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### ***FDOT RECOGNIZES OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT***

*SMART SunGuide Awards Presented*

(Fort Lauderdale, FL – January 27, 2009) – Nineteen outstanding individuals and organizations were publicly acknowledged today and the fifth annual SMART SunGuide Awards.

Each year, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District Four Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Program recognizes those that went above and beyond the call of duty. The SMART SunGuide awards were presented to the following individuals:

Road Ranger - Dedication to Motorist Assistance: Yves Rho  
Traffic Incident Management - Participation and Contribution in Meetings: Sgt. John Churchill  
ITS Operations - Customer Service and Mentoring: Cheryl Peterson  
ITS Management – Innovation and Leadership: Daniel Smith  
ITS Maintenance – Dedication to System Availability: Carl Smith  
Road Watcher – Dedication to Motorist Safety: Patrick Freiwald  
Public Partnering – Commitment to Teamwork: Sgt. Rodney Brimlow  
Road Ranger – Newcomer of the Year: George Nuñez  
Road Ranger – Continued Excellence: Juslet Bellot  
Outstanding Achievement: David Ashton, James Barbosa, Dong Chen, Steve Corbin, Robert Edelstein, Gregg Letts, Dee McTague, Bo Qian, Daniel Smith, and Neena Soans

The SMART SunGuide Transportation Management Center (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 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](http://www.SMARTSunGuide.com).

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