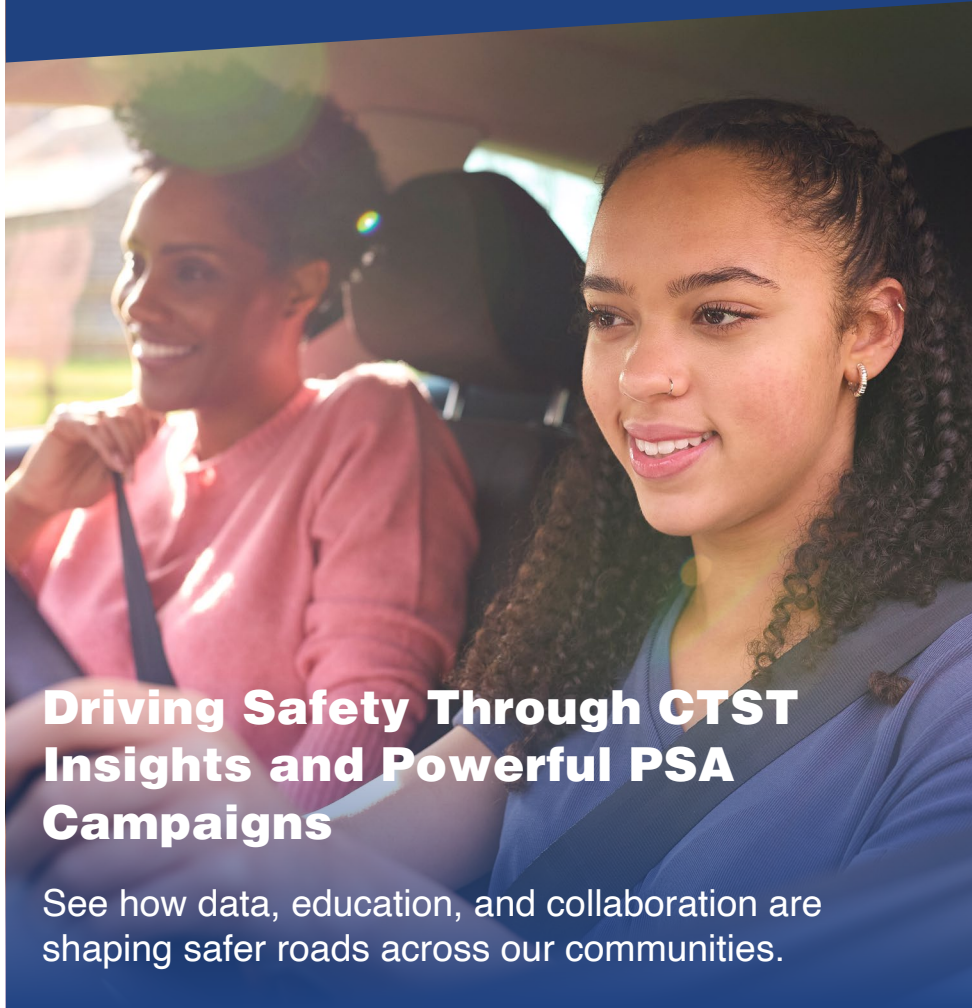




FDOT District Six Safety Newsletter – January 2026

Turning Safety Messages Into Safer Streets



Driving Safety Through CTST Insights and Powerful PSA Campaigns

See how data, education, and collaboration are
shaping safer roads across our communities.

Executive Summary CTST

FDOT District Six's Community Traffic Safety Teams (CTST) bring together local partners across transportation, law enforcement, public health, and education to address traffic safety through a coordinated, community-driven approach. Using the "4 Es" Education, Enforcement, Engineering, and Emergency Services, CTST are turning collaboration into action, supporting initiatives that range from safety education and policy advancements to enforcement coordination and youth engagement. Recent efforts across the district demonstrate how CTST help translate data and community input into practical solutions that reduce crashes and promote safer streets for all road users.

Welcome to the January 2026 Edition of the
FDOT District Six Safety Newsletter.



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CTST Update

CTST Members Unite for Safer Streets in Miami-Dade and Monroe



In any given month, you might find a Monroe County health educator handing out free bike helmets to families, or a Miami Beach traffic engineer discussing street redesigns with local organizations. They're all part of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District Six Community Traffic Safety Teams (CTST), coalitions that bring teams together to help solve traffic safety issues.

“ We gave out 20 helmets and trained 26 partners from various agencies... reaching out to 300 families in Monroe County. ”

– Monroe CTST member update.

CTST are an FDOT initiative based on a simple idea: **building safe roads alone isn't enough to end traffic fatalities.** Achieving safer streets takes **comprehensive education and a community-driven approach.** That's why FDOT formed CTST with a mission to **reduce the number and severity of crashes through a multi-jurisdictional, multi-disciplinary partnerships.** Each District CTST brings together urban planners, police officers, traffic engineers, health educators, school officials, and more, all sharing a **“true interest in addressing the traffic safety concerns of their community”.** By combining the expertise of the “4 Es” Education, Enforcement, Engineering, and Emergency Services, these teams tackle issues from every angle.





CTST in Action

Recent CTST meetings offer a glimpse into how these teams are making a difference on the ground:

