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Dealer Buzz

Motorcycle Update

Beginning January 1, 2007 all motorcycles with a registrant under the age of 21 will be required to have a new Motorcycle Under-age Plate. The plate is



unique in design and color to alert law enforcement of under age motorists.

Existing motorcycle registrations, where a registrant is under 21, will be required to replace their current plate at time of renewal. After the registrant reaches the age of 21, the system will flag to replace the plate with a regular motorcycle plate. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact us.

Georgia Repossessions

Our procedure for repossessions was updated in October 2006. At the time we were informed that Georgia now requires their lienholders to take title in their name before they sell the vehicle. After speaking with the State of Georgia and Tallahassee, we will still accept

Georgia repossession form **T-16** until further notice.



Power of Attorneys

Please note that on Power of Attorney, HSMV form 82053, and Secured Power of Attorney, HSMV form 82995, the State of Florida now requires the full name of the person appointed to be written in. We can no longer accept the first initial and last name. Please contact us if you have any further questions.

Temporary Tags

Sometime this year the State of Florida will launch a program that will allow all temp tag information to be uploaded to the DMV database. The dealer will have to enter the customer and tag information into a web site and it will automatically update all databases, which will allow Law Enforcement offices immediate access to the information. The state is hoping to eliminate temporary tag fraud and alterations.



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TL-11 Changes

Back in December 2006, we sent out a memo concerning procedural changes. To further clarify changes made, if you have an **out-of-state** title and the purchaser's name has been lined through, the buyer must send the original owner an affidavit to sign stating that there was an error made on the title. This affidavit must either be notarized or include the perjury clause on it. This affidavit must be mailed certified mail. If the letter is returned non-deliverable, we can still accept it.



Off-Highway Reminder

Just as a friendly reminder to anyone who deals with Off-Highway vehicles – MULES are **not titled** and do not get Off-Highway decals. We have received several calls regarding this issue and after speaking with Tallahassee it remains the same.



Also, if you are processing any type of transaction for an Off-Highway vehicle, a completed Application for Original or Replacement of Off-Highway Decal form (HSMV form 82054) needs to be attached.

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Dealer Record Retention

Effective July 2005 Florida State Law requires that all dealers must retain all DMV records for a minimum of 5 years. Disc and digitized images are acceptable.



Dealer Drop Box

A very special thanks to everyone for using the dealer drop box. For those not familiar with it, it is located at the SW corner of the 25th Ave building. It is a very convenient way to drop off work without ever having to even leave your car!



Creating Businesses

When creating a business we must check to see if they are registered in Sunbiz. If they are not registered in Sunbiz, then the business will have to file for a Fictitious Name. Customers have the option of filing online or via mail. Registration fees are \$50 and applications are available at the Tax Collectors office or online.



N.A.D.A. Guide

If you ever get an out-of-state title and the empty weight is not on the title we all grab our trusty little yellow N.A.D.A. book! Look no further, that information is now online! We have included the link below. Click on the body type of the vehicle, select make, year, model of the vehicle, click on the pricing report and you will get the weight.

Upcoming Dealer Class

Marion County Tax Collector is sponsoring a title and registration training for dealer and their staff, **free of charge**. This training program will count towards your continuing education. Please join us on **Thursday, March 29th** at the Elks Club from 8:30AM-5PM. The training is free, however there is a \$10 charge for your lunch buffet, provided by the Elks Club.



Please call **368-8272** to make reservations. We are looking forward to seeing all of you!

Online DL, Title & VIN Check

There are two web sites that are available to check what kind of ticket your customer has and where to pay it. You can print this and give to your customer.

www6.hsmv.state.fl.us/rrdmvcheck/mvchecking
www6.hsmv.state.fl.us/dlcheck/dlchecking

N.A.D.A. Weight Guide

<http://www2.nadaguides.com/Values/ValueCategory.asp?LI=1-11-1-2081-426614&wSec=1&wPr=1&wPg=1202>

Notarization on Titles

Due to the fact that Florida does not require notarization on titles, Tallahassee has decided not to reject out of state titles, which are not properly notarized. Please remember that vessel MSO's and Power of Attorney's still require notarization.



Upcoming Database Merger

The long awaited merger of the Drivers License and DMV databases will take place between April and June 2007. This means that when there is a change made in the Drivers License database, it will automatically update in our DMV database real time.

The mailing and residential addresses must be the same on both databases with no exceptions.



This will help reduce the number of mistakes that have been occurring due to name change or other significant changes made to the drivers license.



