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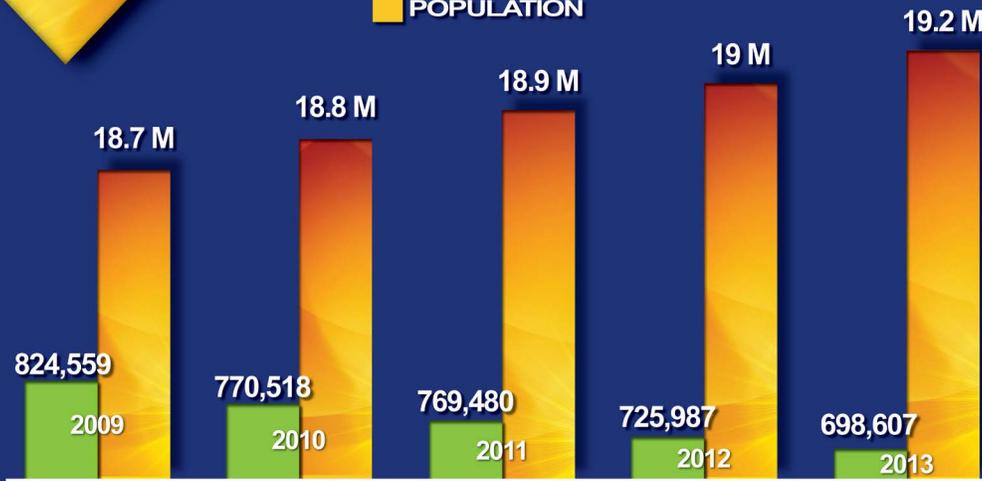
2013
CRIME RATE



Lowest Crime in 43 years

■ CRIME VOLUME

■ POPULATION



Florida 2013 Annual Uniform Crime Report

FLORIDA'S CRIME VOLUME AT HISTORIC LOW

In April, Governor Rick Scott and FDLE Commissioner Gerald Bailey joined local and state law enforcement officials in releasing the 2013 Annual Uniform Crime Report. This report showed a drop in Florida's crime rate by 4.7% as compared to 2012.

Data was submitted by 405 of the state's 413 law enforcement agencies, representing 99.7 percent of our citizens.

According to the report, the percentage of violent crimes (murder, forcible sex offenses, robbery and aggravated assault) fell by 3.8 percent, representing 27,000 fewer crime victims. The report showed a 3.9 percent drop in murders, a 2.8 percent drop in robberies and a 2.1 percent drop in aggravated assault. Non-violent crime (burglary, larceny and motor vehicle theft) fell 4 percent. Burglary and larceny were

down 9.6 percent and 1.8 percent respectively. The number of motor vehicle thefts fell by 6.5 percent.

These numbers reflect historic lows, representing the lowest crime rate in the 43 years that Florida has collected the data.

The report also contains information on officers killed feloniously. Two law enforcement officers died from criminal causes and two law enforcement officers died from accidental causes while on duty in 2013.

The complete 2013 Annual Uniform Crime Report, including breakdowns by county, can be found on FDLE's website at www.fdle.state.fl.us/fsac/ucr. For additional information, please contact Chuck Murphy at (850) 410-7100 or CharlesMurphy@fdle.state.fl.us.

Florida Department of Law Enforcement



Florida Sheriffs Association

Florida Law Enforcement **EXCHANGE**

Florida’s Law Enforcement eXchange (FLEX) project is nearing completion. “Soft launches” have taken place, connecting data sharing systems from Region 3 (LnX Southeast), Region 4 (TBSN), and Region 5 (FINDER). Users of these systems now have the ability to include the other systems’ data in their standard queries. Testing is underway for the two remaining systems: R-LEX, which includes data from Regions 2, 6, 7 and statewide law enforcement, and SmartShare from Region 1. Once these two systems are moved into the FLEX production environment, law enforcement agencies from Pensacola to Key West will be able to add other regional systems to their queries and gather lead-generating data from all 67 Florida counties.

R-LEX is scheduled to go into production in June and SmartShare in late summer 2014. Once complete, FLEX will give members of law enforcement access to data from nearly every police department, sheriff’s office, and state law enforcement agency in Florida.