- **Monroe County:** In the Florida Keys, the Monroe County CTST has zeroed in on bicycle and pedestrian safety. Team members **gave away 20 bicycle helmets and provided training to 26 partner agencies**, including law enforcement to promote safe riding. The group is also excited to engage families, reaching out to 300 local families through Head Start programs, and is proposing new state rules for e-bikes and scooters on sidewalks (thanks to a new Senate Bill 462 that allows local governments regulate these devices). The goal, as one Key West member put it, is **“Zero fatalities”** on their roads, a vision the team is working toward through education and community events.
- **University of Miami:** Campus safety is a key focus for the University of Miami’s CTST. At a recent meeting, UM’s safety director reported a proactive crackdown on dangerous scooter use: **more than 700 e-scooter citations and warnings** were issued to students, paired with an educational campaign on safe riding. This effort boosted the number of registered scooters on campus (from 400 to 500) and tackled the rising concerns with scooter riders parking at undesignated locations around campus. UM’s approach of enforcing existing rules while educating students, is an example of how enforcement and education go hand-in-hand on campus.
- **Northeast Miami-Dade:** In the northeast neighborhoods of the county, CTST discussions have led to **city policy changes and better outreach**. The City of North Miami used its CTST to help advance a Vision Zero plan, a commitment to eliminate traffic deaths, which the City Council formally adopted in late October. North Miami’s representative at the November CTST meeting asked to be plugged into a new pilot **high-school driver’s education partnership** with FIU so the city can support teen safety presentations. The city also installed a “Put It Down” anti-texting-and-driving sign on the busy corner of NE 135 Street and NE 6 Avenue and, through CTST, requested additional campaign materials to spread safe-driving messages during the holiday season. FDOT consultants pointed them to the **CTST resources website at <https://fdotsafetyresources.com/> and provided social media graphics** to help get the word out.
- **Miami Beach:** The Miami Beach CTST shows how these teams can balance safety with community needs. City planners, traffic engineers, police, and FDOT recently discussed the configuration of iconic Ocean Drive. CTST members discussed the **safety implications of reopening Ocean Drive to more car traffic**, noting that any changes must be reviewed by FDOT for safety impacts. This kind of dialogue in the CTST ensures that **safety advocates work together** on solutions everyone can live with. Miami Beach’s team also spotted and shared ideas like dedicated e-scooter parking signs and coordinated on multi-agency enforcement efforts to keep streets safe for the city’s many visitors and residents.
- **Miami-Dade County Public Schools (MDCPS):** The school district’s CTST is all about protecting our youngest road users. In October, they piloted a creative peer-to-peer safety campaign at a local high school, a **“Road Safety Island”** contest (a play on Love Island) where students competed to be the “safest couple”. They also held Walk-to-School Day events throughout the county, turning the journey to school into a fun safety lesson. These interactive activities got rave reviews from participants and demonstrated how engaging students can spark a culture of safety. The CTST’s partners from the University of Miami’s Walk Safe/Bike Safe programs helped lead these efforts, emphasizing real-world skills like crossing streets safely and biking smart. As **Shieda Castillo – FDOT’s District Six safety specialist – put it, “education is key in reducing serious injuries and fatalities.”** The CTST doesn’t stop there: The Florida Teen Safety Driving Coalition is rallying teens through programs like “Battle of the Belts,” a competition to boost seat belt use; and the Kiefer Foundation is using distracted driving simulators to encourage young passengers to speak up when a friend texts and drives. By reaching students in school and at after-school events, the CTST is building lifelong safe habits from the ground up.

Building Local Ownership of Safety

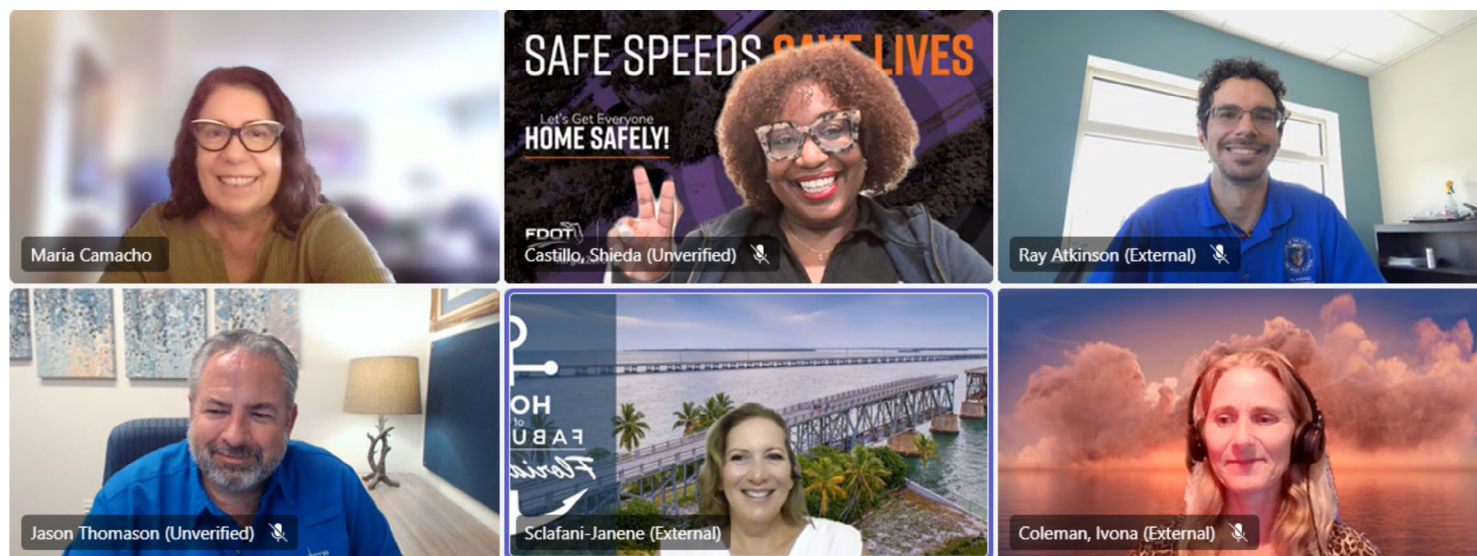
These snapshots share a common theme: **local ownership of transportation safety**. Each CTST empowers Miami-Dade and Monroe County communities to identify traffic concerns and implement solutions tailored to their area. Whether it's Monroe County officials advocating bike helmet use, or a police department cracking down on speeding, CTST projects are born from local concerns and carried out by the people who know their streets best. This grassroots buy-in means solutions aren't one-size-fits-all; they're our solutions.



The Florida DOT stands firmly behind this community-driven approach. After all, **building safe roads alone will not solve the problem of traffic fatalities**. That's why the CTST program was developed to combine engineering fixes with education, enforcement, and public engagement. The goal is ambitious: drive the number of crashes and injuries down to zero if possible, following the "Target Zero" vision adopted statewide. FDOT District Six believes CTST are a powerful tool to reach that goal.

