

**Seminole County  
Parks & Preservation Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
May 17, 2023**

**Members Present:**

Mark Brandenburg, Nancy Dunn, Joshua Memminger, Harrel Morgan, Chris Stevens, Ashlee Woodard

**Members Absent:**

Isaac Abdelmessih, Pasha Baker, Tom Boyko, Angela Fleming, Davion Hampton, Reid Hillard, William Wills

**Guest:**

Doug Crenshaw (citizen), Robert Bowman (citizen), Loreen Bobo (FDOT)

**Staff Present:**

Michael Wirsing, Division Manager, Parks and Recreation  
Sherry Williams, Special Projects Program Manager  
Cindy Kelley, Administration Assistant

**Location:**

Boombah Soldiers Creek  
2400 State Road 419  
Longwood, FL 32750

On Wednesday, April 17, 2023, Chairman Mark Brandenburg called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. There was not a quorum in attendance.

**Pledge of Allegiance, Welcome and Introductions**

Mark Brandenburg led the Pledge of Allegiance and introduced the guest.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes were not approved due to not having a quorum in attendance.

**New Business:**

Presentation by Loreen Bobo from FDOT Office of Safety. Loreen gave a presentation on the FDOT program "Target Safety", and trying to get Florida to

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have zero accidents on our roads using a variety of different methods that involve infrastructure, collaboration and outreach.

**Leisure Services Update**

Sherry Williams

- Developing the ordinance for the Seminole Forever acquisition program is in progress. Staff will be meeting with the County Manager to review the latest update to the ordinance. Staff will provide more information at a later date.
- Florida Forever- we have applied to the Florida Forever program to purchase the Yarborough Ranch. We will know if we are accepted by the end of the month, we will then make a presentation. We should have an answer if we get funded in April of 2024. The state will own the property not the county.
- Park System Master Plan-we are working on a survey that will be a mail out and on-line to get input from the public. Should be having a public meeting tentatively on June 20 and 22 for the public to come in and hear the plan. We will let everyone know when it is scheduled.

**Parks and Recreation**

Michael Wirsing gave an update on Parks and Recreation and Greenways and Natural Lands on the top 10 projects of the month. The list is attached.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES NEEDING ASSISTANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY OF THESE PROCEEDINGS SHOULD CONTACT THE HUMAN RESOURCES, ADA COORDINATOR 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AT 407-665-7941.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THIS NOTICE, PLEASE CONTACT THE COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE, AT 407-665-7224. PERSONS ARE ADVISED THAT, IF THEY DECIDE TO APPEAL DECISIONS MADE AT THESE MEETINGS / HEARINGS, THEY WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS AND FOR SUCH PURPOSE, THEY MAY NEED TO INSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE, WHICH INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED, PER SECTION 286.0105, FLORIDA STATUTES.



# DISTRICT FIVE OFFICE OF SAFETY

## FDOT's Re-Focus on Safety

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Safety begins with YOU

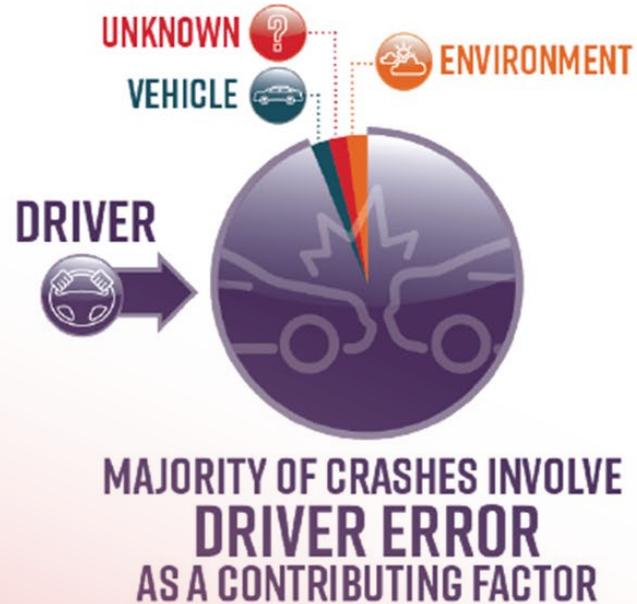
Loreen Bobo, P.E.  
FDOT D5 Safety Administrator  
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[D5-Safetyideas@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:D5-Safetyideas@dot.state.fl.us)



# Why?



## NATIONALLY...



Source: NHTSA

## On Florida's Roads...



Source: Florida Strategic Highway Safety Plan, 2021



Over 50% of fatalities in District 5 occur following Lane Departures, road features matter but....

