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# SMART MOVES

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## THE COUNTDOWN IS ON FOR THE 2008 FREEWAY AND TOLLWAY OPERATIONS CONFERENCE!

The Transportation Research Board Freeway Operations Committee and International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association are pleased to announce the 2008 Freeway and Tollway Operations Conference (FTOC). The conference is scheduled for June 15-19, 2008, and will be held at the Hyatt Regency Bonaventure in Weston, Florida. The host committee for the event is made up of staff from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District Four and the Florida's Turnpike Enterprise. The conference will feature five different tracks to address the following themes:

- Expressway/Motorway Management
- Tollway and Tolling Operations
- Operations and Control Center Technologies
- Safety in Incident Management
- Managed Lanes

There are many reasons why you should consider attending this exciting event. Here are just a few:

**5. Amazing Speakers** - Over 100 different speakers will be at the 2008 FTOC. These speakers will be coming from around the world to present on a variety of topics. A poster session will showcase additional presentations and allow for one-on-one discussion with the authors. During large group meetings, special presentations will be made by keynote speakers: Richard Burleson, former Chief Referee and President of the SEC; retired four-star General Barry McCaffrey; and Scott Belcher, President and CEO of ITS America.

**4. Family Friendly** - The special evening activities are open to your companion for a nominal fee. Monday's Caribbean themed dinner will be held at the Lauderdale Yacht Club. Tuesday's banquet



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dinner will be at the Hyatt Bonaventure followed by poolside music and dancing.

**3. Outstanding Accommodations and Services** - The Hyatt Regency Bonaventure, the 2008 FTOC venue, is a newly remodeled conference center, hotel, and spa. It is also a member of the "Green" Hotels Association ([www.greenhotels.com](http://www.greenhotels.com)). The conference hosts will be coordinating your transportation throughout the week, including to and from the Fort Lauderdale International Airport.

**2. Interactive Learning** - The program for the conference is packed with activities, including technical tours, an incident management demonstration, and an exhibit hall where 24 international companies will have displays.

**1. Professional Growth** - Over 300 transportation professionals from around the world will be coming together to network and discuss the latest issues in freeway and tollway operations. We want YOU to be a part of it!

Don't put off your registration any longer. The 2008 Freeway and Tollway Operations Conference is something that you will not want to miss! Visit [www.2008FTOC.com](http://www.2008FTOC.com) for conference information and registration.

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## NEWS FROM DISTRICT FOUR ITS

“We are all very excited at the prospect of providing additional levels of service to the motoring public, these tools will go a long way in fulfilling our vision of becoming the best Traffic Management Center in the United States by 2010,” says Daniel Smith, FDOT District Four ITS Deployment Manager. Listed below are updates on current deployments:

→ The physical construction of Phase II, which is an Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) deployment project along I-75 in Broward County, is approximately 90% complete. Conduit, fiber, concrete poles and ITS devices have been installed. Stand-alone testing has also begun. The completion of Phase II ITS deployment project is scheduled for early summer 2008.

→ The technical and selection process for an ITS deployment project in the Northern Three Counties (Martin, St. Lucie and Indian River) of FDOT District Four have been completed. The Department is in the final steps of awarding this contract to the winning Design/Build firm.

→ Another project for ITS Design/Build is the process for technical and selection in process for the Broward County. This project will bring advanced ITS capabilities to Broward County such as, Arterial Dynamic Message Signs (DMS), Highway Advisory Radio (HAR), Roadway Weather Information System

(RWIS) and a Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOiP) subsystem.

→ A Request For Proposal (RFP) document for an ITS Design/Build project within Broward County to upgrade and reconfigure the Power Distribution system along the I-95 corridor is being created. This project will also provide for a redundant power delivery system for ITS devices.

→ District Four ITS personnel are in Process of creating a Request For Proposal (RFP) document for an ITS Design/Build project along portions of I-75 (Alligator Alley). This deployment will be innovative Safety System mean to reduce the severe crash history along Alligator Alley utilizing speed monitoring and warning, wet weather sensing and lane control delineation.



## FDOT DISTRICT FOUR WELCOMES THE SEVERE INCIDENT RESPONSE VEHICLE PROGRAM

The Severe Incident Response Vehicle (SIRV) program was awarded to DMJM Harris AECOM on February 1, 2008. This followed the pilot program begun in 2005.

The most significant changes under the new contract will be that two SIRV trucks patrol during peak hours, which are 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00pm to 7:00pm daily. The SIRV team will also be dispatched to incidents occurring on Alligator Alley in Broward County. “FDOT District Four is excited to welcome the SIRV Program as an official FDOT program,” says Guy Francese, District Four TIM/Road Ranger Manager.

The SIRV Team is dispatched by the SMART SunGuide Transportation Management Center (TMC) to major incidents on I-75, I-95, and I-595 in Broward County 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The SIRV program was designed to assist in the mitigation of delays caused by severe traffic incidents and to increase the safety of emergency responders. They respond to incidents where any lane blockage, fatalities, or structural damage to the highway occur.



*There will be two SIRV patrol zones under the new contract.*

Do You Know How to ask for Road Ranger Service Patrol Assistance?  
**Dial \*FHP (\*347)**

## MOVE OVER SIGNS ON ALLIGATOR ALLEY

During the five-year period of 1995-2000, motorists in Florida crashed into working law enforcement vehicles that were stopped/parked along Florida roadways 1,793 times, resulting in five deaths and 419 injuries.