What are Community Traffic Safety Programs?

The goal of the FDOT District Six Community Traffic Safety Program (CTST) is to reduce the number and severity of traffic crashes through partnerships in Miami-Dade and Monroe counties. CTST Members, a diverse group of participants representing municipalities, counties, universities, school systems, police departments and other organizations, meet monthly or bi-monthly with the FDOT District Six Safety Office led by Shieda Castillo to discuss roadway safety concerns through the various safety campaigns that take place throughout the year. Members share an interest in addressing traffic safety concerns and meet with each other to provide updates and report trends in their communities. Some meetings include special presentations from guest speakers with a similar safety focus. Members include Monroe County (photo), Miami-Dade County Public Schools (MDCPS), Florida International University (FIU), University of Miami, Northwest Miami-Dade, Northeast Miami-Dade, City of Miami, Town of Miami Lakes, City of Miami Beach and South Miami-Dade County.

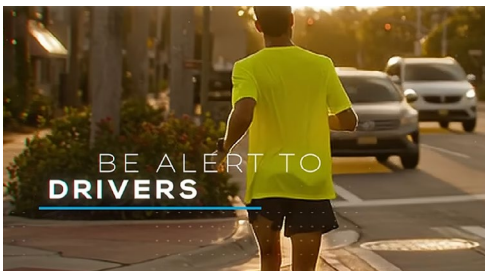


Monroe County CTST during a recent virtual meeting.



Safety Campaigns

The Power of Storytelling: CTST's First Look at PSAs



The FDOT Safety Team puts storytelling at the forefront of the safety campaigns by creating and promoting PSAs with deeply personal perspectives. For example, rather than the usual narrator speaking during the video, the Jogger PSA, utilizes the voice of the person talking about preparing for a run by creating a safety plan. Another PSA focuses on the love of a grandfather for his granddaughter to illustrate how taking safety measures while riding his motorcycle affects not just him, but his loved ones. To reach a larger audience with the PSAs, the Safety Team also utilized integrated marketing to boost these compelling stories with geofencing and digital advertising that target audiences in high-traffic-incident locations throughout Miami-Dade and Monroe. The following PSAs highlight the storytelling concept.



A split second is all it takes

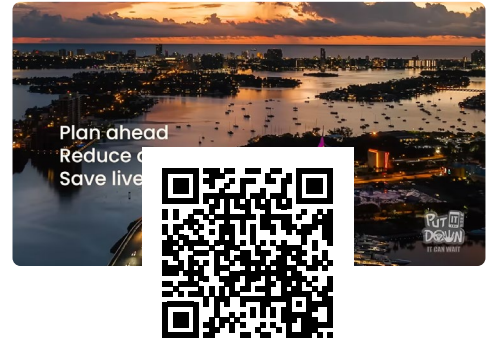
This PSA highlights how an everyday action like receiving a text from someone you love can quickly turn dangerous when you're behind the wheel. It shows how natural it feels to want to respond immediately, even while driving. Many drivers convince themselves that looking down for just a split second is harmless, but the PSA demonstrates how that tiny moment can lead to a life-changing accident. The message emphasizes that no text is worth risking your life or someone else's. It encourages drivers to wait until they reach their destination before checking their phone. The PSA also promotes using driving mode or "Do Not Disturb" features to remove the temptation to look down. By showing a realistic, relatable situation, it makes viewers stop and think, "I do this... and it could kill me." Overall, it delivers a powerful reminder that one second of distraction can have permanent consequences. *FDOT Put it Down Campaign – Distracted Driving PSA: A Split Second* (Visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=laSXg324KRU>).



Scan the QR code to watch the video

Distractions begin before you drive

This PSA takes a deeper look at the distractions that occur before you even start the car. It highlights everyday situations like rushing to get to work, getting the kids ready for school, or eating breakfast in the car all things that many drivers do without thinking about the risks. The video stresses that while these distractions may seem small or normal, they can lead to dangerous driving behavior later on. If we could all take just a few extra minutes in the morning, whether that is waking up earlier, getting the kids ready ahead of time, or eating at home instead of in the car it could make a significant difference. The PSA challenges viewers to think about how much of a difference these small changes could make in terms of safety. When you put things in perspective, it's clear that taking a bit more time for preparation could save your life or someone else's. *FDOT Put it Down Campaign – Distracted Driving PSA: Before You Drive* - (visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S2wTQrME0bw>).



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Safety is also about loved ones

This PSA brings a sentimental touch to the message of motorcycle safety, emphasizing not just the importance of wearing gear and following the road laws, but also the deeper meaning of protecting loved ones. The video shows an older man riding his motorcycle with a pink bunny rabbit plush toy strapped to the back, symbolizing his care and responsibility, not just for himself, but for those who depend on him. The plush toy represents his granddaughter, reminding viewers that safety isn't just about the rider, it's about those who are waiting for them at home. Throughout the video, we see the importance of riding smart: wearing proper protective gear, following traffic laws, and being mindful of other drivers on the road. The PSA also emphasizes that drivers in cars must be aware of motorcyclists and respect their space. At the end, the grandpa safely arrives at his destination, where he presents the plush bunny to his granddaughter showing that his safe ride was more than just his journey; it was about bringing someone precious home safely. This emotional connection makes the message hit home: riding safely isn't just a choice; it's an act of love and responsibility. *Soft on the Inside, Tough on Safety* (visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Derx7pWB9Ws>).



Scan the QR code to watch the video.

Scooter Endorsements are the law

This PSA is extremely informative and highlights key facts that many people don't know about operating a scooter. It explains that you actually need a valid license and specifically a motorcycle endorsement to legally ride a scooter. Without this endorsement, riders can be fined or even arrested, which is something the video makes clear. The PSA breaks down that the motorcycle endorsement is an add-on to your regular driver's license and permits you to ride scooters or motorcycles over 50cc. It also explains that to earn this endorsement, you must complete the Basic Rider Course, which typically lasts two to three days and teaches essential safety skills. The video also notes that this course is required before you can even purchase a scooter from a dealership. After passing, you simply visit a tax collector or driver's license office to have the endorsement added to your license. Overall, the PSA does an excellent job presenting all of this information in a clear, engaging way that helps viewers understand the legal and safety requirements for scooter riding. (Visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rMayjlqJaHg>).



