



# LEL BOLO

LEL Larry Coggins, Jr.

## Champions Awarded



Hundreds of law enforcement officers from all over Florida arrived at the Rosen Shingle Creek Hotel on July 22, 2010, for the annual Florida Law Enforcement Challenge awards ceremony. This year's event was the biggest ever with hundreds of agencies participating in the Florida Law Enforcement Challenge, Florida Motor Unit Challenge, Click It or Ticket Challenge, Florida DUI Challenge, Community Traffic Safety Team of the Year, Traffic Officer of the Year, Motor Carrier Compliance Challenge, and the DUI Sustained Enforcement program.

The event was kicked off by the posting of colors by the Florida Highway Patrol Honor Guard and the National Anthem performed by Hillsborough Sheriff's Office Deputy Velma Glover. Followed by brief comments from Florida Law Enforcement Liaison Coordinator Kate Nelson, Florida Department of Transportation Chief Safety Officer Marianne Trussell, and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Regional Administrator Terrance Schiavone, Southwest Florida LEL Larry Coggins kicked off the ceremony with the awards for Community Traffic Safety Team (CTST) of the Year. CTSTs are groups of individuals from throughout the community who partner with local and state law enforcement, public health units, and local traffic engineers and operations teams to improve traffic safety in the communities that they serve.



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### CTST of the Year Runner's Up:

Brevard County CTST

Lake County CTST

Hillsborough County CTST

### Overall CTST of the Year:

Marion County CTST

The ceremony continued with the Florida Department of Transportation Motor Carrier Compliance Challenge award winners. This category, is where the six DOT Regions compete with one another with the overall goal of reducing commercial motor vehicle related crashes and improving the safety of the trucking industry on Florida's highways. Five DOT Regions competed in this year's Challenge.

First Place- FDOT Region 1  
Second Place- FDOT Region 5  
Third Place- FDOT Region 4

Up next was the Traffic Officer of the Year award for top traffic safety officer in Florida. This year there were over one-hundred nominations for this award, a Florida Law Enforcement Challenge record! Nominees were received from various municipal, county, and state law enforcement agencies who were proud to showcase their top officer in regards to traffic safety and enforcement. This year's Traffic Officer of the Year is Trooper Mark Castleberry of the Florida Highway Patrol Troop D. Trooper Mark Castleberry joined the Florida Highway Patrol in 2008 and has been assigned to not only the busiest Troop in Florida, but one of the busiest districts within Orlando. Trooper Castleberry, who is a part of a long line of State Troopers, took a leadership role as a member of the Florida Highway Patrol's 116th recruit class and his leadership and mentoring abilities have carried over into Troop D where he makes it a point to aid new Troopers in their transition from Academy life to working the street. In 2010, Trooper Castleberry personally issued close to 3,000 citations and made hundreds of arrests involving impaired motorist and drug offenses on Florida's highways, all while investigating close to 700 vehicle crashes within his assigned patrol zone. His aggressive attitude toward arresting impaired drivers, raising safety belt compliance, and educating the public and young drivers, along with his work ethic and daily positive attitude in what is sometimes a grim occupation, has been a motivator for his fellow troopers and colleagues. While we can tell you how many arrests have been made and cases closed by Trooper Castleberry, we will never be able to tell you how many lives have been saved by his actions.



LEL Director Kate Nelson, Trooper Mark Castleberry, and NHTSA Regional Administrator Terrance Schiavone

In its fourth year, the Florida Motor Unit Challenge has proven that enforcement saves lives! This annual competition between motor units throughout Florida is conducted in November and December. This year's Motor Unit Challenge not only had record results for overall activity by the hundreds of motor units who participated, but in a year to year analysis, crashes and crash related fatalities dropped 23%. These units competed against their previous year's activity for the same time frame with an emphasis on improving enforcement and decreasing crashes, injuries, and deaths. The Top 20 Motor Units that placed were awarded traffic safety equipment for use in education and enforcement within their community.

