

# Florida Law Enforcement Liaison Program

## **What is the Florida Law Enforcement Traffic Safety Challenge?**

The Florida Law Enforcement Traffic Safety Challenge is a traffic safety program designed to recognize an agency's effectiveness of efforts in traffic safety. The Florida Law Enforcement Traffic Safety Challenge encourages a multi-faceted approach for safer communities as it relates to traffic safety, effectiveness of efforts, policies regarding traffic safety initiatives, education of personnel, Law Enforcement Liaison (LEL) Program participation, recognition, and enforcement. The Florida Law Enforcement Traffic Safety Challenge recognizes the best overall traffic safety initiatives promoting safer driving in the agency's community.

## **Why is this program conducted?**

To increase traffic safety education and enforcement in conjunction with community partners, to reduce motor vehicle crashes, serious injuries, and fatalities upon Florida's roadways. The Florida Law Enforcement Traffic Safety Challenge compliments all other traffic safety training and public information programs following the format of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) National Challenge Program and the Florida Strategic Highway Safety Plan.

## **How does it benefit my agency?**

The Florida Law Enforcement Traffic Safety Challenge helps increase an agency's attention to traffic safety using a comprehensive and data driven approach to the traffic safety countermeasures of education and enforcement. Florida Law Enforcement Traffic Safety Challenge provides opportunities for public recognition of exemplary programs in traffic safety, continuing traffic safety initiatives, and documentation of an agency's overall effectiveness using data.

## **Who is eligible to participate?**

State, university, county, and municipal law enforcement agencies within Florida.

## **How are the applications scored?**

By measuring and evaluating the following 7 areas that are important to traffic safety, each agency can score up to 250 points:

- Policy & Guidelines
- Training of Officers
- Officer Recognition
- Law Enforcement Liaison (LEL) Program Participation
- Public Information & Education
- Traffic Enforcement Activity
- Traffic Safety Effectiveness

Reports are then tallied, ranking agencies in order by category.



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## How are challenge reports submitted?

In order to participate in the Florida Law Enforcement Traffic Safety Challenge, Florida law enforcement agencies must submit their Challenge Report on-line at [www.floridalel.info](http://www.floridalel.info)

## How are agencies recognized?

The Florida Law Enforcement Traffic Safety Challenge is separated into the following categories:

- Category 1 - 1 to 15 Officers
- Category 2 - 16 to 25 Officers
- Category 3 - 26 to 35 Officers
- Category 4 - 36 to 50 Officers
- Category 5 - 51 to 100 Officers
- Category 6 - 101 to 200 Officers
- Category 7 - 201 to 400 Officers
- Category 8 - 401+ Officers
- Category 9 - Florida Highway Patrol (Rural)
- Category 10 - Florida Highway Patrol (Urban)
- Category 11 - University Police Departments
- Category 12 - Champion's Class (1<sup>st</sup> place winners from last year)

The top three agencies in each category will be notified via placement letters and will receive a plaque, a challenge coin, and a hotel stay at the awards ceremony in Orlando. Each agency will be entitled to up to five (5) rooms for the event. The Champions Cup will be awarded to the agency finishing first in the Champions category. A perpetual cup will be presented during the ceremony, with the winning agency's name engraved on it, and it will remain with the top agency for one year. Afterward, the agency will return the Champions Cup to the Florida Law Enforcement Liaison Program, and a miniature version of the cup will be awarded. The awards ceremony is scheduled for July 24-25, 2025, in Orlando, Florida.



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## Policy & Guidelines (16 possible points):

Points are awarded to agencies with the following written traffic safety policies/guidelines:

Policies/guidelines about safety belt use within the agency	2 points
Policies/guidelines about distracted driving within the agency	2 points
Policies/guidelines about distracted driving enforcement	2 points
Policies/guidelines about impaired driving enforcement	2 points
Policies/guidelines about enforcement of motorcycle violations	2 points
Policies/guidelines about occupant protection enforcement	2 points
Policies/guidelines about pedestrian & bicycle enforcement	2 points
Policies/guidelines about speed and aggressive driving enforcement	2 points

## Officer Training (28 possible points):

Points are awarded to agencies that actively promote highway safety training for officers (training conducted in calendar year 2024):

### Training about distracted driving enforcement

75% to 100% of officers trained	4 points
50% to 74% of officers trained	3 points
25% to 49% of officers trained	2 points
1% to 24% of officers trained	1 point
0% of officers trained	no points

### Training about impaired driving enforcement

75% to 100% of officers trained	4 points
50% to 74% of officers trained	3 points
25% to 49% of officers trained	2 points
1% to 24% of officers trained	1 point
0% of officers trained	no points

### Training about motorcycle enforcement

75% to 100% of officers trained	4 points
50% to 74% of officers trained	3 points
25% to 49% of officers trained	2 points
1% to 24% of officers trained	1 point
0% of officers trained	no points



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## Training in pedestrian & bicycle enforcement

