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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 7, 2014, 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 recognizes the following individuals and organizations exemplifying professionalism and responsibility for the safety of children:

School Crossing Guard of the Year:

- *Benny Shettlesworth* of the Jacksonville Beach Police Department School Crossing Guard Program

School Crossing Guard Program of the Year:

Large Agency:

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

Medium Agency:

- *Jacksonville Beach Police Department School Crossing Guard Program*

FDOT Secretary Prasad said, "Every day crossing guards help schoolchildren get to school safely. Their dedication to keeping children who are walking and riding bicycles to school is to be commended."

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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GOVERNOR

CROSSING GUARD APPRECIATION DAY

WHEREAS, each and every school day thousands of dedicated individuals whom we call crossing guards spend countless hours assisting our children across busy streets as they arrive and depart from school; and

WHEREAS, local governments place top priority on child safety and recognize that education plays a critical role in ensuring the safety of our children and the crossing guards who assist them on their way to and from school; and

WHEREAS, crossing guards provide an invaluable service to our communities and deserve special recognition for their tireless efforts;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing February 7, 2014, as *Crossing Guard Appreciation Day*.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 22nd day of January, in the year two thousand fourteen.


Governor