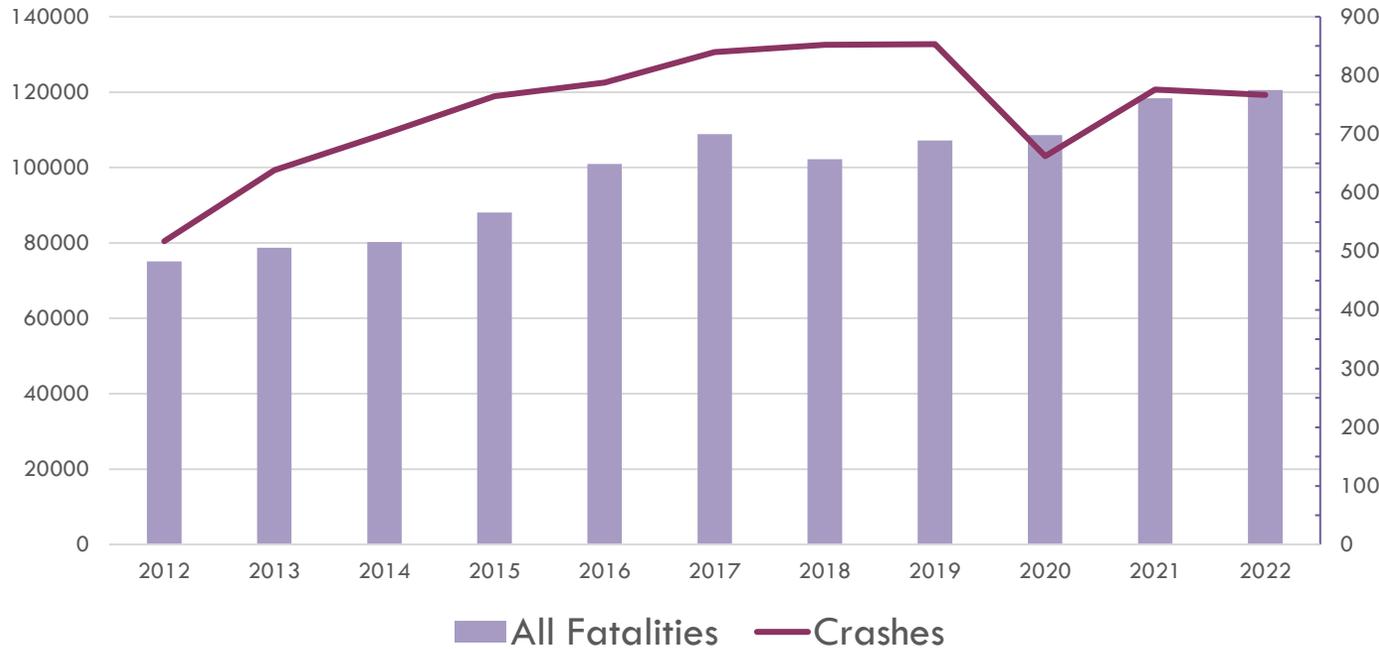
# IN **MOST** CRASHES A CONTRIBUTING FACTOR IS **BEHAVIOR**



# Why Does Safety Remain a Focus?



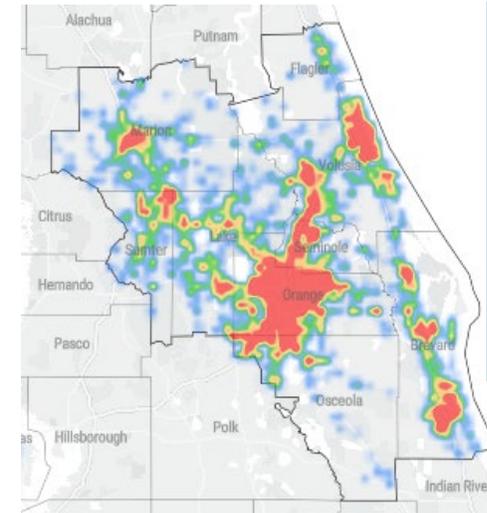
## Fatalities and Crashes in District 5



This data is being certified; final numbers may vary slightly.

