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# Highway & Waterway Safety Subcommittee

## MEETING PACKET

Wednesday, January 7, 2015  
1:30 PM – 3:30 PM  
116 Knott Building

Steve Crisafulli  
Speaker

W. Gregory Steube  
Chair

# **Committee Meeting Notice**

## **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

### **Highway & Waterway Safety Subcommittee**

**Start Date and Time:** Wednesday, January 07, 2015 01:30 pm  
**End Date and Time:** Wednesday, January 07, 2015 03:30 pm  
**Location:** 116 Knott Building  
**Duration:** 2.00 hrs

Presentations by:

The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles – Agency Overview  
The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission – Agency Overview

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# Agency Overview

January 7, 2015



## **AGENCY OVERVIEW**

### **Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles**

Our Mission: “Providing Highway Safety and Security Through Excellence in Service, Education, and Enforcement”.

Composed of Four Divisions: Florida Highway Patrol, Motorist Services, Administrative Services, and Information Systems Administration.

4,414 Full Time Employees, includes 1974 sworn Law Enforcement Officers.

# What We Do

- License more than 15 million drivers and issue ID cards to over 2 million Floridians.
- Register 19 million vehicle & vessels annually.
- Patrol more than 85,000 miles of highways daily to keep residents and visitors safe on the roads (*31 million miles annually*).
- Provide traffic data and statistics to law enforcement entities, other state and local agencies and academic institutions.

# Core Services

## Motorists Services

- Driver license and Identification Card issuance
- Commercial driver licenses
- Motor vehicle title and registration issuance (License Plates)
- Motorist compliance (License suspensions and reinstatements)
- Financial responsibility (Vehicle Insurance Compliance)
- DUI and Driver education and improvement programs and licenses
- Medical review of drivers
- Driver, motor vehicle and crash records
- Vessel title and registration
- Motor vehicle dealer, manufacturer and distributor licensing
- Mobile home & RV dealer, manufacturer and installer licensing

## Florida Highway Patrol

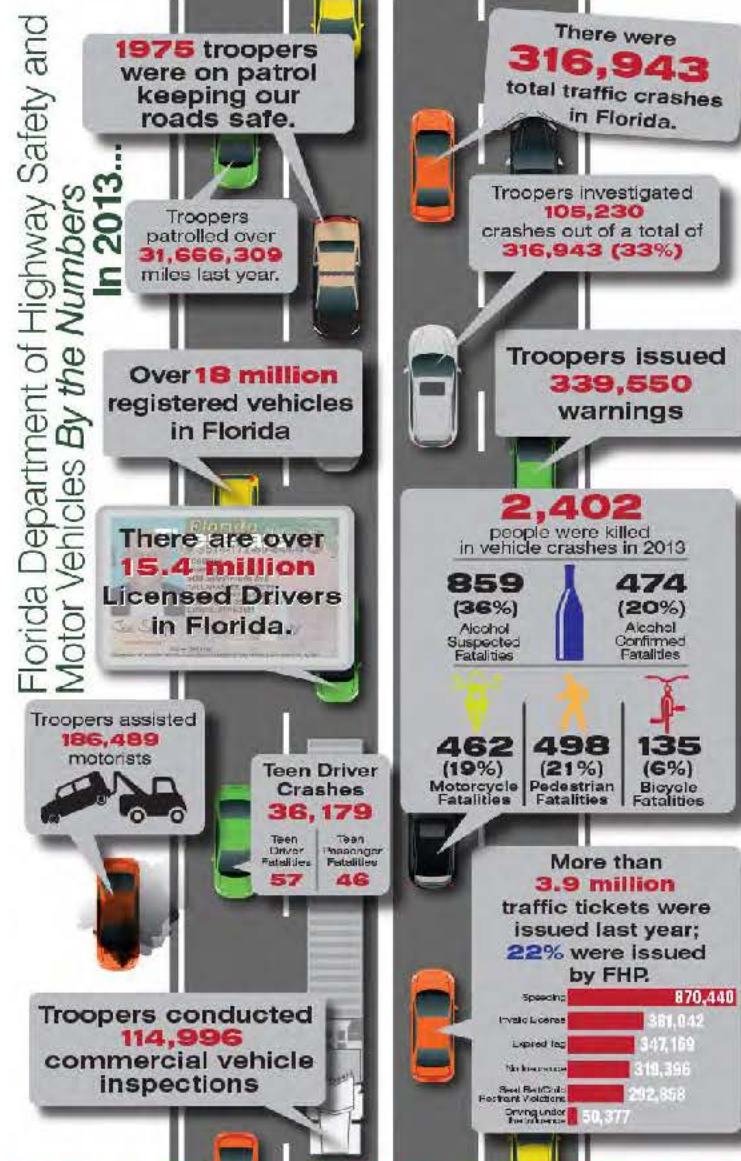
- Help ensure motorists safety through the enforcement of Florida's traffic laws
- Motorist assistance
- Crash response and investigation
- Traffic homicide / fatality investigations
- Criminal Interdiction
- Domestic security / Mutual Aid
- Commercial Vehicle Enforcement