Drivers License Updates

❖ **PARENTS CAN NOW CHECK THEIR CHILD'S DRIVING RECORD**

The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles has expanded its Internet services to allow parental access to a minor's driving history.

The Jeffrey Klapatch Act went into effect January 1, 2007 to allow either parent of a minor, a guardian, or other responsible adult who signed a minor's application for a drivers license to have Internet access to inspect the minor's driver history record.

www6.hsmv.state.fl.us/DLCheck/main.jsp

❖ **FLORIDA I.D. CARDS**

Beginning October 1, 2006, Florida law changed to allow children ages 5 and older to receive a state issued identification card. This gives law enforcement and parents an opportunity to have a current digital photo of children and other pertinent personal information on hand in case of an emergency.



❖ **EMERGENCY CONTACT NOTIFICATION**

Effective October 2, 2006 DHSMV will offer customers who hold a current drivers license or identification card the ability to provide emergency contact information via the DHSMV homepage.

The emergency contact information can be accessed through DAVID by law enforcement in the event of an emergency. This service may save crucial time if ever it becomes necessary to contact family members or loved ones.



www.hsmv.state.fl.us

TAX COLLECTOR TAKES OVER STATE DRIVERS LICENSE OFFICE

The Marion County Tax Collector officially took over the state drivers license office March 2, 2007. As of March 19th the office hours will change to Monday – Friday 8AM to 5PM.

Mr. Albright's request for Drivers License examining stations has been granted by the state, which will allow us to process limited drivers license in the 25th Ave Tax Collector office by May 2007. We will be adding 27 drivers license workstations to our existing workstations to accommodate the influx of drivers license transactions. Congratulations to Candy Dippel for taking over DL!

DMV Website for Title & Registration Procedures

<http://www3.hsmv.state.fl.us/Intranet/dmv/Manuals/DMVProcedures/Pmanintro.cfm>

New Plate Designs for 2007 are here!



A State Of Vision

Funds will support services to the blind and visually impaired.



Support Homeownership For All

Funds will go towards programs that support affordable housing in the State of Florida.



Donate Organs – Pass it on

Funds will go to transplant services, which provide grants to patients.



Agricultural Education

Proceeds are distributed to Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc. to help fund programs to support student & teacher leadership programs.



Operation Iraqi Freedom
Issued to current and former military members who have served in Operation Iraqi Freedom.



Operation Enduring Freedom
Issued to current and former military members who have served in Operation Enduring Freedom.

Specialty License Plates featured for March

Every month there are certain license plates that are advertised. The license plates sponsored by Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute are the March feature. Please visit their website for more information.

www.hboi.edu



Upcoming Events

- March 17th – St. Patrick’s Day
- April 6th – Easter Baskets for Sheltering Arms
- April 8th - Easter Sunday
- April 28th – March of Dimes Walkathon
- May 31st – Memorial Day



Link to Previous Dealer Newsletters
<http://www.mariontax.com/motorvehicles.asp?page=MVDealerNewsletter>



◆ **EFS TRANSACTION SURGE**

A record number of transactions occurred this year, which again demonstrates the total success of our Electronic Filing System Project. Over 600,000 transactions were handled by the system statewide. Marion County alone has 22 dealers set up to do EFS. Thanks to everyone, keep up the good work!

◆ **WORK ACCURACY**

When you are typing work, please double check all names of owners and lienholder addresses. State of Florida will soon fix the problem of names not changing when people get married. If there any errors or cross outs, please make sure the proper affidavits are attached to correct the mistake. Please do not hesitate to call us to ask questions, fix drivers licenses or create customers. Teamwork is the key to a successful partnership!

◆ **RETURNING LICENSE PLATES TO EFS**

Please make sure you are changing the license plate status code to **“RT”** prior to returning it to our office with the **Certificate of Destruction Letter** signed by the dealer. You must make sure it is in the “RT” status before the system will allow us to change it to “RR” (Returned

& Received) status for it to be taken out of your inventory.

◆ **DROP OFF TIME FOR COMPLETED WORK**

Completed work must be dropped off the following day by 1:00 PM. If you do not have your bundle report attached to the work that is being dropped off, it is ok to fax us the bundle report prior to 9:00AM for that report day. Our fax number is **352-368-8281**.