**775 Fatalities (3,474 statewide) in 2022,  
194 (981 statewide) were people walking and biking.**

**Over 25% were our most vulnerable users**

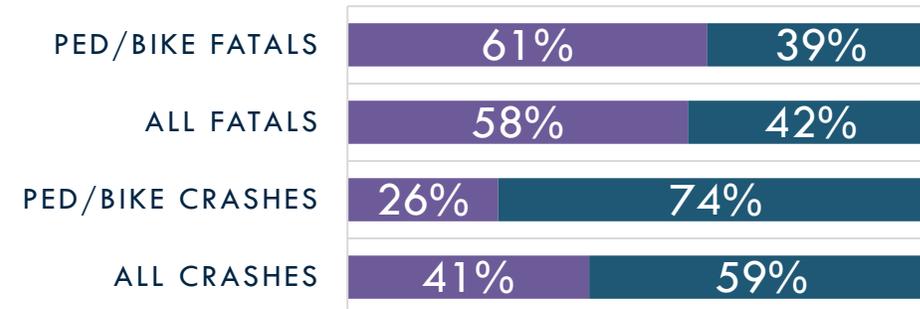


**District 5 covers 9 counties in Central Florida**

**Biggest issues are speeding, distracted driving, and occupant protection.**

## STATE VS LOCAL

■ State ■ Local



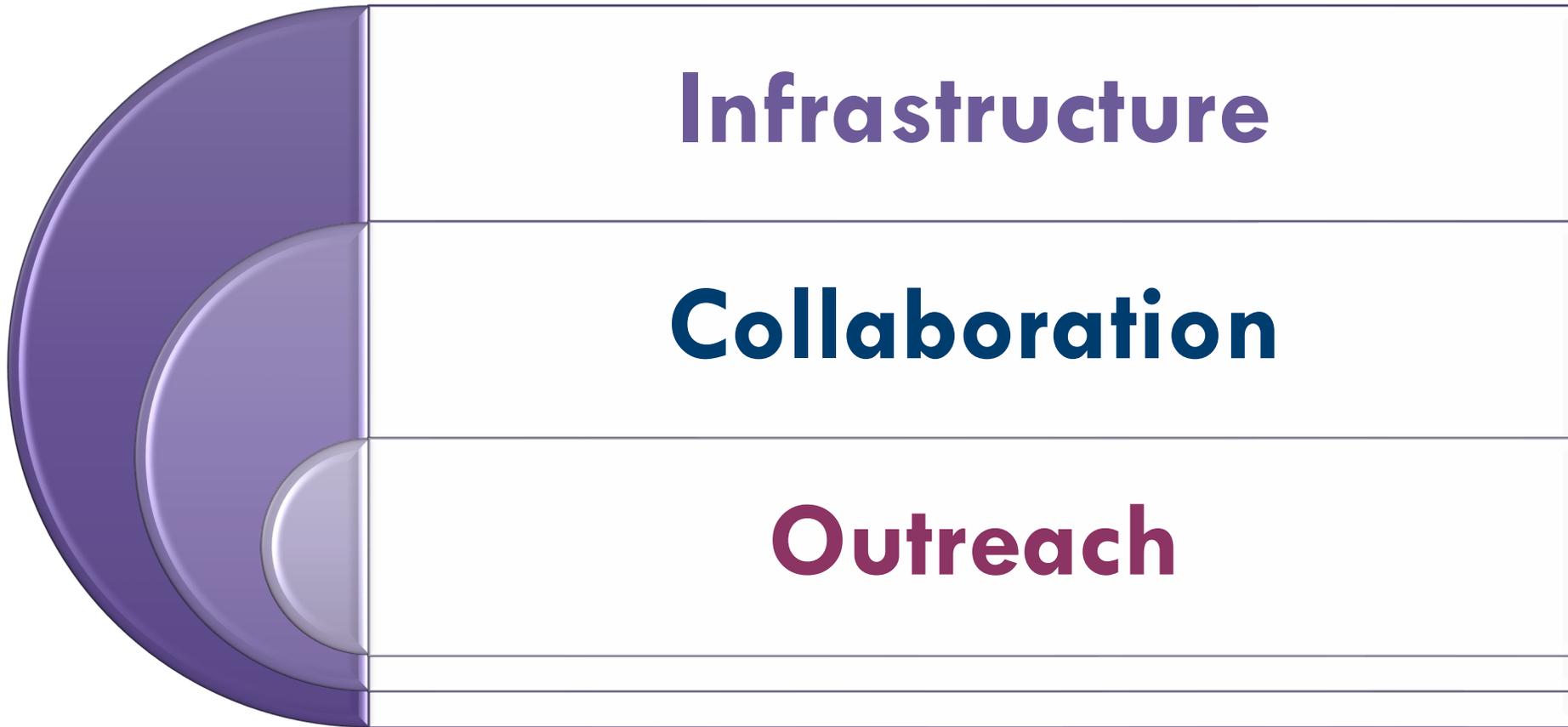
# What do we want to achieve?