The Top Twenty Motor Units:

- 1 - Margate Police Department
- 2 - Manatee Sheriff's Office
- 3 - Ft. Lauderdale Police Department
- 4 - Flagler County Sheriff's Office
- 5 - Miami Shores Police Department
- 6 - Punta Gorda Police Department
- 7 - Clermont Police Department
- 8 - Ocoee Police Department
- 9 - FHP Troop A
- 10 - Oviedo Police Department
- 11 - Gainesville Police Department
- 12 - South Daytona Police Department
- 13 - Boca Raton Police Department
- 14 - Hampton Police Department
- 15 - Lake County Sheriff's Office
- 16 - Florida State University Police Department
- 17 - Volusia County Sheriff's Office
- 18 - Kissimmee Police Department
- 19 - North Miami Police Department
- 20 - Winter Garden Police Department

The top ten winners were allowed to draw a key from a bowl and attempted to crank up a fully equipped 2011 Harley Davidson FLHP Police Motor Cycle. The winning agency was the **Manatee County Sheriff's Office!**



In its second year, the Click It or Ticket Challenge allowed law enforcement agencies of like patrol size to compete against one another in three separate two week waves in November, March, and May to raise safety belt usage, increase the awareness and education of occupant protection, and reduce traffic crash injuries and deaths related to safety belt usage. Each agency that placed in their category was awarded traffic safety equipment for use in education and enforcement within their community.

Category 1 - 1 to 10 officers

First Place - Biscayne Park Police Department  
 Second Place - Waldo Police Department  
 Third Place - Shalimar Police Department

Category 2 - 11 to 25 officers

First Place - Clewiston Police Department  
 Second Place - Crestview Police Department  
 Third Place - Atlantic Beach Police Department

Category 3 - 26 to 40 officers

First Place - Palm Springs Police Department  
 Second Place - Temple Terrace Police Department  
 Third Place - Green Acres Police Department

Category 4 - 41 to 75 officers

First Place - North Miami Police Department  
 Second Place - Hallandale Beach Police Department  
 Third Place - Aventura Police Department

Category 5 - 76 to 150 officers

First Place - Lakeland Police Department  
 Second Place - Alachua County Sheriff's Office  
 Third Place - Martin County Sheriff's Office

Category 6 - 151 to 250 officers

First Place - Charlotte County Sheriff's Office  
 Second Place - Sarasota Sheriff's Office  
 Third Place - Escambia County Sheriff's Office

Category 7 - 251 to 500 officers

First Place - Manatee County Sheriff's Office  
 Second Place - Osceola County Sheriff's Office  
 Third Place - Miami Police Department

Category 8 - 501+ officers

First Place - Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office  
 Second Place - Jacksonville Sheriff's Office  
 Third Place - Lee County Sheriff's Office

Category 9 - Florida Highway Patrol

First Place - Troop G  
 Second Place - Troop D  
 Third Place - Troop K



The first place winner in each category was allowed to draw a key from a bowl and attempted to start a fully 2011 Dodge Challenger with emergency equipment by Whelen, radar by MPH, and graphics by Trilogy Creative, to be used solely for Safety Belt education and enforcement. The winning agency was the **Manatee County Sheriff's Office!**

In its first year, the DUI Challenge allowed law enforcement agencies of like patrol size to compete against one another during a six month time frame of 2010, to increase DUI patrols and checkpoints, increase the awareness and education of DUI related crashes, and reduce traffic crash injuries and deaths related to impaired driving. Each agency that placed in their category was awarded traffic safety equipment for use in education and enforcement within their community.

Category 1 - 1 to 10 officers

First Place - Havana Police Department  
 Second Place -Waldo Police Department  
 Third Place - Biscayne Park Police Department

Category 2 - 11 to 25 officers

First Place - Perry Police Department  
 Second Place - St Pete Beach Police Department  
 Third Place -Marianna Police Department

Category 3 - 26 to 40 officers

First Place - Palm Springs Police Department  
 Second Place -Atlantic Beach Police Department  
 Third Place - Crestview Police Department

Category 4 - 41 to 75 officers

First Place - Maitland Police Department  
 Second Place -Winter Garden Police Department  
 Third Place - Wakulla Sheriff's Office

Category 5 - 76 to 150 officers

First Place - Hallandale Beach Police Department  
 Second Place - Pinellas Park Police Department  
 Third Place - Winter Park Police Department

Category 6 - 151 to 250 officers

First Place - Charlotte County Sheriff's Office  
 Second Place - Cape Coral Police Department  
 Third Place -Plantation Police Department