Scan the QR code to watch the video.

Ride Smart by gearing up

This PSA is a great reminder of the importance of wearing proper protective gear before hitting the road on a motorcycle. It emphasizes that your helmet and protective gear are your first line of defense in the event of an accident. Without them, you're not as safe as you could be, and the video stresses how crucial it is to protect yourself. The riders in the video are shown wearing bright yellow and orange gear, reinforcing the message that visibility can save lives. The PSA highlights that being seen by other drivers is just as important as being protected, as it reduces the risk of accidents from other vehicles. Additionally, the video educates viewers on the fact that obtaining a motorcycle endorsement takes time about a year emphasizing the importance of being well-trained and prepared. With a focus on safety and visibility, the PSA urges all riders to wear reflective gear and be visible on the road, because when it comes to motorcycles, visibility truly saves lives. *Ride Smart Florida PSA - Gear Up, Be Seen and Be Ready* (Visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BR6CM2hj1EQ>).

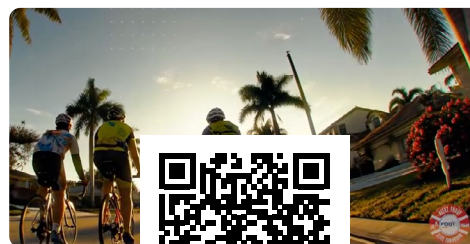


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The Road Belongs to all of us

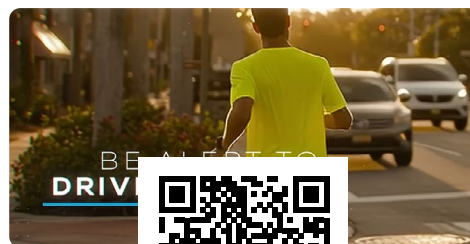
This PSA brilliantly highlights the importance of sharing the road between bicycle riders and car drivers. It shows the perspectives of both parties—how a cyclist behaves when they see a car and how a car driver reacts when they encounter a cyclist on the road. The message is clear: the road is for everyone, and mutual respect is key to safety. As a driver, it's essential to remember that you're not the only one on the road, and cyclists deserve space just as much as cars. The PSA also reminds cyclists that they are not alone and must take responsibility for their safety by following road rules and being visible. The video uses powerful imagery to show how small gestures, like yielding space or being aware of the other person's presence, can prevent accidents. Ultimately, it's a reminder that road safety is a shared responsibility, and we all have a role in making sure everyone can get to their destination safely. *Alert Today, Alive Tomorrow Campaign PSA*, (Visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=40Hek0OS6Lw>).



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Don't Leave Home without a Safety Plan

This PSA starts with a simple yet powerful moment a man tying his shoes, preparing for his run, and reflecting on the importance of starting each run with a plan and a promise to stay safe. The video emphasizes that safety is not just about physical preparation, but also about being aware of your surroundings. The runner's choice of a bright yellow shirt is a key detail, ensuring he is visible to drivers and others on the street. By making himself more noticeable, he increases his chances of staying safe while running in busy areas. The message is clear: visibility is crucial for runners, just as it is for cyclists and motorcyclists. The PSA highlights that, while running is a great way to stay active, safety should always be a priority. It encourages viewers to think ahead, stay alert, and be seen because a small step like wearing bright clothing could make all the difference in preventing an accident. *Alert Today, Alive Tomorrow Campaign PSA - Don't Leave Home without a Safety Plan*, (Visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fEPMY9uSMHI>).



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Be the Hero

This PSA is powerful because it taps into the emotional core of what it means to be responsible behind the wheel. It opens with a man rushing to get to work, spilling coffee on himself, and driving aggressively as he speeds through traffic. In the heat of the moment, he's focused on getting there fast, but the video takes a turn when it shows his young toddler in the back seat, smiling up at him in the car. The powerful message then appears: "You have the choice to decide what is most important to you. Be strong." The PSA highlights that we all have a choice when it comes to how we drive, and our actions on the road affect not just our own safety, but the safety of those we love. It drives home the point that as parents and role models, we are seen as heroes by our children, and they look to us to keep them safe. The message, "Be the hero," urges viewers to think about the responsibility they carry every time they get behind the wheel, especially when their little ones are along for the ride. It's a reminder that, in the end, the best way to protect our loved ones is to be safe, calm, and in control on the road. *Drive Safe - Be the Hero*, (Visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xA888i5t9eE>).

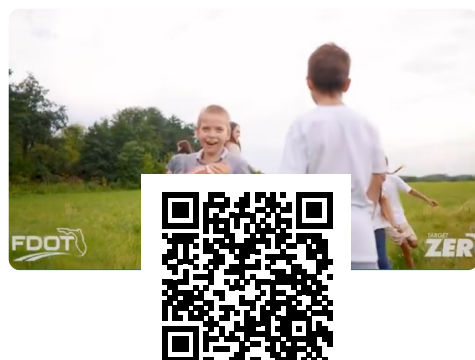


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Choices Drive Dreams

This PSA delivers a powerful message about how one wrong decision can completely alter the course of your life. It focuses on the consequences of driving under the influence, showing a young boy with big dreams of becoming a successful football player. However, the PSA takes a dark turn as it reveals that the boy's future is jeopardized when he gets arrested for drunk driving. The video drives home the point that no matter how hard you work toward your dreams, one reckless decision behind the wheel can derail everything. The emotional weight of the PSA emphasizes the importance of making the right choices, particularly when it comes to driving responsibly. The message "Choices drive dreams" serves as a reminder that the path to success is fragile and that one bad choice can undo years of hard work and dedication. It's a stark and powerful warning to think twice before getting behind the wheel when intoxicated, showing that protecting your dreams means protecting your decisions. *Instagram*, (Visit: <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DEP6m3QtFeH/>).