Provide a unified effort to greatly reduce crashes and affects of crashes to ultimately get to zero fatalities and serious injuries



# SAFETY STRATEGIC PLAN - FOUNDATION



**FLORIDA**  
STRATEGIC HIGHWAY SAFETY PLAN

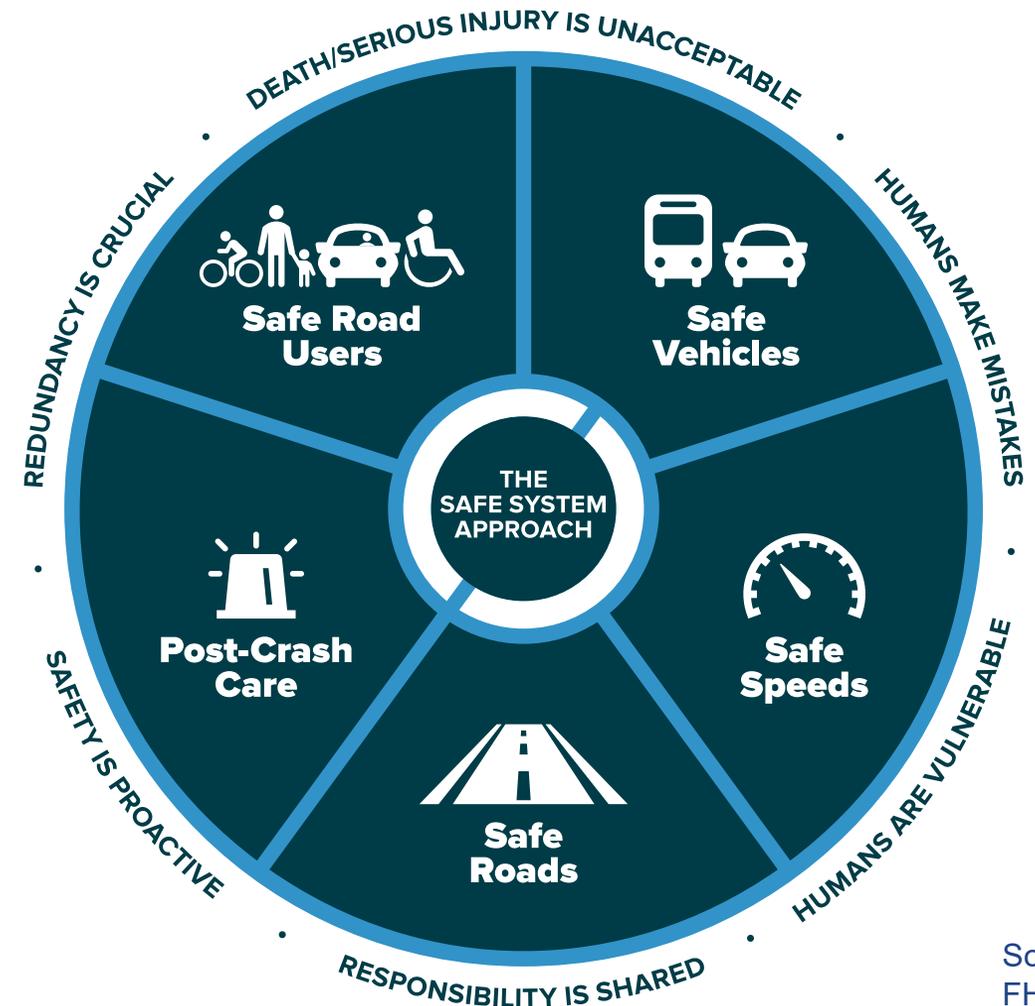
# Safe System Approach

## Principles

- Death/Serious Injury is Unacceptable
- Humans Make Mistakes
- Humans are Vulnerable
- Responsibility is Shared
- Safety is Proactive
- Redundancy is Crucial