◆ **NMVTIS IS COMING SOON**

What is NMVTIS? It stands for National Motor Vehicle Title Information System. NMVTIS reduces titling of stolen cars and fraud by allowing state titling agencies to verify the validity of ownership documents before they issue new titles. NMVTIS also checks to see if the vehicle is reported stolen to prevent new titles from being issued. Brands are not lost when the vehicle travels from state to state, because NMVTIS keeps a history of all brands ever applied by any state to a vehicle. The State of Florida is working to bring NMVTIS to EFS dealers. It passed by unanimous vote and will be added to the enhancement list. If you would like more information about NMVTIS please refer to TL-59 in the procedure manual. Be on the look out, it’s coming your way soon!

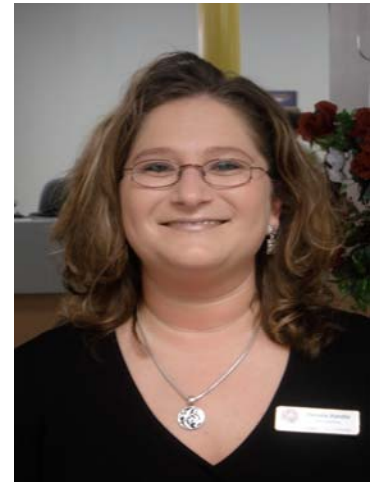
◆ **CUSTOMER ADDRESSES**

Please make sure that your are typing in customer addresses correctly. Florida allows customers to use PO box

addresses. Please make sure you are picking up the correct mailing and physical address on the 82040. When entering the information into CVR please use the space allotted for the mailing and physical addresses. Please **do not** enter both addresses on same line. **The 82041 should not read PO Box 1234/1234 CVR Ln, Ocala FL 34478.**

◆ **DISPOSAL AFFIDAVITS**

Please make sure we are using separate disposal affidavits for vehicle A when transferring a tag. As of **April 1, 2007** if there is a separate disposal affidavit missing the transaction will be suspended until we receive one for vehicle A.



*Dear EFS Dealers,
I would like to take this time to thank all of you for your patience during this transition period. You have all made it very easy for me to step into Kara’s place.*

As you all know, I have been made Vice Chair of EFS for Florida and am now in the process of training all clerks in the dealer section on CVR. Thank you once again for your kindness and understanding.

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Our 1st Annual Garage Sale

Our 1st Annual Garage Sales was held Saturday, February 17th in the Marion County Tax Collector parking lot. We had a variety of items donated by employees and dealers, which we sold by 2:30 PM!



With everyone's hard work we raised over \$2100! All proceeds will

go towards charitable events that benefit our community in which we participate throughout the year.

Thank you to all employees, volunteers, dealers and vendors who participated and made this event such a huge success.

A special thanks to Becky Atherton for organizing this wonderful event and motivating us to take part in helping better ourselves and community. Thank You!



Flag Plates

The Marion County Tax Collector is now offering three different types of flag plates to put on the front of your car for just \$10 a piece. All proceeds will go towards miscellaneous charity and fundraiser events throughout the year. They are available at all branch offices.



Food 4 Kids

Interfaith Emergency Services "Food 4 Kids" program provides hungry children in the Marion County School system with food for the weekend. A backpack is filled with enough food for 3 meals and 2 snacks on Saturday and Sunday.

This program first began in 2004 serving 2 Marion County Schools and has quickly expanded to serve more than 1,000 children each month.



All this is made possible by donations within Marion County. Please help us help our community by donating much needed items. All donations can be dropped off at any Tax Collector branch and are greatly appreciated. A typical backpack contains the following items:

- ◆ Pop Tarts
- ◆ Cracker/Cookies (Individual Size)
- ◆ Cereal/Snack Bar
- ◆ Cereal (Variety Pack – single serve)
- ◆ Canned Meat (Spam, Corned Beef, Tuna, etc.)
- ◆ Canned Pasta
- ◆ Soup
- ◆ Pudding, Fruit Cups
- ◆ Macaroni & Cheese
- ◆ Jar of Peanut Butter
- ◆ 2 Pouches of Juice
- ◆ Milk (Long Shelf Life, Quart Size, ex. Parmalat)



Sheltering Arms

Sheltering Arms is a non-profit shelter for abused or neglected children who are waiting to be adopted or placed in a foster home. We have decided to help these kids and hopefully create some happy memories that they may some day cherish. We will be bringing them Easter baskets complete with Easter outfits on **April 6th**. If you would like to help us, please feel free to donate any **new** clothes (please get with Becky Atherton at 352-368-8246 for correct sizes) or Easter Basket Items (grass, candy, chicks, etc).



March Of Dimes America

Please come walk with us Saturday, April 28th. If you can not join us, please help us by sponsoring our Dealer Section!

Florida Independent Automobile Dealers Association
www.FIADA.com