



## *Florida Department of Transportation*

RICK SCOTT  
GOVERNOR

605 Suwannee Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0450

JIM BOXOLD  
SECRETARY

February 3, 2017

Dana Crosby, 850-414-4023  
[Dana.crosby@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:Dana.crosby@dot.state.fl.us)

### **Florida Department of Transportation Announces Crossing Guard Appreciation Day and Award Winners**

**TALLAHASSEE** - Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) Safety Office announces Friday, February 3, 2017, as Crossing Guard Appreciation Day to recognize the hard work and dedication of those individuals who keep Florida's schoolchildren safe as they go to and from school. FDOT works with law enforcement agencies and provides standards and uniform training across the state to ensure the safety and effectiveness of the program.

**Florida Department of Transportation Secretary Jim Boxold said, "We appreciate all that crossing guards do to keep children safe as they come and go to school. Each day they ensure the safety of students walking and biking at our school crossings."**

Every year the department recognizes individuals and organizations exemplifying professionalism and responsibility for the safety of children.

#### **2016 School Crossing Guards of the Year:**

Lynn Haven Police Department

- *Williemae Stanley*

City of Key West

- *Martha Fitch*

Gainesville Police Department

- *Sheila Payne*

Florida is a national leader in developing crossing guard uniform training guidelines and curriculum. FDOT is dedicated to providing a train-the-trainer program to educate trainers on the safe and effective techniques and crossing procedures used by crossing guards.

Governor Rick Scott issued a proclamation of appreciation. Click [here](#) to access the proclamation.