## Elements

- Safe Road Users
- Safe Vehicles
- Safe Speeds
- Safe Roads
- Post Crash Care

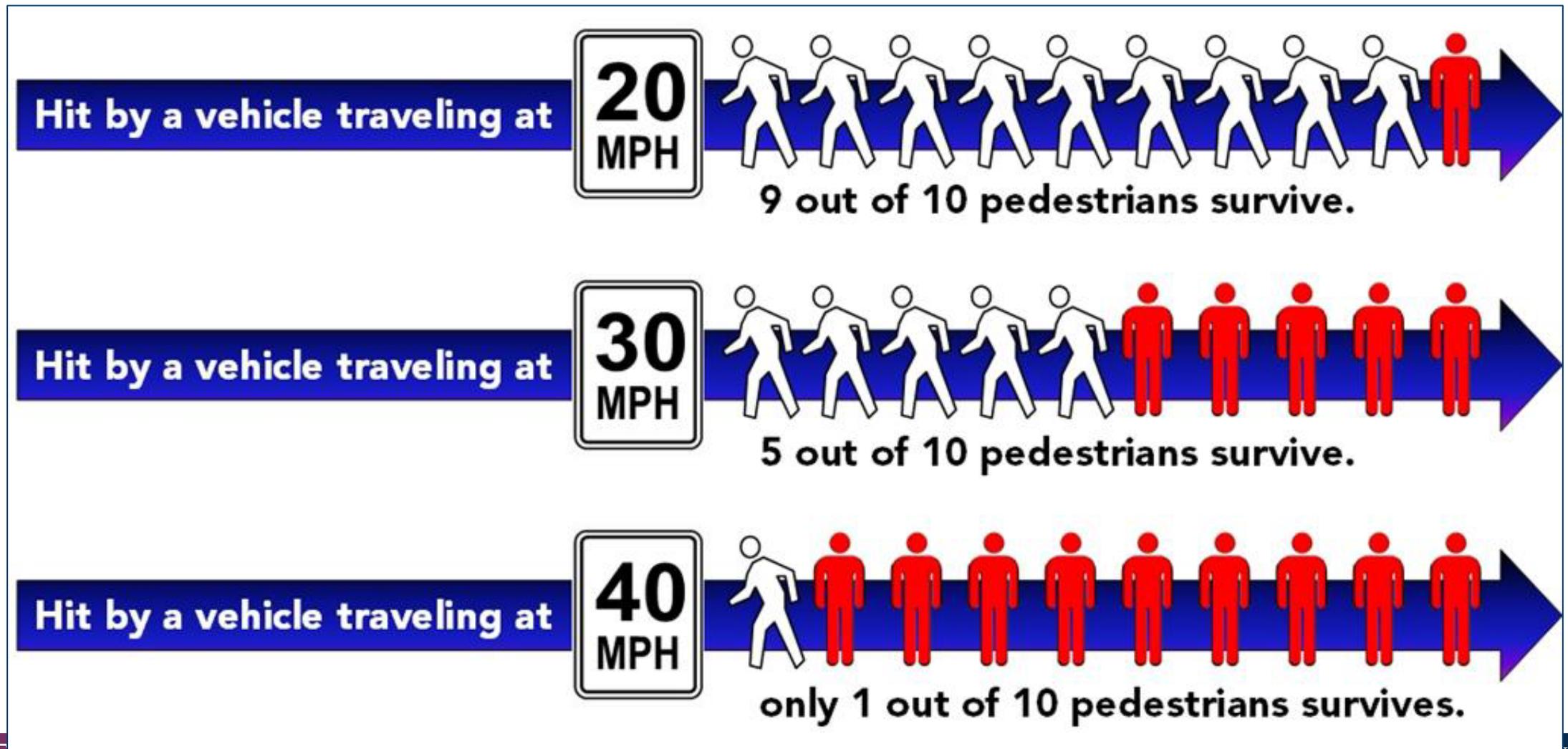


Source:  
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# Safety Starts with Us – Infrastructure

- ▶ **Every project is a safety project**
  - ▶ **Touch every project to empower and ensure max countermeasures are included.**
- ▶ **State Road or Local Road??? Does it really matter!**
- ▶ **Be proactive and Be bold on every project**
  - ▶ **If we want to save lives we have to be bold**
- ▶ **It may not be too late to incorporate the right elements into a project**
- ▶ **Target Speed – Lower speeds save lives**

# Why slower speeds?



# Speed Management Techniques

- Roundabouts
- On-Street Parking
- Chicanes
- Lane Narrowing
- Horizontal Deflection
- Street Trees/ Landscaping
- Short Blocks
- Midblock Crossings
- Speed Tables
- And More!



# Vision Zero vs Target Zero

## Vision Zero

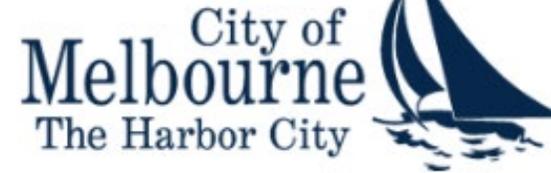
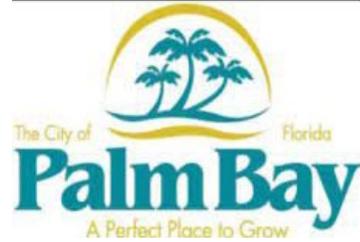