For additional information, please contact Project Manager Sonja Guthrie at:
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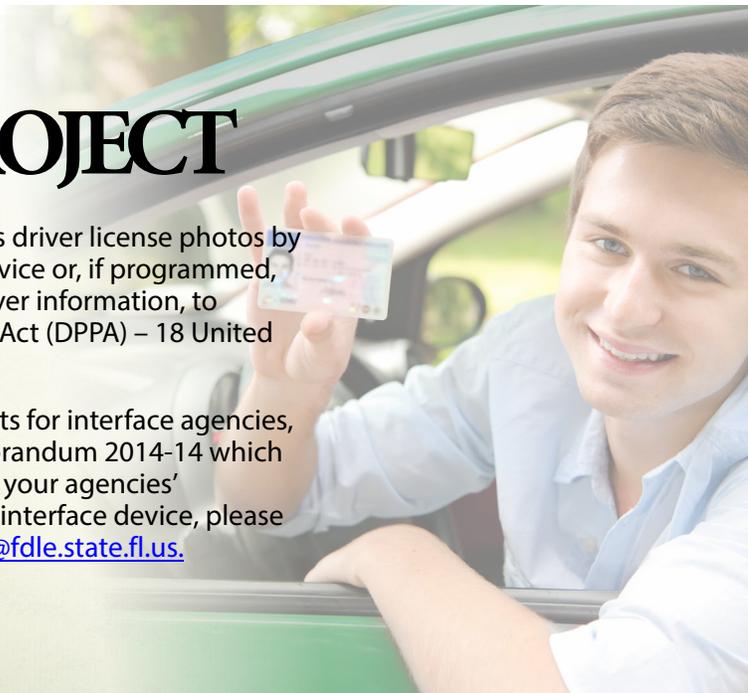


Regional Systems linked via FLEX:	
Region 1 – Northwest	SmartShare (in Testing)
Region 2 – North	R-LEX (in Testing)
Region 3 – Northeast	LnX Southeast (LIVE)
Region 4 – West	TBSN (LIVE)
Region 5 – Central	FINDER (LIVE)
Region 6 – Southwest	R-LEX (in Testing)
Region 7 – Southeast	R-LEX (in Testing)
Statewide Law Enforcement	R-LEX (in Testing)

DRIVER’S LICENSE PHOTO SHARING PROJECT

As of June 12, 2014, law enforcement agencies may access driver license photos by performing a driver license query through an eAgent device or, if programmed, an agency interface device. Any individual accessing driver information, to include photos, must comply with the Driver Privacy Protection Act (DPPA) – 18 United States Code section 2721 et seq.

For additional information regarding programmatic requirements for interface agencies, please review Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Memorandum 2014-14 which may be found at www.flcjin.net. If you have questions regarding your agencies’ eligibility to receive driver license photos through eAgent or an interface device, please contact Information Security Officer Larry Coffee at LarryCoffee@fdle.state.fl.us.



FUNDING ALLOCATION DELAY / PREA



As you may already be aware, this year's Byrne/JAG funding may be affected by the new PREA (Prison Rape Elimination Act) legislation. The Department of Justice (DOJ) required governors to provide state certifications of PREA compliance by May 15, 2014. Once these certifications were received and analyzed, federal formula grants

were being recalculated to adjust for states that will have a financial penalty imposed on their awards.

DOJ recently confirmed that all certifications have been received and they are in the process of finalizing Byrne/JAG state allocations which may be delayed in states being notified of their awards.

We understand the importance of Byrne/JAG funding to Florida's law enforcement and criminal justice agencies, and will work to notify you as soon as more information becomes available.

For additional information regarding grant funding, please contact Administrator Petrina Herring at (850) 617-1264.

MANDATORY CHANGES TO GRANT AGREEMENTS

Over the past few years, the Florida Department of Financial Services (DFS) has been implementing a statewide "Florida Accountability and Contract Tracking System", also known as FACTS. This system was a result of changes to legislation that also imposed new requirements on the content of contractual agreements, including those involving federal grants.

DFS has imposed a rule to halt payments and reimbursements of contracts and grants unless they meet this revised legislative criteria. They have also hired additional staff to audit contract/grant payments and reimbursements. FDLE has been working tirelessly over the past months to ensure your grant payments (especially Byrne/JAG funds) continue to process uninterrupted.