75% to 100% of officers trained	4 points
50% to 74% of officers trained	3 points
25% to 49% of officers trained	2 points
1% to 24% of officers trained	1 point
0% of officers trained	no points

## Training about occupant protection enforcement

75% to 100% of officers trained	4 points
50% to 74% of officers trained	3 points
25% to 49% of officers trained	2 points
1% to 24% of officers trained	1 point
0% of officers trained	no points

## Training about speed and aggressive driving enforcement

75% to 100% of officers trained	4 points
50% to 74% of officers trained	3 points
25% to 49% of officers trained	2 points
1% to 24% of officers trained	1 point
0% of officers trained	no points

## Training in traffic records

75% to 100% of officers trained	4 points
50% to 74% of officers trained	3 points
25% to 49% of officers trained	2 points
1% to 24% of officers trained	1 point
0% of officers trained	no points

## LEL Program Participation (41 possible points):

Points are awarded to agencies for prior year participation in the following:

Florida Law Enforcement (FLEC) Challenge	10 points
Click It or Ticket (CIOT) Campaign	5 points
Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Campaign	5 points
Operation Southern Slow Down	5 points
No prior year participation	no points



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Points are awarded to agencies for attending the LEL network meetings and/or agency meetings:

4 meetings attended	16 points
3 meetings attended	12 points
2 meetings attended	8 points
1 meeting attended	4 points
No meetings attended	no points

## Officer Recognition (18 possible points):

Points are awarded to agencies that recognize their employees for participation in the following activities either through education, outreach, or enforcement:

Exemplary Officer for Aging Road Users	2 points
Exemplary Officer for Distracted Driving	2 points
Exemplary Officer for Impaired Driving	2 points
Exemplary Officer for Motorcycle	2 points
Exemplary Officer for Occupant Protection	2 points
Exemplary Officer for Pedestrian & Bicycle	2 points
Exemplary Officer for Speed & Aggressive Driving	2 points
Exemplary Officer for Teen Driving	2 points
Exemplary Officer for Overall Traffic Safety	2 points

## Public Information & Education (16 possible points):

Points are awarded to agencies for promoting traffic safety messaging through the following:

Education outreach events on traffic safety

8 plus number of public outreach events attended	8 points
5 to 7 number of public outreach events attended	6 points
3 to 4 number of public outreach events attended	4 points
1 to 2 number of public outreach events attended	2 points
No public outreach events attended	no points

Social media posts on traffic safety events or issues

151 plus number of social media posts	4 points
101 to 150 number of social media posts	3 points
51 to 100 number of social media posts	2 points
1 to 50 number of social media posts	1 points
No social media posts	no points



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Agency activities or events that resulted in free/unpaid media coverage about traffic safety

8 plus number of public outreach events attended	4 points
5 to 7 number of public outreach events attended	3 points
3 to 4 number of public outreach events attended	2 points
1 to 2 number of public outreach events attended	1 point
No public outreach events attended	no points

## Traffic Enforcement Activity (21 possible points):

Points are awarded to agencies that report traffic enforcement:

Number of motorcycle citations in 2024	3 points
Number of distracted driving citations in 2024	3 points
Number of pedestrian & bicycle citations in 2024	3 points
Number of safety belt citations in 2024	3 points
Number of speeding citations in 2024	3 points
Total number of citations in 2024	3 points
Number of DUI arrests in 2024	3 points
No citations in 2024	no points

## Traffic Safety Effectiveness (60 possible points):

Points are awarded if an agency experiences a measurable reduction of *crashes* by:

Reduction by at least 11% from the prior evaluation year	20 points
Reduction by 1% to 10% from the prior evaluation year	10 points
No reduction from the prior evaluation year	no points

Points are awarded if an agency experiences a measurable reduction of *serious injury crashes* by:

Reduction by at least 11% from the prior evaluation year	20 points
Reduction by 1% to 10% from the prior evaluation year	10 points
No reduction from the prior evaluation year	no points

Points are awarded if an agency experiences a measurable reduction of *fatal crashes* by:

Reduction by at least 11% from the prior evaluation year	20 points
Reduction by 1% to 10% from the prior evaluation year	10 points
No reduction from the prior evaluation year	no points



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## Traffic Safety Effectiveness - Targeted Crash Reduction (50 possible points):

Points are awarded if an agency experiences a measurable reduction of *distracted driving related crashes*

Reduction by at least 11% from the priorevaluation year	10 points
Reduction by 1% to 10% from the priorevaluation year	5 points
No reduction from the prior evaluation year	no points

Points are awarded if an agency experiences a measurable reduction of *impairment related crashes*

Reduction by at least 11% from the priorevaluation year	10 points
Reduction by 1% to 10% from the priorevaluation year	5 points
No reduction from the prior evaluation year	no points

Points are awarded if an agency experiences a measurable reduction of *motorcycle related crashes*

Reduction by at least 11% from the priorevaluation year	10 points
Reduction by 1% to 10% from the priorevaluation year	5 points
No reduction from the prior evaluation year	no points