- Vision Zero sets the goal of **eliminating all traffic fatalities and severe injuries**, while increasing safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all, in a set period with clear, measurable strategies.
- Traffic deaths are PREVENTABLE.
- Acknowledge HUMAN BEHAVIOR influences crashes
- Multidisciplinary approach
- <https://visionzeronetwork.org>

## FDOT's Target Zero

- Target Zero is a parallel effort that plans programs and projects, both infrastructure and behavioral related, to help achieve **zero fatalities and serious injuries**.



# Thank you ~ Vision Zero Partners



# Safety Starts with Us – Growing the Culture

- Growing the Safety Culture
  - Within the District
  - Target Zero Delegates in every unit
  - 2.22.22 Making Safety 2<sup>nd</sup> Nature Pledge



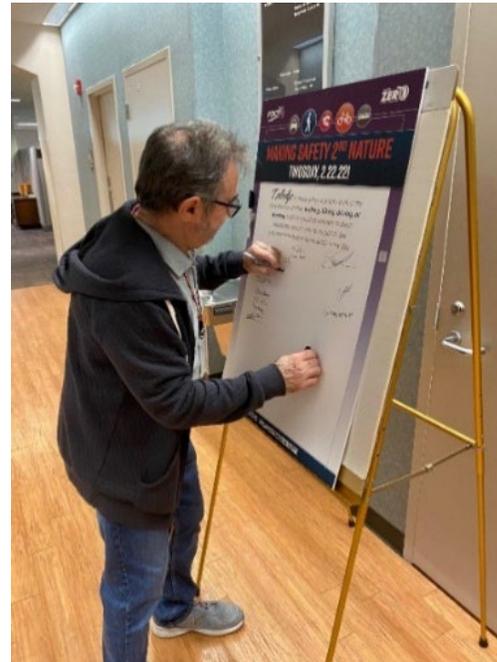
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## MAKING SAFETY 2<sup>ND</sup> NATURE

### TWOSDAY, 2.22.22!

*I pledge* to make safety a priority in all of my daily choices whether **walking, biking, driving, or working**. I will be a positive example to those around me so that I can do my part to get everyone home to their family safely every day.