As a result of these changes, FDLE will be providing your Board of County Commissioners, Mayors, agency project directors and grant managers with detailed instructions for this year's Byrne/JAG applications.

Grant agreements will require FDLE to ensure subrecipients thoroughly identify activities/issues that will be addressed with grant funds, specific deliverables that will be produced and clarify additional items with payment and performance for satisfactory grant completion. This information will be included in the notification packet forwarded with your county JAG allocation as soon as it becomes available.



CRIMINAL JUSTICE AGENCY ANNUAL REPORTS

Pursuant to Section 943.22(1)(i)(j), Florida Statutes, all 440 criminal justice agencies are required to submit annual reports containing information relative to compensation of their agencies' full-time officers.

Agencies are also responsible for the correct payment of salary incentive compensation to these officers. These reports were available for agency review in ATMS on January 21, 2014. The deadline to complete the annual report was April 21, 2014. As of July 21 2014, 4 annual reports were still outstanding.

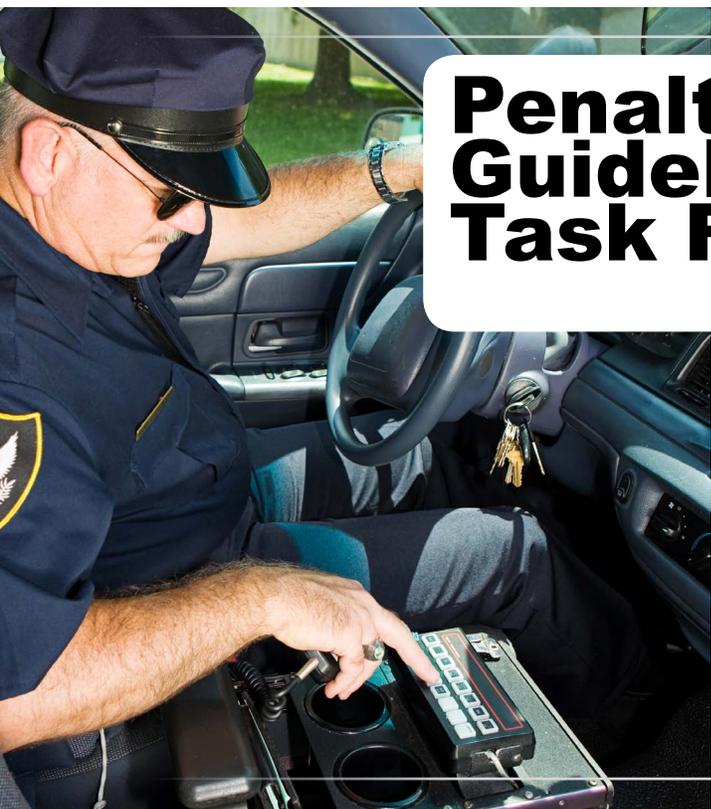
If you have not submitted your annual report, please contact the Officer Records Section at (850) 410-8600.

IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPUTER-BASED TESTING

Effective July 1st, all law enforcement and corrections State Officer Certification Exams (SOCE) are being administered on demand via computer-based testing at authorized test sites across the state.

Recruits can, upon completion of a basic recruit training program or equivalency of the training process, register online through testing company Pearson VUE. Currently, there are 52 authorized test sites from Pensacola to Key West; more sites are scheduled to be added. Employing or recruiting agencies should refer to the online officer records system, ATMS, for access to official exam results; FDLE does not validate or support any other source of exam results.

Results are available in ATMS the day following the exam administration. For more information, agencies can visit the FDLE website to see the list of authorized SOCE test sites, or they may contact FDLE's Research & Assessment Section at (850) 410-8602.



