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

TALLAHASSEE - Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) Safety Office announces Friday, February 6, 2015, as Crossing Guard Appreciation Day to recognize the hard work and dedication of those individuals who perform a vital service protecting Florida's schoolchildren across the state as they facilitate their safe journey to and from school.

FDOT Secretary Boxold said, "Every day, crossing guards help schoolchildren walk and ride bicycles to school safely. Their dedication to keeping children safe is to be commended."

FDOT recognizes the following individuals and organizations exemplifying professionalism and responsibility for the safety of children:

2014 School Crossing Guard of the Year:

City of Alachua Police Department School Crossing Guard Program

- *Sheila Wooley*

2014 School Crossing Guard of the Year-Team:

St. Cloud Police Department School Crossing Guard Program

- *Rebecca Laisch*
- *Tina LeBlanc*

2014 Florida School Crossing Guard of the Year Award for Bravery and Outstanding Service

Clearwater Police Department School Crossing Guard Program

- In grateful memory: *Douglas Carey*

2014 School Crossing Guard Programs of the Year:

- *Gainesville Police Department School Crossing Guard Program*
- *Seminole County Sheriff's Office School Crossing Guard Program*

Florida is a leader among states in developing its 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.

See attached proclamation.

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