## Administration / Information Services

- Data security protection
- Law enforcement technology support
- Public safety education outreach
- Administrative Reviews to ensure due process for motorists
- Review and prepare final agency actions



# Facts and Figures 2013-2014

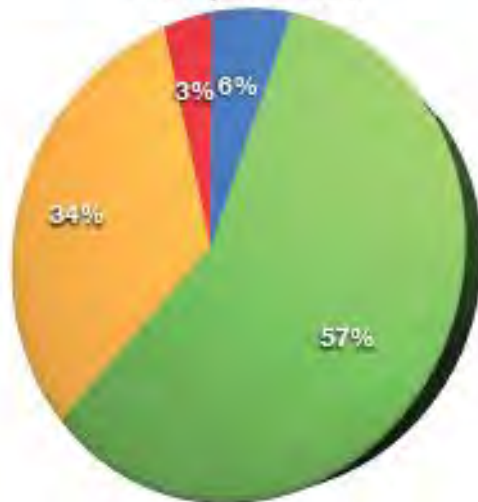




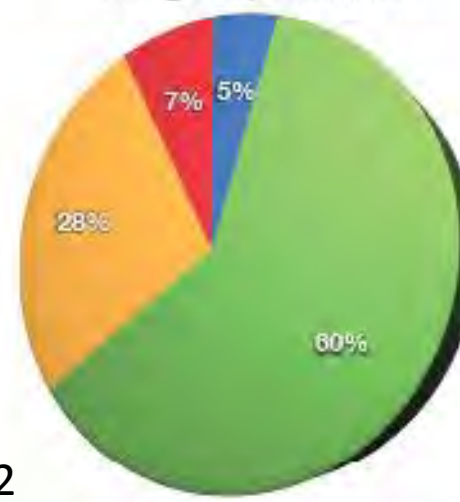
# Fiscal Year 2014-15 Budget



FTE by Division



Budget by Division



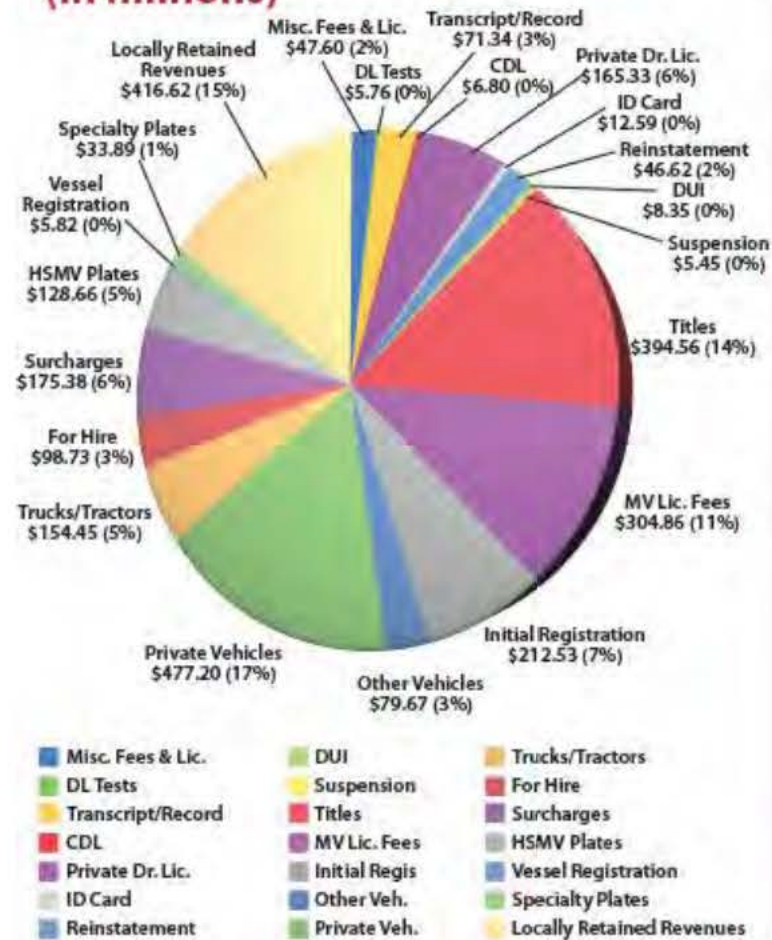
**FTE:**  
4,414

**Budget:**  
\$440,514,662

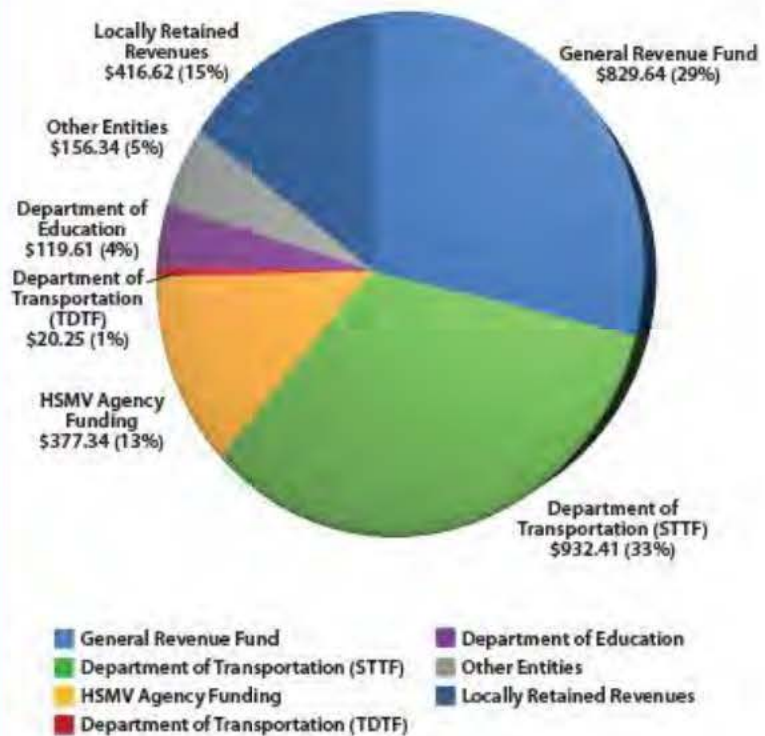
# Fiscal Impact

*Responsible for distributing over \$2.85 billion in state revenue*

**Where The Money Comes From  
(in millions)**



**Where The Money Goes  
(in millions)**



# Highlights from 2014 Legislative Session

- Motor vehicles registration fee reduction