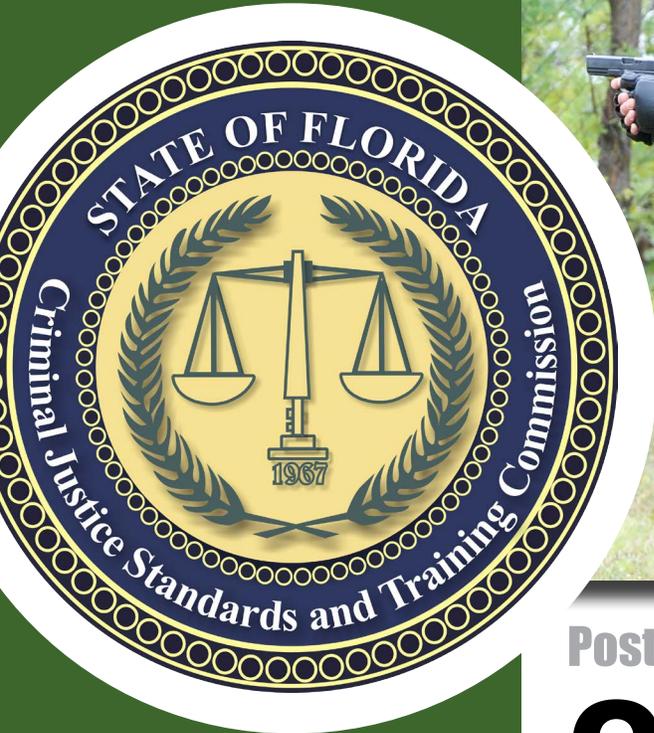
Penalty Guidelines Task Force

The primary issue discussed during the last Penalty Guidelines Task Force workshop involved officer abuse of the Driver and Vehicle Information Database (DAVID) and other electronic databases. Rule 11B-27.011(4), F.A.C. became effective May 29, 2014, and amends language

to clarify illegitimate or personal purpose with bad intent in access of restricted databases. The task force also amended Rule 11B-27.005(5)(c), F.A.C. to strengthen penalties for misuse to include suspension or dismissal.

The Commission will convene the next Penalty Guidelines Task Force workshop during the spring of 2015. If you have any issues to be considered for this workshop, please contact Professional Compliance Section Manager Stacy Lehman at (850) 410-8645 or via e-mail at StacyLehman@fdle.state.fl.us.

Standards and Training Updates



Post-Basic Needs Assessment

Over the last two years, the Commission staff has conducted a needs assessment of the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission's post basic training programs. Officers, agency administrators, training school directors, and instructors collaborated to select topics most relevant to training law enforcement and corrections officers. The group developed recommended changes to the list of salary incentive courses in the Advanced Training Program and the list of Specialized Training Program courses, and these recommendations will be presented to the Commission for approval in August. For more information, agencies may contact Bureau Chief Dwight Floyd at (850) 410-8675.

Upcoming Officer Training/Hearings

- August 6, 2014 – Sawgrass Marriott, Ponte Vedra Beach – Probable Cause Hearings.
- August 7, 2014 – Sawgrass Marriott, Ponte Vedra Beach – Commission Business and Officer Discipline Hearings.
- August 20, 2014 – Florida Police Chief's Association at the Florida Hotel and conference Center at the Florida Mall in Orlando – Effective Discipline and Officer discipline Process.
- November 5, 2014 – Embassy Suites Orlando Lake Buena Vista South, Kissimmee – Probable Cause Hearings.
- November 6, 2014 – Embassy Suites Orlando Lake Buena Vista South, Kissimmee – Commission Business and Officer Discipline Hearings.

For information on any training events or CJSTC meetings, please contact Bureau Chief Glen Hopkins at (850) 410-8660 or Professional Compliance Section Manager Stacy Lehman at (850) 410-8645.

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Florida Criminal Justice Executive Institute

The FCJEI currently offers three leadership programs; the Chief Executive Seminar (CES), the Senior Leadership Program (SLP) and the Florida Leadership Academy (FLA). FCJEI also offers various Continuing Executive Development (CED) classes for criminal justice professionals. Some of these programs meet continuing education requirements for special incentive pay for Sheriffs salary supplement. Graduates of SLP can receive nine graduate level university credits offered through Florida State University, and all of these courses are supported by the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Trust Fund. For questions concerning any of these programs please contact the FDLE Bureau of Professional Development at 850-410-7373.