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By the numbers – 2025 wrap-up of all the campaigns



	2025
PSA Impressions	832K+
Advertising Impressions	33.4K+
Social Media Impressions	1.75K
Completed Surveys	3,448
Outreach Events	131
CTST Meetings	100
In-Person Presentations	10

**Real stories.
Real people
Real impact
on safety.**



Partnering Events Energize Safety Campaigns

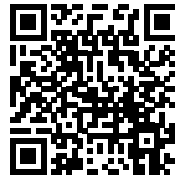
FDOT/UM Collaboration Spans Two Campuses

This past year FDOT partnered with UM by coordinating two safety fairs— one earlier in the year at the main Coral Gables Campus and another later in the year at the Rosenstiel Campus. The events resulted in a true collaboration between the safety team and the university with monthly check-in calls, meetings; and two videos supporting the Put it Down and Alert Today, Alive Tomorrow campaigns. Both safety fairs targeted area residents, students, staff and faculty with a showcase of safety exhibits provided by the sheriff's office, local police and fire departments, Miami-Dade County Public Schools, the Miami-Dade Transportation and Planning Organization (TPO), South Florida Commuter Services and more. See video recaps below:



Coral Gables Campus - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-QVZDy0QjbY>

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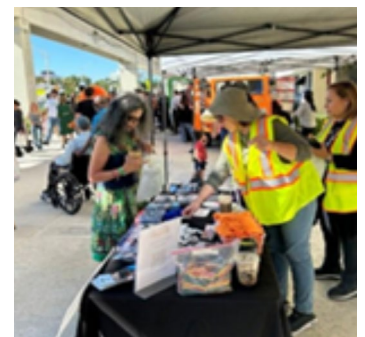


Rosenstiel Campus - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eqVY_-uuvdc

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Underline Celebration Provides Safety Feedback

The Safety Team recently participated in The Underline's celebration of the Grand Opening of Segment 3. This segment of the Underline, a 10-mile linear park being developed in Miami-Dade County, when complete, will run underneath the county's elevated Metrorail system from the Miami River near Brickell to the Metrorail's southern terminus at Dadeland South. The team engaged with community members of all ages, promoting safe driving practices. Many area families attended the event that included free food and drinks, and other giveaways including one resident that took the Drive Safe online survey accessed by her phone with a QR code, and proclaimed, "I'm an aggressive driver!!!" Another resident said, "Thank you for reminding me to slow down."



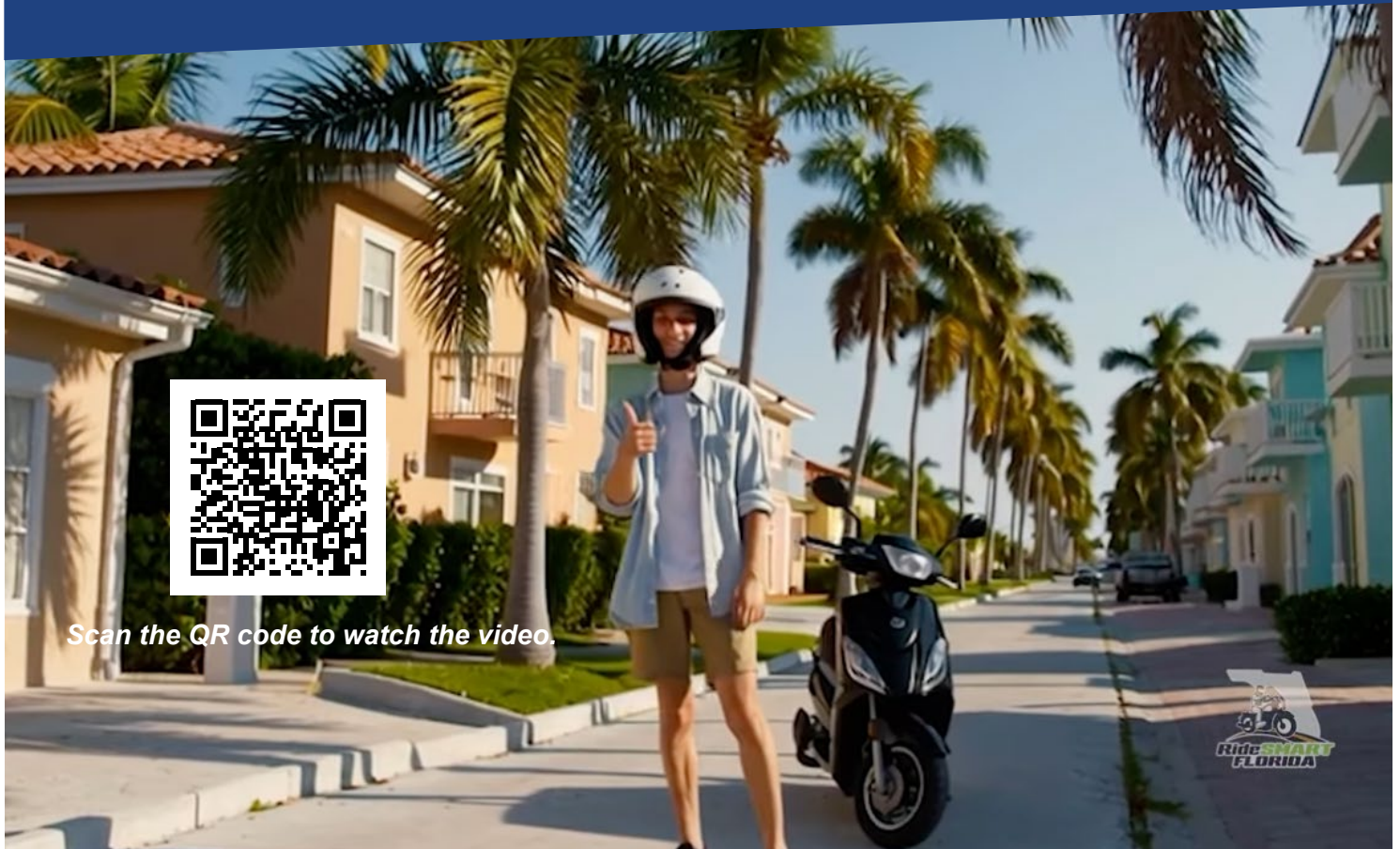
TPO Forum Encourages Thought Leadership

The Safety Team participated in the 2025 Transportation Industry Forum by hosting a table targeting nearly 400 attendees to discuss the Drive Safe Campaign efforts. The Forum brought together leaders from both the public and private sectors to discuss ideas and innovative strategies for accelerating project delivery. The event provided a platform for discussions among partners, TPO Board Members, public officials, organizations, technical staff, and the private sector on the importance of developing safe, connected, and mobility-focused transportation facilities in Miami-Dade County.