- Re-design of license plates for military veterans
- Increased penalty for drivers who leave the scene of an accident *“Aaron Cohen Life Protection Act”*
- “Move Over” law revised to include utility and sanitation vehicles
- “Sexual Predator” printed on DL/ID for individuals designated as sexual predators.
- Child Restraint Law revised to increase age children required to be in booster seat.
- Added four new Specialty License Plates



Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles  
*Executive Director, Terry L. Rhodes*







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# Waterway Safety

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

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# Boating and Florida's Economy



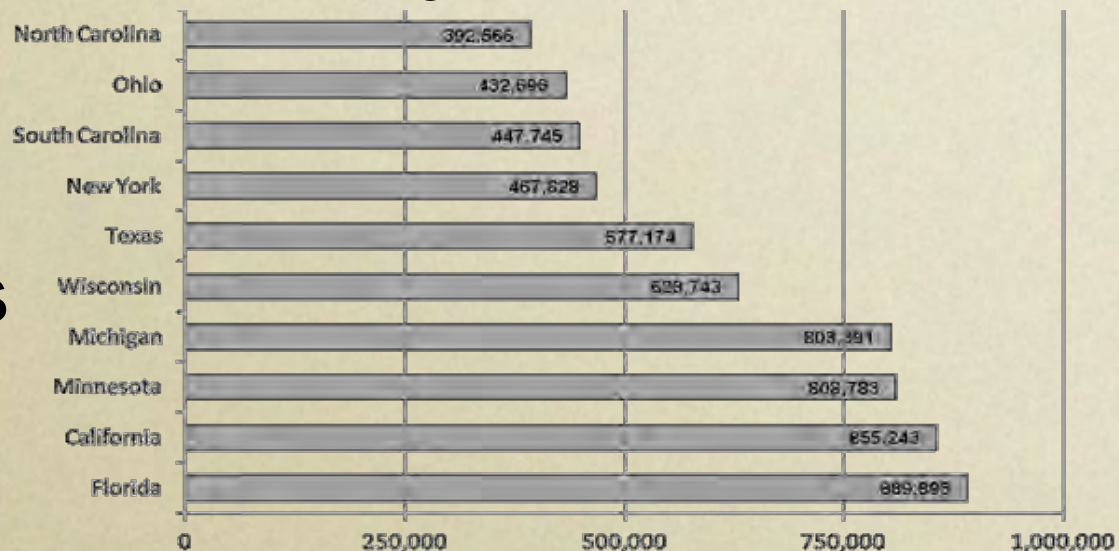
Florida is a premier boating destination