Category 7 -251 to 500 officers

First Place - Marion County Sheriff's Office  
 Second Place - Sarasota County Sheriff's Office  
 Third Place - Osceola County Sheriff's Office

Category 8 - 501+ officers

First Place - Lee County Sheriff's Office  
 Second Place - Polk County Sheriff's Office  
 Third Place - Tampa Police Department

Category 9 - Florida Highway Patrol

First Place - Troop G  
 Second Place - Troop A  
 Third Place - Troop B



The first place winner in each category was allowed to draw a key from a bowl and attempted to start a fully equipped 2011 Chevrolet Tahoe with emergency equipment by Whelen, radar by MPH, graphics by Trilogy Creative, and Intoxilyzer and Printer by CMI to be used solely to be used for DUI enforcement and prevention. The winning agency was the **Perry Police Department!**

The grand finale of the ceremony was the Florida Law Enforcement Challenge awards presentation. This challenge allows law enforcement agencies of like patrol officer size to compete against each other for their overall traffic education and enforcement program. Each agency that placed in their category was awarded traffic safety equipment for use in education and enforcement within their community.

Category 1 - 1 to 10 officers

First Place - Clewiston Police Department  
 Second Place - Hampton Police Department  
 Third Place - Key Colony Police Department

Category 2 - 11 to 25 officers

First Place - Dade City Police Department  
 Second Place - Bay Harbor Island Police Department  
 Third Place - Atlantic Beach Police Department

Category 3 - 26 to 40 officers

First Place - Palm Springs Police Department  
 Second Place - Temple Terrace Police Department  
 Third Place - Tarpon Springs Police Department

Category 4 - 41 to 75 officers

First Place - North Miami Police Department  
 Second Place - Aventura Police Department  
 Third Place - Monroe County Sheriff's Office

Category 5 - 76 to 150 officers

First Place - Alachua County Sheriff's Office  
 Second Place - Clay County Sheriff's Office  
 Third Place - Tallahassee Police Department

Category 6 - 151 to 250 officers

First Place - Sarasota County Sheriff's Office  
 Second Place - Gainesville Police Department  
 Third Place - Marion County Sheriff's Office

Category 7 - 251 to 500 officers

First Place - Polk County Sheriff's Office  
 Second Place - Manatee County Sheriff's Office  
 Third Place - St Petersburg Police Department

Category 8 - 501+ officers

First Place Orange County Sheriff's Office  
 Second Place - Jacksonville Sheriff's Office  
 Third Place - Lee County Sheriff's Office

Category 9 - Florida Highway Patrol

First Place - Troop K  
 Second Place - Troop G  
 Third Place - Troop H

Category 10 - University Police Departments

First Place - Florida State University  
 Second Place - University of South Florida  
 Third Place - Florida Agriculture & Mechanical University

Rookie Class

First Place - Lake Hamilton Police Department  
 Second Place - Madison Police Department & Panama City Police Department (tied)  
 Third Place - Howey-In-The-Hills Police Department

Champions Class

First Place - Waldo Police Department  
 Second Place - Hallandale Beach Police Department  
 Third Place - Biscayne Park Police Department

The first place winner in each category was allowed to draw a key from a bowl and attempted to start the all new & documented by GM to be the first in Florida, fully equipped 2011 Chevrolet Caprice PPV with emergency equipment by Whelen, radar by MPH, and graphics by Trilogy Creative, to be used solely for traffic enforcement. The winning agency was the **Alachua County Sheriff's Office!**

In its final year, the DUI Sustained Enforcement program allowed law enforcement agencies in select Florida counties to compete all year long and report their monthly activity in regards to DUI prevention, education, and enforcement. Agencies who participate are awarded points each month allowing them to rise to certain levels based on their activity for the month in regards to DUI enforcement. This year, three agencies rose to the level in the DUI Sustained Enforcement program to draw for a vehicle. They were the Gulf Breeze Police Department, Hillsborough Sheriff's Office, and the St. Petersburg Police Department. The winner of the fully equipped 2011 Chevrolet Tahoe with emergency equipment by Whelen, radar by MPH, graphics by Trilogy Creative, and Intoxilyzer and Printer by CMI to be used solely to be used for DUI enforcement and prevention. is the **St. Petersburg Police Department!**

A special note of thanks to the Florida Highway Patrol for not accepting a key in each of the vehicle drawings.