Policy & Partnership



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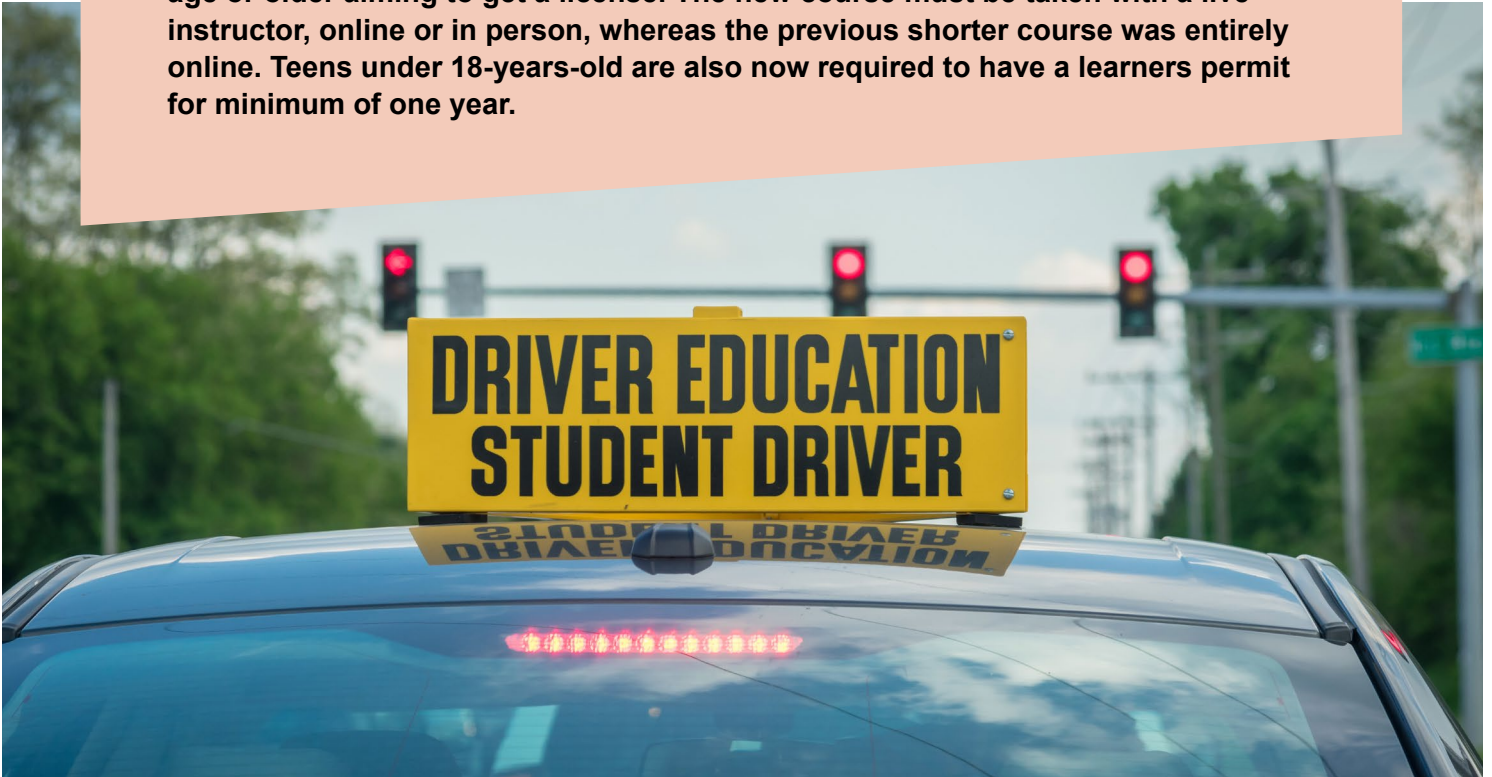
New State Law Ignites Safety Conversations

CTST meetings provide an recurring opportunity for discussions about upcoming activities, partnership opportunities and legislative developments. Since July, when the Florida legislature passed a new law allowing local governments to regulate e-bikes and motorized scooters, micromobility has been a common topic of discussion. The law, originating from Senate Bill 462, has received mixed reviews with some CTST members applauding the change, citing safety concerns and others questioning the possible confusion as each municipality can create different micromobility rules and regulations. Some lawmakers say that by enforcing these devices, roadways will be safer. UM and Village of Key Biscayne have been at the forefront of regulating micromobility devices. UM dedicated a webpage and map to its new policy guidelines and registration requirements for all device users including faculty, staff members and students.

The Village of Key Biscayne currently regulates devices, including requiring riders under the age of 16 to wear a helmet and to use devices that are fitted with safety equipment. Adding to the confusion, many riders are unaware that legally, scooters require endorsements/certifications. For more information on getting an endorsement needed to ride scooters, check out our Scooter Endorsement PSA brief on page ([Visit: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rMayjlqJaHg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rMayjlqJaHg)).



The Florida Legislature also recently passed Senate Bill 994, requiring teens to complete a six-hour driver's education class before getting their learner's permit. Previously, teens were required to complete the four-hour Traffic Law and Substance Abuse Education course, which is still required by those 18 years of age or older aiming to get a license. The new course must be taken with a live instructor, online or in person, whereas the previous shorter course was entirely online. Teens under 18-years-old are also now required to have a learners permit for minimum of one year.