Points are awarded if an agency experiences a measurable reduction of *pedestrian & bicycle related crashes*

Reduction by at least 11% from the priorevaluation year	10 points
Reduction by 1% to 10% from the priorevaluation year	5 points
No reduction from the prior evaluation year	no points

Points are awarded if an agency experiences a measurable reduction of *speed related crashes*

Reduction by at least 11% from the priorevaluation year	10 points
Reduction by 1% to 10% from the priorevaluation year	5 points
No reduction from the prior evaluation year	no points

**Florida Law Enforcement Traffic Safety Challenge reports are due by  
Midnight on March 31, 2025.**

Please direct questions to the Florida Law Enforcement Traffic Safety Challenge Coordinator, Shaun VanBeber at (850) 694-0087, [Dist6@fl-lel.org](mailto:Dist6@fl-lel.org) or your local Law Enforcement Liaison.



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Agency Name:

Agency Head:

Contact Name and Rank:

Mailing Address:

Contacts Phone: (     )     -

Contacts E-mail:

Number of sworn employees on the last day of 2024 (excludes corrections staff):

**Policies & Guidelines:** (answer yes or no)

- Does your agency have policies/guidelines about safety belt use?
- Does your agency have policies/guidelines about distracted driving?
- Does your agency have policies/guidelines about distracted driving enforcement?
- Does your agency have policies/guidelines about impaired driving enforcement?
- Does your agency have policies/guidelines about enforcement of motorcycle violations?
- Does your agency have policies/guidelines about occupant protection enforcement?
- Does your agency have policies/guidelines about pedestrian & bicycle enforcement?
- Does your agency have policies/guidelines about speed and aggressive driving enforcement?

**Officer Training:** (Please provide the numbers)

- Number of officers trained in distracted driving enforcement
- Number of officers trained in impaired driving enforcement
- Number of officers trained in motorcycle enforcement
- Number of officers trained in pedestrian & bicycle enforcement
- Number of officers trained in occupant protection enforcement
- Number of officers trained in speed and aggressive driving enforcement
- Number of officers trained in traffic records

**LEL Program Participation:** (answer yes or no)

- Prior year participation in the Florida Law Enforcement (FLEC) Challenge
- Prior year participation in the Click It or Ticket (CIOT) Campaign
- Prior year participation in the Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Campaign
- Prior year participation in the Operation Southern Slow Down (Speed) Campaign
- Enter the number of LEL network meetings and/or agency meetings attended in 2024





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**Officer Recognition:** (Please provide the name of the individual)

Exemplary Officer for Aging Road Users  
Exemplary Officer for Distracted Driving  
Exemplary Officer for Impaired Driving  
Exemplary Officer for Motorcycle  
Exemplary Officer for Occupant Protection  
Exemplary Officer for Pedestrian & Bicycle  
Exemplary Officer for Speed & Aggressive Driving  
Exemplary Officer for Teen Driving  
Exemplary Officer for Overall Traffic Safety

**Public Information & Education:**

Number of education outreach events on traffic safety  
Number of social media posts on traffic safety events or issues  
Number of agency activities or events that resulted in free media coverage about traffic safety

**Traffic Enforcement Activity:** (Please provide the following by using the FIRES crash data)

**For the calendar years**  
**2023            2024**

Number of motorcycle citations  
Number of distracted driving citations  
Number of pedestrian & bicycle citations  
Number of safety belt citations  
Number of speeding citations  
Total number of citations  
Number of DUI arrests

***Use the DHSMV Citation Reports for Enforcement Data at***  
<https://www.flhsmv.gov/resources/crash-citation-reports/>

or

***Use the Signal 4 Analytics for Citation and Crash Data at***  
<https://signal4analytics.com/standard-reports>



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Traffic Safety Effectiveness– (Targeted Crash Reduction) For the calendar years  
**2023**      **2024**

Total number of *crashes*  
Total number of *serious injury crashes*  
Total number of *fatal crashes*

**Traffic Safety Effectiveness – (Targeted Crash Reduction)** For the calendar years  
**2023**      **2024**

**Total number of *distracted driving related crashes***  
Total number of *impairment related crashes*  
Total number of *motorcycle related crashes*  
Total number of *pedestrian & bicycle related crashes*  
Total number of *speed related crashes*

*Use the Signal 4 Analytics for your crash and citation data at <https://signal4analytics.com>*

***Search: Standard Reports – Law Enforcement Challenge***

## **Traffic Safety Officer of the Year Award**

You may nominate one officer from your agency for the Traffic Safety Officer of the Year award. Please describe in detail, how this individual impacted your agency’s traffic safety efforts for the calendar year 2024.

## **Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Officer of the Year Award**

You may nominate one officer from your agency or a neighboring law enforcement agency for the Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Officer of the Year Award. A drug recognition expert or drug recognition evaluator (DRE) is a police officer trained to recognize impairment in drivers under the influence of drugs other than, or in addition to, alcohol. Please describe in detail, how this individual impacted your agency’s impaired driving enforcement efforts for the calendar year 2024.

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