

NHTSA Region IV Law Enforcement Liaison Conference

FEBRUARY 8–12, 2027 • ORLANDO, FLORIDA

Wyndham Garden Lake Buena Vista

PROGRAM & AGENDA

FLORIDA LAW ENFORCEMENT LIAISON PROGRAM

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Registration and Lodging

Conference Registration: $250 per person, including access to all conference sessions and activities, plus breakfast and lunch on both days. Register and pay through IPTM (link below) before reserving your hotel room.

Hotel Reservations: Reserve your room directly with Wyndham Garden Lake Buena Vista using the provided hotel reservation link. The room rate is $170 per night, with parking at $20 per night. Resort fees are waived.

Registration Details and Links: floridalel.info/region4

Monday, February 8, 2027

- Region IV State Safety Offices Travel Day
- Florida LEL Team Travel and Conference Setup

Tuesday, February 9, 2027

TIME	SESSION	PRESENTER OR LOCATION
8:30 AM – 9:00 AM	***Breakfast***	
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	**Region IV State Safety Offices Meeting**	Sandy Lake (lobby level)
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM	***Lunch on Your Own***	
1:30 PM – 5:00 PM	**Region IV State Safety Offices Meeting**	Sandy Lake (lobby level)
1:30 PM – 6:00 PM	**Conference Registration**	Solar Room (mezzanine level)

- LEL Staff and guests Travel Day

Wednesday, February 10, 2027

Morning Schedule

TIME	SESSION	PRESENTER OR LOCATION
7:00 AM – 9:00 AM	**Conference Registration**	Solar Room (mezzanine level)
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	***Breakfast***	
9:00 AM – 9:15 AM	**Call to Order and Opening Ceremony**	**Tim Roberts**, Coordinator, Florida Law Enforcement Liaison Program
9:15 AM – 9:20 AM	**Opening Remarks**	**Chris Craig**, Traffic Safety Administrator, Florida Department of Transportation
9:20 AM – 9:25 AM	**Welcome to Florida**	**Col. Gary L. Howze II**, Director, Florida Highway Patrol
9:25 AM – 9:30 AM	**Target Zero in Florida**	**Brenda Young, P.E.**, State Transportation Safety Director, Florida Department of Transportation
9:30 AM – 9:35 AM	**National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Region IV Message**	**Speaker TBD**, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Region IV
9:35 AM – 9:40 AM	**Speaker Introduction**	**Shaun VanBeber**, Senior LEL, District 6, Florida Law Enforcement Liaison Program
9:40 AM – 11:30 AM	**Waymo: Autonomous Vehicles, Emergency Response, and Law Enforcement Interaction**	**Anthony M. Carter** and **Billy Morris**, First Responder Ambassadors, Waymo
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	***Lunch***	

Wednesday, February 10, 2027

Afternoon Schedule

TIME	SESSION	PRESENTER OR LOCATION
1:00 PM – 1:05 PM	**Speaker Introduction**	**Jon Askins**, District 5 LEL, Florida Law Enforcement Liaison Program
1:05 PM – 1:25 PM	**Traffic Safety and the Space Force Mission**	**Col. Brian L. Chatman**, Space Launch Delta 45 Commander, United States Space Force
1:25 PM – 1:30 PM	**Speaker Introduction**	**Janice Martinez**, District 1 LEL, Florida Law Enforcement Liaison Program
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM	**Paws for the Law: Therapy Dogs for First Responders and the Public They Serve**	**Lt. Tara Crescenzi** and **Therapy K-9 Dean**, Florida Highway Patrol **Jena McKinstry** and **Koda the Fluff**, Smiles Fur Miles
2:30 PM – 2:35 PM	**Speaker Introduction**	**Jim Hartwell**, District 7 LEL, Florida Law Enforcement Liaison Program
2:35 PM – 3:30 PM	**E-Bikes: Understanding Regional Laws and Enforcement Challenges**	State representatives from Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, and Tennessee
3:30 PM – 3:45 PM	***Break***	
3:45 PM – 3:50 PM	**Speaker Introduction**	**Brian C. Muhlbach**, District 3 LEL, Florida Law Enforcement Liaison Program
3:50 PM – 5:00 PM	**Approach with Care: Responding to Drivers with Autism**	**Jeff Mahoney**, Deputy Chief, Tallahassee Police Department **Catherine Zenko**, Director, Florida State University Center for Autism and Related Disabilities
5:00 PM	**Day 1 Review**	**Tim Roberts**, Coordinator, Florida Law Enforcement Liaison Program

Thursday, February 11, 2027

Morning Schedule

TIME	SESSION	PRESENTER OR LOCATION
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	***Continental Breakfast***	
9:00 AM – 9:05 AM	**Call to Order**	**Tim Roberts**, Coordinator, Florida Law Enforcement Liaison Program
9:05 AM – 9:25 AM	**Operation Southern Slow Down Campaign Results and Review**	State representatives from Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, and Tennessee
9:25 AM – 9:30 AM	**Speaker Introduction**	**Chris Craig**, Traffic Safety Administrator, Florida Department of Transportation
9:30 AM – 10:30 AM	**Operation Buzzkill**	**Jacob Gonzalez**, Sergeant, Tampa Police Department
10:30 AM – 10:45 AM	***Break***	
10:45 AM – 10:50 AM	**Speaker Introduction**	**Juan Cardona**, District 2 LEL, Florida Law Enforcement Liaison Program
10:50 AM – 11:45 AM	**LEL Show and Tell: What NHTSA-funded items are we distributing?**	State representatives from Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, and Tennessee
11:45 AM – 1:15 PM	***Lunch***	
1:15 PM – 1:20 PM	**Speaker Introduction**	**Janice Martinez**, District 1 LEL, Florida Law Enforcement Liaison Program
1:20 PM – 1:40 PM	**Statewide Teen Traffic Safety Programs**	**Megan Muhlbach**, Coordinator, Florida Teen Safe Driving Coalition
1:40 PM – 3:00 PM	**Local Law Enforcement Teen Traffic Safety Programs**	**Clinton Naples**, Sergeant, Niceville Police Department **Christopher Clifford**, Detective, Polk County Sheriff's Office

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Afternoon Schedule (Continued)

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3:00 PM – 3:15 PM	***Break***	
3:15 PM – 3:20 PM	**Speaker Introduction**	**Janice Martinez**, District 1 LEL, Florida Law Enforcement Liaison Program
3:20 PM – 4:00 PM	**Traffic Safety Campaigns Digital Outreach**	**Brandon Gobel**, Multimedia Communications Director, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
4:00 PM – 4:05 PM	**Speaker Introduction**	**Janice Martinez**, District 1 LEL, Florida Law Enforcement Liaison Program
4:05 PM – 5:00 PM	**Purpose in Progress: Responsibility, Resilience, and the Power to Save Lives**	**Melissa Wandall**, Traffic Safety Advocate, Motivational Concepts
5:00 PM	**Conference Wrap-Up**	**Chris Craig**, Traffic Safety Administrator, Florida Department of Transportation



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