

Community Update

NEW MIAMI OFFICE OPENS: The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles opened the new Miami Driver License Office, located in the Mall of Americas at 7795 West Flagler Street. In addition to providing more services at one convenient location, customers who arrive when there is a 15-minute or longer wait time, will receive a restaurant style pager that will notify the customer when their number is called. This will give customers flexibility to shop or grab a snack at the mall to pass the time while they wait.

The Department is pleased to offer an improved environment for our customers at what is now the largest driver license office in the state. By consolidating a driver license office with two other offices in Miami, we expect to see a significant savings of taxpayer dollars. We encourage customers to skip the trip and conduct their driver license business online, where various services are available. Customers can renew driver licenses, identification cards and vehicle tags, and change an address on their license or identification card from the comfort of their own home or at work by logging on to www.flhsmv.gov.

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY - SHARE THE ROAD: Gov. Rick Scott has proclaimed the month of May as [Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month](#) in Florida. The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles is teaming up with military installations in Pensacola, Jacksonville, Tampa and Miami to host news conferences this month that bring attention to motorcycle safety. The month-long focus is a good reminder for all road users that we all have a role to play in motorcycle safety. If you are a motorcycle rider, the following protective gear could save your life:

- Helmet (mandatory for riders age 20 or younger and for riders not covered by an insurance policy providing for at least \$10,000 in medical benefits for injuries incurred as a result of a crash while operating or riding on a motorcycle)
- Eye protection (a windscreen on a motorcycle does not qualify as eye protection)
- Foot pegs for passengers
- Proper footwear (protects feet and ankles by giving you a good grip on road surfaces)
- Gloves (keep hands comfortable and protected)
- Jacket and pants (provides protection against sunburn, windburn, dehydration and abrasions)

Click [here](#) to find out the requirements to obtain a motorcycle endorsement.

FOR TEEN DRIVERS AND PARENTS: The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles has a parents section on its teen driving website www.flhsmv.gov/teens. The website provides parents with useful information to help them teach their teens to become safe drivers. Florida's graduated driver licensing program allows teens to obtain a learner's permit at age 15, which restricts them to driving only under certain conditions with a licensed adult. Other restrictions apply to teens with an operator's license until their 18th birthday.

To ensure that both parents and teens have a complete understanding of the law, an explanation of each phase of the graduated licensing program and the related restrictions can be found on the website. Certain behaviors are associated with the cause of the high fatality rate of teen drivers including: inexperience and immaturity combined with speed, alcohol consumption, not wearing seatbelts, distractions, drowsiness, and driving when visibility is limited. The website includes a driving guide and a driving log to track the 50 hours of practice that teens must record to obtain their intermediate operator's license. To visit the website, please go to: www.flhsmv.gov/teens

KIDS SAFETY - Children ages 4 to 7 are too young to fully understand the need to travel in the proper seats for their age. That is why it is recommended parents educate children in this age bracket to sit in booster seats. Overall, booster seats reduce the chance a child will be injured by 59 percent. States with booster seat laws see lower numbers of child fatalities in highway crashes. Booster seats save lives!

FLORIDA'S GOVERNOR VISITS DHSMV: Governor Rick Scott, Lt. Governor Jennifer Carroll and top members of their administration stopped by Department headquarters to visit Executive Director Julie Jones and DHSMV members. After a brief meeting with our Executive Leadership Team, our guests toured the Kirkman Building as the Governor stopped frequently to greet members at work. Demonstrations of our credentialing programs and emerging technologies allowed the Governor and his team to understand the important work being done by our members throughout the state. The Governor also paused to greet a capacity crowd who gathered in the Kirkman Auditorium to hear his words of encouragement and to answer numerous questions from our members.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION: The Department's award winning ECI Program now has 4,492,163 registrants. The Department is proud of the success of the ECI Program and encourages Floridians to give their loved ones the peace of mind that comes with registering their information – especially during the holiday season. The Emergency Contact Information program allows licensed drivers and identification card holders to submit two contacts to notify in the event of an emergency, such as a vehicle crash. The information can then be accessed only in the case of an emergency by law enforcement officers to find designated contacts. To record your information please visit: <https://www6.hsmv.state.fl.us/dlcheck/findcustomer>.

AN APPOINTMENT SPEEDS UP YOUR VISIT!: We urge all customers who must visit one of our offices to renew, replace or file a change of address to their driver license or identification card to secure an appointment prior to their visit. Connect via Internet at <http://www.flhsmv.gov/oasis> for an appointment to greatly reduce the length of the visit. Then link to the [on-line pre-application](#) and complete it before coming to one of our offices.

BRING THE RIGHT DOCUMENTS: Florida residents wishing to obtain a new driver license or identification card, legally change their name prior to their renewal date, or immediately replace a lost or stolen license or ID card, must come prepared with the proper documentation. The time you will spend completing your transaction on the first visit is directly related to providing us with the required proper documentation. The complete list of acceptable documents is available online at www.GatherGoGet.com. Here is a summary of the requirements:

- 1) Identification** (Bring one) – A certified U.S. birth certificate; a valid U.S. passport; a certificate of Naturalization; a consular Report of Birth Abroad; an alien registration card. **Name Change** (if applicable) – Original or certified copy of all marriage certificates or court orders that show your name change(s). (Uncertified photocopies are not valid.)
- 2) Social Security Number** (Bring one) – Social Security Card, W-2 form, any 1099 form or paycheck showing number.
- 3) Residential Address** (not post office box) – Bring two (2) items mailed to you that contain your address. Acceptable is a deed, mortgage statement, voter ID card, a utility bill or a car insurance policy, a statement from person you live with along with two address documents in that person's name.

U.S. citizens, permanent residents, immigrants and non-immigrants can secure a complete list of documents to bring to one of our offices by visiting www.GatherGoGet.com, www.ReunaVengaObtenqa.com in Spanish, or www.RasanbleAlePran.com in Creole.

DRIVER LICENSES AND IDENTIFICATION CARD FEES

Class E (original and renewal)	\$48.00	CDL (original and renewal)	\$75.00
ID Card (original and renewal)	\$25.00	Endorsements	\$ 7.00
Driver License Services at Tax Collector office Service Fee			\$ 6.25

Buckle up your seatbelt, Always!