Drivers are now required to Move Over or Slow Down when approaching an authorized emergency vehicle that is stopped on a highway in Florida. The “**Move Over Act**”, passed during the 2002 session of the Florida Legislature, was signed by Governor Jeb Bush on May 1, 2002. Forty states have passed Move Over laws, which require motorists to Move Over and change lanes to give safe clearance to law enforcement officers on roadsides.

The District Four Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Team recognized the need for motorist awareness of the law and made recommendations for a public awareness campaign. The Public Information Offices for FDOT and Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) worked together to develop a campaign. FHP developed an advertisement that was displayed on billboards throughout the state. So far, two sign designs have been installed, one for the mainline roadway and the other for rest areas along Interstate 75.

The FDOT Community Traffic Safety Team will be creating bumper stickers depicting the Move Over Law to distribute to the public and to be placed on Road Ranger vehicles for maximum exposure. Troopers will continue to aggressively enforce the Move Over Law, so motorists need to watch out!

Here is a listing of the Move Over signs already posted:

### Broward County

- I-95 northbound south of Hallandale Beach Boulevard
- I-95 southbound north of Hillsboro Boulevard
- I-595 westbound east of I-95
- I-75 southbound west of Indian Trace and
- I-75 northbound south of Miramar Parkway
- I-75/Alligator Alley northbound west of the east toll plaza
- Rest Area at Mile Marker 35

### Palm Beach County

- I-95 northbound at the Broward County line
- I-95 southbound at the Martin County line

### Martin County

- I-95 northbound at the Palm Beach County line
- I-95 southbound at the St. Lucie County line

### St. Lucie County

- I-95 northbound at the Martin County line
- I-95 southbound at the Indian River County line

### Indian River County

- I-95 northbound at the St. Lucie County line
- I-95 southbound at the Brevard County line

Ten of the Rest Area signs were installed along I-95 in Martin and St. Lucie counties.



For more information regarding the Move Over Law visit: [www.fhp.state.fl.us/misc/MoveOver.htm](http://www.fhp.state.fl.us/misc/MoveOver.htm)

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## SMART SUNGUIDE AWARDS 2007

The fourth annual SMART SunGuide awards, sponsored by DMJM Harris AECOM, highlighted the dedication and service of individuals who performed above and beyond the call of duty. Awards were given to employees of the SMART SunGuide TMC and partnering agencies. The following individuals were recognized for their service:

**Road Ranger - Dedication to Motorist Assistance:**

Eduardo Robles

**Traffic Incident Management - Participation and Contribution in Meetings:**

A Superior Towing

**ITS Operations - Customer Service and Mentoring:**

David Needham

**ITS Management – Innovation and Leadership:**

Robert Murphy

**ITS Maintenance – Dedication to System Availability:**

Kendra Blackford

**Road Watcher – Dedication to Motorist Safety:**

Steven Corbin

**Public Partnering – Commitment to Teamwork:**

Florida Highway Patrol

**Road Ranger – Newcomer of the Year:**

Oscar Castellanos

**Road Ranger – Continued Excellence:**

Theo Seneck

**Outstanding Achievement:**

Kifara Haul

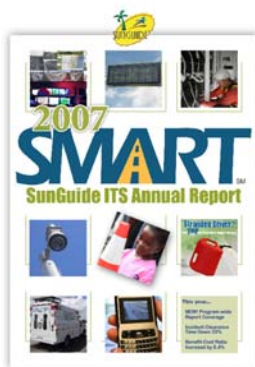
**“SunGuide” Award:**

Jorge Valle



*Pictured left to right: David Needham, Oscar Castellanos, Theo Seneck, Steve Corbin, Jorge Valle, Kifara Haul, Kendra Blackford, Eduardo Robles, Robert Murphy, Sean Loscalzo of A Superior Towing, Sgt. Mark Wysocky of Florida Highway Patrol*

### 2007 ANNUAL REPORT AVAILABLE ONLINE



The 2007 SunGuide ITS Annual Report now focuses on the entire District Four Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Program and the services provided throughout the district. Beginning with the ITS Program's Benefit-Cost Ratio and continuing through each output and outcome shown, the results are program-wide. This

year's report highlights how our program performed, the services we provided, other initiatives we deployed and some of the accolades we received for our dedication to improving the safety and travel conditions for our customers.

Please visit [SMARTSunGuide.com](http://SMARTSunGuide.com) to download a copy or pick one up at our lobby kiosk today!

### 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL “ITS CARES” CARE BEAR COLLECTION

Over 570 teddy bears and stuffed animals, were collected this year!

Sergeant Mark Wysocky, Public Affairs Officer from FHP Troop “L”, was presented with the large amount of stuffed animals at the SMART SunGuide Awards Ceremony. The bears will be a welcome sight to the kids,” said Wysocky. This year, we’ll be able to share with other Troop “L” Districts, Joe DiMaggio Children’s Hospital and the Chris Evert Children’s Hospital.

The effort was coordinated by the FDOT District Four SMART SunGuide TMC. Donations came from FDOT District Four, DMJM Harris AECOM, Broward County Traffic Engineering Division, Transcore, HNTB, IBI Group, Emerald Towing, and Service One Maintenance Services. Thank you to all donated to the FHP Care Bear Program.

