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FLORIDA HIGHWAY PATROL RELEASES RESULTS FROM MOVE OVER CAMPAIGN

~ Patrol issues more than 1,200 citations for Move Over violations ~

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. –The Florida Highway Patrol today announced the preliminary enforcement results from the Patrol's *Move Over* campaign. During the 29-day period, the Patrol placed heavy emphasis on getting drivers to Move Over for stopped emergency vehicles on Florida's roadways.

Troopers issued more than 69,000 traffic citations and made 620 arrests for Driving Under the Influence of alcohol or drugs. They cited nearly 24,000 drivers for speeding, and citations for failure to Move Over topped 1,200.

Preliminary Enforcement Results: Feb. 1-29, 2012

Total Citations = 69,029
Move Over Citations = 1,266
DUI Arrests = 620
Speeding Citations = 23,500
Motorist Assists = 17,375

"Law enforcement officers are out there every day working to reduce traffic crashes and fatalities. Motorists need to know the rules of the road, such as the Move Over law, and abide by them," said Col. David Brierton, director of the Florida Highway Patrol. "Over the past two months, three of our troopers have been struck by motorists while working on our highways."

Trooper Richard Guzman's vehicle was struck on Jan. 4, in Hillsborough County. Vehicles also hit Trooper David Rodriguez on Jan. 26 in Orange County and Trooper Daniel Morley on Feb. 23 in Palm Beach County.

The members of the Florida Highway Patrol remind everyone that the law requires drivers to move over one lane or slow down to 20 miles per hour below the speed limit when approaching any authorized emergency vehicle or wrecker displaying rotating or flashing lights stopped on the side of a roadway. Also, motorists should remember that *FHP (*347) dialed from a cellphone contacts FHP when they need to report an aggressive driver or require roadside assistance.

The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles provides highway safety and security through excellence in service, education and enforcement. The Department is leading the way to a safer Florida through the efficient and professional execution of its core mission: the issuance of driver licenses, vehicle tags and titles and operation of the Florida Highway Patrol. To learn more about DHSMV and the services offered, visit www.flhsmv.gov or follow us on Twitter @[FDHSMV](https://twitter.com/FDHSMV). You can find us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/FDHSMV), too.

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