Kiefer Foundation Utilizes Tech to Combat Distracted Driving

During a recent CTST MDCPS Meeting, the Kiefer Foundation, established in memory of Mitchell Kiefer, who lost his life in a crash in 2016, donated simulator goggles to the district six safety office to help educate drivers on the dangers of distracted driving. Officially, they are named the Just Drive Simulator, implemented on the Meta Quest 3 Virtual Reality headset. The simulator provides an immersive, hands-on experience that educates drivers of all ages about the dangers of distracted driving in a safe and controlled environment. The foundation's mission is to change behaviors, make roads safer and save lives through education, technology and policy initiatives. The donation was also made available through State Farm. The device will be featured during the 2026 Put it Down Campaign which focuses on preventing distracted driving. Melissa Hamrick, the executive director of the Kiefer Foundation, was the guest speaker during the Put it Down Distracted Driving Safety Campaign Kickoff on January 21.



“ Getting the Just Drive Simulator into organizations and schools and reaching both experienced and young drivers is a major step towards making the roads a safer place for us all. ”

Kiefer Foundation



Multi-Agency Saturation Efforts

Education Combined with Law Enforcement Generates Engagement

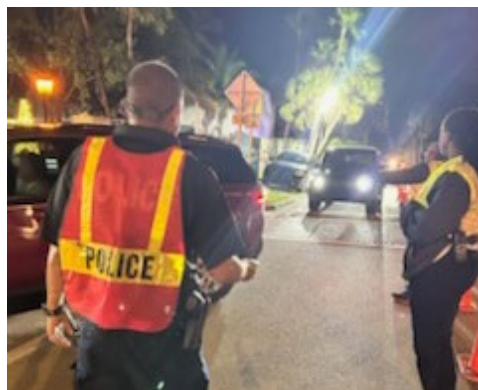
The District Safety Office often partners with law enforcement on Multi-Agency Education & Saturation Details where police target drivers who have committed infractions. The purpose of the details is to promote safe driving practices and reduce traffic accidents resulting in property damage, injuries, and/or fatalities

In December, law enforcement was very active in various trainings/saturation details and check points were conducted at various locations within Miami-Dade County

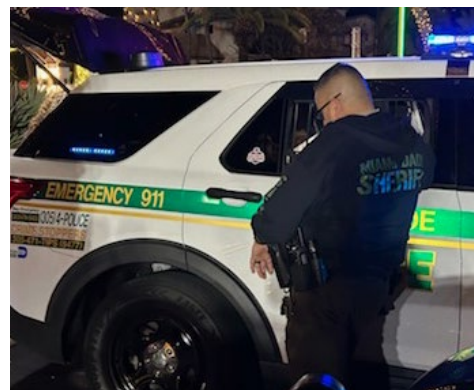
The teams often connect at CTST meetings to provide updates on the details.



Shieda Castillo, FCCM, Community Safety Traffic Specialist with the Surside Police Department.



Golden Beach DUI Checkpoint



Quarterly Law Enforcement Meeting



Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Training



High School Program

(Our Future Drivers)



Engaging Teens with Traffic Safety Education

Understanding the importance of targeting teens with safe driving tips before or soon after they first get on the road, FDOT District Six has partnered with Florida International University (FIU) to bring educational safety presentations to various high schools in Miami-Dade and Monroe counties. The pilot program began in October and targets public and private schools, by providing traffic safety education to students in a fun and interactive way. FIU students helped create the presentation and present the safety presentations to the students along with the faculty lead and FDOT Safety Team Members.

The goal of this initiative is educate our future drivers as we strive for our goal of zero fatalities and serious injuries across the state of Florida by reinforcing the importance of safe behaviors while driving, walking or riding.

Thus far, presentations have been held at American Senior High, Hialeah Miami Lakes High and the School for Advanced Studies West.

Next steps include the formal establishment of social media accounts for the project on different social media sites. These platforms will serve to share educational messages, promote safe behaviors, and document ongoing efforts.





Internal News

New Leaderships Values Safety Efforts – FDOT District Six



“Safety is at the heart of everything we do at FDOT, and campaigns like our Target Zero initiative are one of the most meaningful ways we connect with the people we serve. These efforts go beyond messaging—they reflect our deep commitment to saving lives and making our roads safer for everyone. By working closely with Community Traffic Safety Teams, we’re able to listen, collaborate, and take action where it matters most. Together, we’re building a culture of safety in our communities.”

– **Daniel Iglesias, P.E., District Six Secretary of Florida Department of Transportation**



“Safety campaigns play a critical role in public education by raising awareness of roadway risks and promoting responsible behaviors. From wearing seat belts to obeying speed limits and avoiding distractions, these efforts directly contribute to reducing crashes, injuries, and fatalities.”

– **Heidi Solaun, P.E., District Six Director of Transportation Development**



“Participating in Community Traffic Safety Team efforts is a way to stay informed, support efforts to reduce traffic incidents and safer roads for everyone.”

– **Cindy Capdevila, District Six Director of Transportation Support**



“Safety is everyone’s job. With Target Zero and our Community Traffic Safety Teams, we’re not just talking about safety—we’re living it. Every life matters, and together, we can reach zero.”

– **Rudy Garcia, P.E., District Six Director of Transportation Operations**

Tackling Cyber Security with Training

As part of Cybersecurity Awareness Month, District 6 hosted an in-person cybersecurity awareness session on October 22, bringing staff together to strengthen their understanding of digital safety in today's evolving threat landscape. The session aimed at empowering employees with practical knowledge to better protect district systems and personal information. During the event, participants learned about:

- **Current cyber threats**, including phishing attempts, social engineering tactics, and weak password risks
- **Secure device and account practices**, such as multi-factor authentication and safe browsing habits
- **How to spot suspicious behavior** and the proper steps to report potential incidents
- **Strategies for safeguarding sensitive district and personal data**

The event was well received, and many attendees shared that the session increased their confidence in recognizing and responding to cyber threats. Staff left with clearer, actionable steps to help maintain a secure digital environment year-round. This event was in partnership with Central Office OIT, D6 EBF, and D6 OIT.