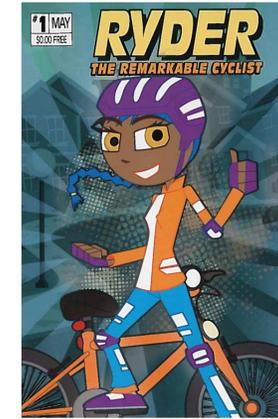


# Safety Starts with Us – Start with our Children

- Children are our future; outreach and growing that safety culture with them is very important.



Early Elementary Student Winner  
Title "Daddy Rides in Heaven"



# Safety Starts with You!

- Making the safety 'mission' personal – All of us, including users of our transportation system can make a difference.

- [D5-Safetyideas@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:D5-Safetyideas@dot.state.fl.us)

- **How are you going to make a difference?**

- Safety begins with **YOU**, act responsibly. Respect other users.
  - Educate and encourage your family, neighbors, and friends to drive, walk, and bike safely, so that they make it home every day.
- Encourage safety conversations and actions in your daily work.



# Safety Central Newsletter

Because *Safety* is *Central* to everything we do

July 2022 - No. 1

## SAFETY CENTRAL

DISTRICT 5 MOVING TO ZERO

District 5 Office of Safety Newsletter

### WELCOME FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

LOREEN ROSS, PE., Safety Administrator, FDOT District 5 Office of Safety



Welcome to the first edition of the District 5 Office of Safety Quarterly Newsletter - Safety Central! We are excited to bring you interesting content four times a year that will help to build on our culture of safety. Since the Office of Safety in District 5 was established on June 1, 2021, we have been working hard to establish our goals and plan how best to move forward as we strive for zero fatalities and serious injuries. One of those goals was to start a quarterly newsletter that highlights activities, brings attention to efforts by individuals and teams, and brings all of us together in a collaborative format in FDOT's District 5, which encompasses much of Central Florida.

**Our theme is 'Safety Central' for many reasons.** First, we are focusing our efforts on Central Florida to enhance safety for our residents and visitors as they travel our roadways. Second, Safety is Central to everything we do and every decision we make prioritizes safety above all else. Third, we strive to encourage all users of our transportation systems to make 'Safety Central' to their choices.

When I mention 'We,' I am not talking about just FDOT. I am talking about our partner agencies, coalitions, law enforcement, schools, and community members. While we can make a difference if we act on our own, collaborating together will help District 5 get to zero faster. Let's learn and grow from each other!

**Safety Begins with Me. Safety Begins with You.** I truly believe that whenever we may work, live, or play, each of us can have a positive impact from a safety perspective. At FDOT, we often think about influencing safety through roadway planning and design, but influencing transportation safety goes way beyond that. I encourage everyone to think about different ways they can impact safety, whether it is at your child's school, within your neighborhood, or in your work.

Thank you for taking a few moments to read our first Quarterly Newsletter! We hope you enjoy it and maybe learn something new.

**So, what will you do to be a positive influence on safety? We'd love to hear your ideas; feel free to share at D5-SafetyIdeas@dot.state.fl.us**



We believe that you can't start too young teaching our transportation users about how to be as safe as possible; we are all responsible for how we act whether we are driving, walking, or biking. Loren is pictured here with her five boys at the Take Your Child to Work Day on April 28, where the Office of Safety showed 80 children how to use a roundabout and crosswalk safely that day. Let's reinforce daily the lessons they've learned!