*On behalf of the entire Law Enforcement Liaison Team, Congratulations to all of the winners and thanks for working together to make Florida's roadways safer!*

## **New Ped/Bike Curriculum for Beginning Level English Learners**

The Walk and Bike Safely -Beginning Level Curriculum for Adult English Language Learners is designed for use by teachers or volunteers working with adult immigrants who are beginning English language learners. The product is in English and uses a more pictorial approach than the previously posted Intermediate level curriculum on the same subject matter. The beginning level curriculum, includes: a Teacher's Guide; a Student Workbook and two listening segments. Walk and Bike Safely consists of six lessons each covering a different safety message. Both the beginning level and intermediate level curriculums can be accessed from either NHTSA's pedestrian or bicycle websites at: [http://nhtsa.gov/Driving+Safety/Pedestrians/For+English+as+Second+Language+\(ESL\)+Teachers+and+Learners](http://nhtsa.gov/Driving+Safety/Pedestrians/For+English+as+Second+Language+(ESL)+Teachers+and+Learners)

## **Buckling Up**

In the June 2011, issue of *POLICE* magazine, the article "Going Strapless", by author Dean Scoville, exposes the fact that more law enforcement officers are killed annually in the United States as a result of a traffic crash than by any other cause. The Florida Law Enforcement Liaison Program encourages our law enforcement partners to visit <http://www.policemag.com/Channel/Patrol/Articles/2011/06/Duty-Dangers-Going-Strapless.aspx> and share this article with their personnel. The life we save might be our own!



Manatee SO Sgt. Rick Rietz with the 2011 Dodge Challenger Click It or Ticket Challenge Vehicle



Alachua SO Sheriff Sadie Darnell & Sgt. Jason Levy with the 2011 Chevrolet Caprice PPV Florida Law Enf. Challenge Vehicle



Manatee SO Sgt. Mike Kenyan with the 2011 Harley Davidson Motor Unit Challenge Motorcycle



St. Petersburg Police Officer Robbie Arkovich & Sgt. Mike Preshur with the 2011 Chevrolet Tahoe DUI Sustained Enforcement Vehicle



Perry Police Department Sgt. Franklin & Sgt. Gray with The 2011 Chevrolet Tahoe DUI Challenger Vehicle

## Florida Public Safety Institute

Under a grant provided by the Florida Department of Transportation, Florida law enforcement officers have an opportunity to attend DUI and Traffic Safety training courses with no financial burden to their agency. For more information, contact Brooke Stone at 850-201-7991 or [stoneb@tcc.fl.edu](mailto:stoneb@tcc.fl.edu) or [www.floridapsi.com](http://www.floridapsi.com)

Program Title	Location	Date
Basic Traffic Homicide Investigation	Tampa, Florida	August 15, 2011
Standardized Field Sobriety Testing	Lake County Technical Institute	August 23, 2011
Practical DUI Case Preparation & Testimony	Palm Springs, Florida	August 29, 2011
Low Staffing Traffic Homicide Investigation	Lake County Technical Institute	September 7, 2011
Crash Scene Mapping	Winter Park, Florida	September 12, 2011
Practical DUI Case Preparation & Testimony	Tampa, Florida	September 13, 2011
Photography for Traffic Crash Investigations	College of Central Florida	September 21, 2011
Computer Aided Crash Diagramming with Crash Zone	Tallahassee, Florida*	August 15, 2011
Advanced Crash Zone with Animation	Tallahassee, Florida*	August 29, 2011
In Car Video Train the Trainer	Tallahassee, Florida*	September 7, 2011
Interview Techniques for Traffic Crash Investigators	Tallahassee, Florida*	September 7, 2011
DUI Instructor	Tallahassee, Florida*	September 12, 2011
Standardized Field Sobriety Testing	Tallahassee, Florida*	September 13, 2011
Traffic Crash Reconstruction	Tallahassee, Florida*	September 19, 2011
Police Motorcycle Instructor	Tallahassee, Florida*	September 19, 2011

\*Programs conducted in Tallahassee, Florida at the Florida Public Safety Institute includes housing & meals at the Institute with NO COST to attendees traveling more than 50 miles.