# Boating and Florida's Economy

#1 nationally in  
registered boats



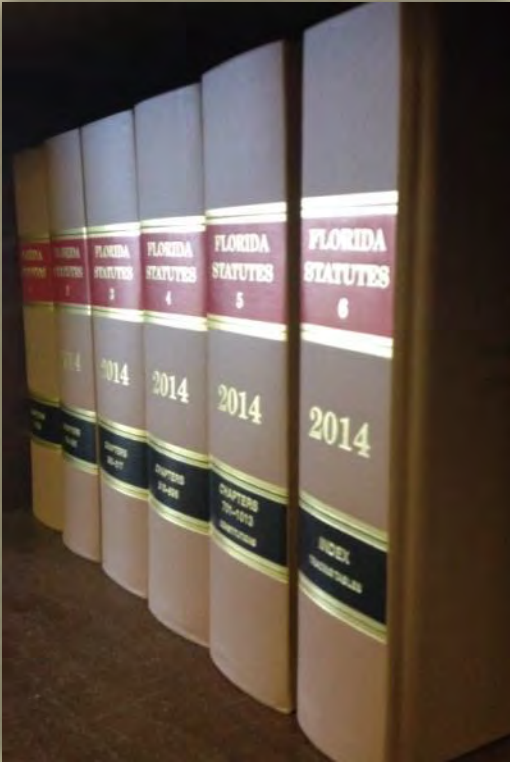
**\$10.6**  
billion

Economic benefit of  
recreational boating  
in Florida

Source: National Marine Manufacturers Assoc., 2012 Recreational Boating Economic Study by Michigan State University, adjusted through June 2013



# Managing Florida's Waterways



- State law assigns responsibility to the State/FWC for:
  - Waterway management
  - Boating safety program
- Limited authority is granted to local governments:
  - Boating safety speed zones
  - Derelict vessel/debris removal





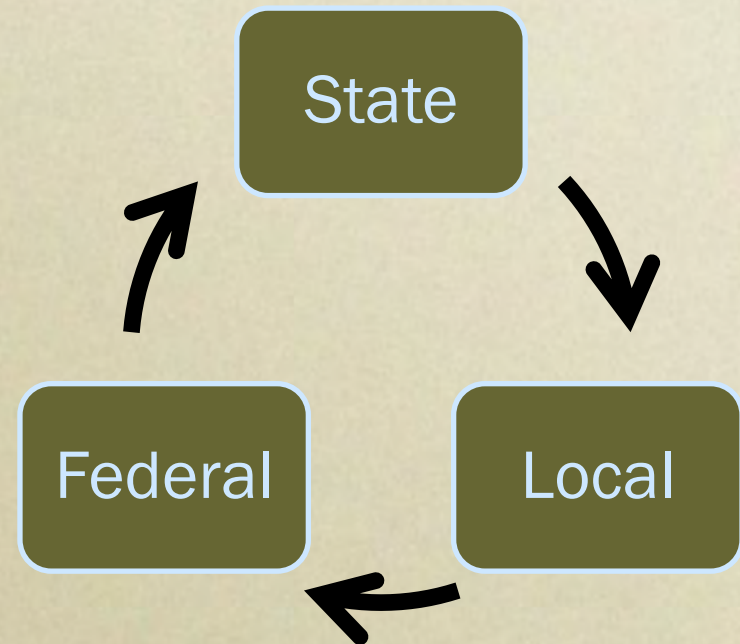
# FWC Responsibilities



Enforcement of state boating laws



# FWC Responsibilities



Coordination with other governmental entities





# FWC Responsibilities



Boating safety education and outreach



# FWC Responsibilities



Improving access to Florida's waterways





# FWC Responsibilities



Derelict vessels





# FWC Responsibilities



Accident investigation and reporting



# FWC Responsibilities

## Oversight of Florida's Boating Advisory Council

- Created in statute to advise FWC on boating related matters
- 18 members, Governor appoints 11; Speaker and Senate President appoint 1 each
  - Representatives from boating public, scuba diving, canoe/kayak, commercial fishing, commercial vessel operators, marine manufacturers, marine industries, marine special events, environmental groups, manatee protection, Inland Navigation Districts, US Coast Guard Auxiliary, US Power Squadrons, DEP and FWC





# FWC Responsibilities

## Anchoring and Mooring Pilot Program

- Allows 5 local governments to test options for managing anchored/moored boats
  - St. Augustine, Stuart/Martin County, Monroe County, Sarasota, and St. Petersburg
  - FWC is working with boating and local government interests to find solutions to various anchoring issues





State Archives of Florida, *Florida Memory*, <http://floridamemory.com/items/show/94821>, Monts de Oca, C. Morris

