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MORE BEARS IN TRUNKS OF FLORIDA HIGHWAY PATROL CARS *SMART SunGuide TMC Collects Stuffed Animals for FHP Troop “L”*

(Fort Lauderdale, FL – January 27, 2009) – Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) Troop “L” received over 675 bears and stuffed animals as a donation to their 2009 “Care Bears” program. The effort was coordinated by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) SMART SunGuide Transportation Management Center (TMC). Bears and more were donated by employees of the FDOT District Four office, AECOM USA, Inc. and Transcore.

Sergeant Mark Wysocky, Public Affairs Officer from Troop “L” accepted the donation on behalf of FHP. With so many bears, FHP will be able to replenish their own supply as well as share with local children’s programs. “Thanks to the collection efforts of the SMART SunGuide TMC, not only does the Care Bear program benefit the children in crashes, but also in the hospital,” said Wysocky. Troopers keep a supply of the bears and other stuffed animals in the back of patrol cars to distribute to children in traumatizing events.

This is the third year that the team at SMART SunGuide TMC and their colleagues have collected for the “Care Bear” program. “I’m proud of my team and colleagues for their tremendous effort,” said Steven Corbin, District Four ITS Operations Manager. “We’ll be bringing a little ray of hope to over 675 children in our District and are already looking forward to next year’s collection.”

The SMART SunGuide TMC is a 24-hour facility run by the FDOT District Four and the Broward County Traffic Engineering Division. The TMC monitors freeways and major arterial routes with closed circuit TV cameras, speed sensors, traffic signal control devices and a fleet of Road Ranger Service Patrol vehicles. In coordination with local law enforcement and fire rescue, TMC operators identify and respond aggressively to quickly clear incidents, disabled vehicles and other interruptions to traffic with the intelligent transportation systems (ITS) equipment. Information from the TMC is displayed on Dynamic Message Signs (DMS) and on the region’s 5-1-1 Advanced Traveler Information Service. For real-time traffic conditions or information about the SMART SunGuide TMC, please visit www.SMARTSunGuide.com.

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