2025 CONSTRUCTION NEWSLETTER

*Improve Safety, Enhance Mobility,
Inspire Innovation*



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SAFETY PROJECT:

Reducing Left-Turn Crashes Through Smarter Signal Design

Between January 2017 and December 2019, a total of 181 crashes were recorded at the intersection of NW 79 St at NW 32 Ave, including one fatal crash, 39 injury crashes, and 141 property-damage-only crashes. The fatal crash involved a westbound left-turning vehicle and an opposing eastbound through movement, highlighting a critical safety concern tied to left-turn conflicts.

To address this issue, FDOT implemented targeted signal and intersection improvements focused on reducing left-turn crashes and improving overall safety for drivers and pedestrians. Since the introduction of protected-only left-turn phasing, crashes involving left turns have significantly decreased, with 11 crashes involving westbound left turns and just one involving eastbound left turns.

The project introduces lead-lag left-turn phasing, a signal strategy that separates opposing left-turn movements in time rather than allowing them to occur simultaneously. By clearly defining when each direction can safely turn, this approach reduces driver confusion, minimizes conflict points, and improves traffic flow.



It is estimated that these improvements will reduce accidents by approximately 9 per year.

Key Improvements

- Installed new mast arms on the northwest and southwest corners to improve signal visibility.
- Relocated left-turn signal heads from post-mounted locations to the new mast arms.
- Modified east–west left-turn phasing from concurrent operation to lead-lag phasing, preventing opposing left turns from occurring at the same time.
- Added backplates and retroreflective tape to all new signal heads to enhance visibility, especially at night.
- Enabled fully actuated signal operation to reduce delays for minor streets and left turns, particularly during nighttime hours.
- Installed push buttons for all pedestrian signals and upgraded crosswalks with high-visibility markings.
- Coordinated with Miami-Dade County's Traffic Signals & Signs Division to:
 - Increase green time for eastbound and westbound left turns
 - Adjust all-red clearance intervals for all approaches
 - Increase yellow change intervals for eastbound and westbound movements
 - Implement a 4-second Leading Pedestrian Interval (LPI) for the east leg crosswalk
- Supported education and enforcement efforts to discourage jaywalking and prevent street vendors from entering travel lanes.

Safety Outcomes

The project is estimated to reduce approximately nine crashes per year, improving safety for everyone who travels through the intersection — whether driving, walking, or biking. By combining smarter signal timing, enhanced visibility, pedestrian-focused improvements, and community education, this project demonstrates how thoughtful design can turn data-driven insights into real-world safety benefits.



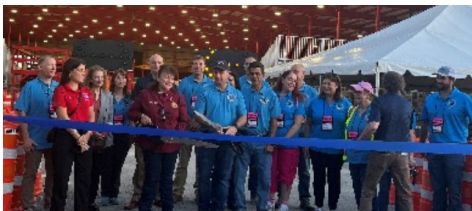
Event Highlights

(October – December Events)

Construction Career Days Emphasize Education

District Six participated in the yearly South Florida Construction Career Days event held in October at the Bergeron Rodeo Grounds in Davie. The two-day event is an educational outreach program for high school students created in 1999. It is designed to introduce school students to the wide range of career opportunities available to them in the construction industry in a hands-on environment.

The event included three FDOT districts including District 4 and District 6 and Florida's Turnpike Enterprise. The Safety Team hosted a table and engaged with students on construction careers and information about Target Zero, the statewide initiative to reduce the number of transportation-related serious injuries and deaths across Florida to ZERO.



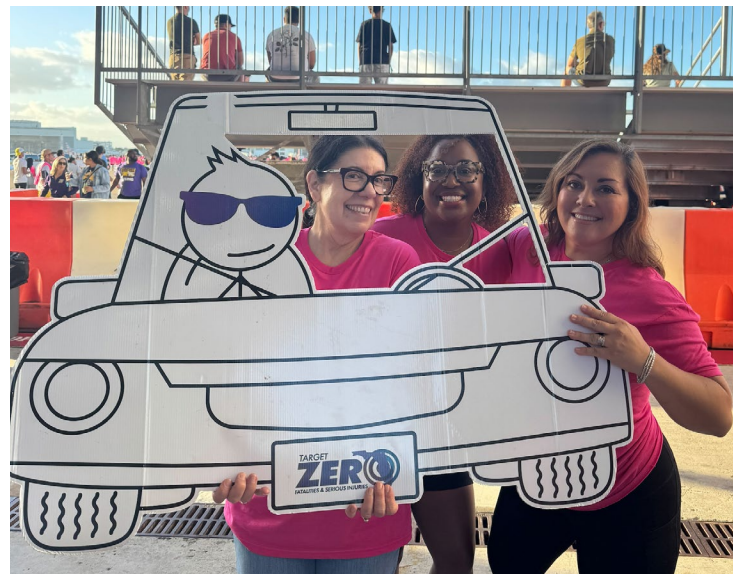
Vizcaya Night Market

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Outreach for a Cause

Grassroots outreach is key during any safety campaign as it increases opportunities to provide face-to-face interaction with community members. When grassroots outreach is joined with a cause like breast cancer awareness, the engagement is enhanced. The safety team participated in two popular local breast cancer benefits this past October – the Susan G. Komen More than Pink Walk held at the Miami-Dade County Youth Fair and Exposition Fairgrounds, and the Miami International Airport (MIA) Runway 5K 2025 event held on the runway. Thousands of residents and cancer survivors attended these events with a positive mindset of participating in a family-friendly event, donating time, money and effort to a noteworthy cause affected by many families. Hundreds stopped by the FDOT Safety Team table at both events to discuss the importance of bicycle, pedestrian and driving safety tips with the Alert Today, Alive Tomorrow and Drive Safe campaigns.



MIA Runway Event



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