Below are the 2014 - 2015 dates for FCJEI courses:

FLA #31 – Melbourne – Eastern Florida State College

September 8 – 12, 2014
 October 6 – 10, 2014
 November 3 – 7, 2014
 December 1 – 5, 2014

FLA #32 – Ocala – Ocala PD

January 5 – 9, 2015
 February 2 – 6, 2015
 March 2 – 6, 2015
 April 6 – 10, 2015

FLA #33 – Pensacola – Pensacola PD

May 4 – 8, 2015
 June 1 – 5, 2015
 July 6 – 10, 2015
 August 3 – 7, 2015

FLA #34 – Indian River – Indian River State College

September 7 – 11, 2015
 October 5 – 9, 2015
 November 2 – 6, 2015
 December 7 – 11, 2015

CES #48 – Tallahassee, FL:

September 21 – 24, 2014
 October 20 – 22, 2014
 November 17 – 19, 2014

SLP #18 – Tallahassee, FL:

January 5 – 8, 2015
 February 9 – 12, 2015
 April 13 – 16, 2015
 June 1 – 4, 2015
 July 20 – 23, 2015
 August 24 – 27, 2015
 October 5 – 8, 2015



Rapid DNA Software

Rapid DNA refers to the fully automated (hands free) process of developing a CODIS Core STR profile from a reference sample buccal swab.

FDLE has learned that there are vendors approaching local law enforcement agencies claiming to have hardware and software that will allow them to develop DNA profiles without having to submit them to a qualified laboratory for analysis. While there are products that will produce a DNA profile, none of the Rapid DNA instruments available have been approved by the FBI as meeting their definition of Rapid DNA as of March 2014.

It is important for law enforcement to be aware that profiles generated using this technology do not meet the standards established by the FBI for upload into the national Combined DNA Index System (CODIS). More information regarding Rapid DNA can be found on the FBI's website at www.FBI.gov.

