Health Shands Hospital, and the University of Florida Police Department.

Consistent, safe decisions on the roadway can reduce the number of deaths and serious injuries that occur in crashes. Never drive distracted, always follow the speed limit and be mindful of everyone who shares the road. Let's get everyone home safe.

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