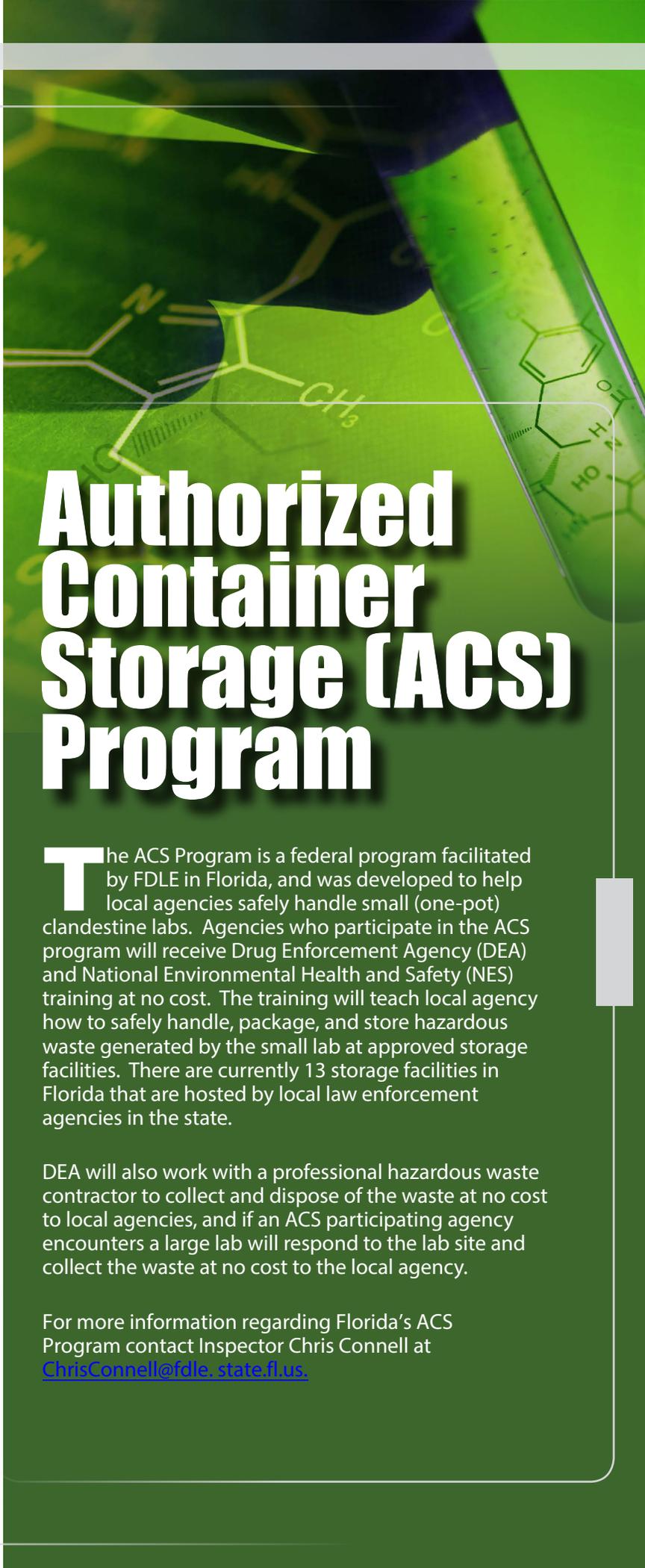


Authorized Container Storage (ACS) Program

The ACS Program is a federal program facilitated by FDLE in Florida, and was developed to help local agencies safely handle small (one-pot) clandestine labs. Agencies who participate in the ACS program will receive Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) and National Environmental Health and Safety (NES) training at no cost. The training will teach local agency how to safely handle, package, and store hazardous waste generated by the small lab at approved storage facilities. There are currently 13 storage facilities in Florida that are hosted by local law enforcement agencies in the state.

DEA will also work with a professional hazardous waste contractor to collect and dispose of the waste at no cost to local agencies, and if an ACS participating agency encounters a large lab will respond to the lab site and collect the waste at no cost to the local agency.

For more information regarding Florida's ACS Program contact Inspector Chris Connell at ChrisConnell@fdle.state.fl.us.



New Offender Enforcement Unit

FDLE is in the process of implementing a statewide sex offender/career offender enforcement initiative whose initial focus will be to track down and arrest absconded offenders. Additionally, FDLE will be targeting offenders who are out of compliance with their offender registration requirements. This new unit will also be working with medical examiners and local law enforcement agencies to solve unidentified deceased cases.

Sexual Predators & Offenders Registration Requirements

SB 528 (HB 7025) – effective October 1, 2014, makes the following modifications to Florida laws regarding sexual offender/predator registration.

- Transient predators and offenders must report to the Sheriff's Office (SO) within 48 hours of establishing a residence in that county and report in person every 30 days to the SO while transient. Sheriff's offices must establish procedures for reporting transient information in their respective counties, and may work with police departments and other governmental agencies to identify appropriate reporting sites.
- Registrants must now register all vehicles owned, leased, registered or rented, and any vehicle similarly owned etc. by any person who resides at the predator/offender's permanent residence. Registrants must report to the sheriff's office within 48 hours after any change in "vehicles owned."
- Other new registration requirements include: instant messenger, social networking and application software ("apps") identifiers; palm prints, passport, immigration status, professional licenses, and in person reporting prior leaving the U.S. for five or more days.

This bill clarifies that local law enforcement may verify addresses of offenders/predators under DOC supervision, and makes the following acts a 3rd degree felony:

- Knowingly provide false registration information by act or omission; or
- Failure of a transient registrant to report every 30 days.

For more information regarding sexual predator/offender registration, please contact Government Analyst Jon Roddenberry at 888-357-7332 or sexpred@fdle.state.fl.us.

Florida State Silver Alert & Department of Lottery Partnership

On February 10, 2014, the State Silver Alert Program began to partner with the Florida Lottery to show all active Silver Alert photos at store terminals.

This expansion of Silver Alerts to lottery ticket terminals in stores and gas stations will help to increase community awareness when a senior goes missing. As of June 10, 2014 there have been a total of 6 direct recoveries for Silver Alerts due to citizens seeing the photo on a lottery terminal.



Florida Missing Children's Day Ceremony

Florida law enforcement agencies are invited to attend the Florida Missing Children's Day ceremony on September 8, 2014. Each year children, families, and citizens convene at the Capitol in Tallahassee to remember Florida's missing children: those still missing and those who will never come home again.

The event recognizes citizens and law enforcement officers who have gone above and beyond in missing person investigations or worked to combat human trafficking. Also, recognized are trailing teams, school bus operators and child heroes who have escaped or thwarted abduction. The Governor, Lieutenant Governor, FDLE Commissioner and John Walsh have served as guest speakers in the past.

The event is sponsored by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Missing Endangered Persons Information Clearinghouse Advisory Board, the Florida Missing Children's Day Foundation, Florida law enforcement agencies and others. For additional information, please call 1-888-FL MISSING (356-4774) or visit FMCDF.org.



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