<b>COMMUNITY TRAFFIC SAFETY TEAM</b> Local People Solving Local Problems Keeping Central Florida residents and visitors safe is Job #1. Page 2	<b>WALK LIKE MADD</b> FDOT District Five team members were excited to attend and participate in the Walk. Page 6	<b>DISTRICT FIVE'S A.R.T.</b> The Attract, Retain, Train (A.R.T.) team has been working on the District's recruiting efforts. Page 12
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## SAFETY CENTRAL

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District 5 Office of Safety Newsletter

### MESSAGE FROM THE D5 SECRETARY JOHN TYLER

**EVERY PROJECT IS A SAFETY PROJECT**



Photo Credit: Newton County Public Relations

Welcome to the second edition of District Five's Safety Central Quarterly Newsletter. Our vision in District Five is that all users have the safest experience possible on our state and local roads in Central Florida.

For those of you I may not know, I am John Tyler, District Secretary for FDOT's District Five. I have been in Central Florida since 1995 and have raised my family here. Safety has always been and continues to be a main priority for me in both my work and personal life. As District Secretary, I feel a lot of responsibility for everyone who uses our roadways - residents and visitors alike. We want everyone to get home safely.

Over my years with FDOT, I have seen how collaboration with others can lead to awesome opportunities. Together, we can do more. I am very pleased to hear about all the communities that have already chosen to adopt Vision Zero and am encouraged by the many communities that are considering adopting it as well. Adopting Vision Zero is just the start to the action plans and implementation of projects and outreach that will truly make a difference and get us to zero.

Speaking of zero, FDOT has a goal of Target Zero... Zero Fatalities and Serious Injuries on our roadways. We are working toward this goal through a multi-pronged approach. We want to treat every project as a safety project. We want every safety project to bring forward appropriate countermeasures and emerging technology that will improve safety. But we want to do more than just focus on improving our infrastructure. Since in most crashes a contributing factor is behavior related, we must address the root cause. To do that, we must do things we haven't done before. We must partner with local communities, law enforcement, first responders, educators, and media outlets to develop and deliver outreach efforts that can reach people and change behavior when people are behind the wheel, walking or biking on our roadways. It's a daunting challenge, but we can do it together.

At FDOT, we look forward to engaging with you to make a positive impact for all our users. Whether you are with a local agency, consultant firm, contractor, or citizen, I encourage you to find opportunities where you can make a positive impact. How will you save a life? Always remember: **Safety Begins with Me. Safety Begins with You.**



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<b>STOP ON RED</b> Every Life Counts, FDOT Encourages Drivers to Stop on Red. Page 2	<b>OPERATION SOUTHERN SLOW DOWN</b> FDOT teamed with law enforcement agencies across the state to crack down on speeding. Page 8	<b>A TEAM APPROACH TO SAFETY</b> FDOT Contractors and Consultants work to get everyone home on the S.R. 44 bridge reconstruction project. Page 18
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## SAFETY CENTRAL

DISTRICT 5 MOVING TO ZERO

District 5 Office of Safety Newsletter

### MESSAGE FROM JACK ADKINS

Director of Development

**HAPPY NEW YEAR, CENTRAL FLORIDA!** As we wind down from the holiday season, I hope everyone had a chance to relax and take some time to enjoy friends and family.

As we enter a new year, it is a great time to assess where we were, where we are, and where we're going. It's the time of self-assessment and setting new goals.

While we are contemplating goals and New Year's resolutions, it's also the perfect time to reflect on our safety mission.

As I travel throughout the district, I am startled by the number of people glued to their cell phones and other devices. You can always pick out the distracted drivers as they weave within their own lane or wander into other lanes. This seems like such a simple safety factor to adhere to, yet it is still one of the most ignored practices.

Distracted drivers can affect each of us in our daily lives. As a recreational bicyclist that tries to ride three to four times a week, I cringe as vehicles pass me. It only takes a second of distraction to ruin several lives. Many of you may remember Volusia County Sheriff Mike Chitwood being hit on his bicycle by a driver who was shopping on Amazon. Fortunately, a fatality did not occur, but the Sheriff was injured, and I'm sure the driver's life was forever changed.

Another surprising factor is an increase in drivers and passengers not wearing seatbelts. I am certainly old enough to remember rolling around in the back seat of my parents' 1962 Chrysler and lying on the rear window shelf while traveling. However, in 1986, mandatory seat belt legislation was enacted in Florida. While there was a period of adjustment and forming a habit, it didn't take long to start feeling uncomfortable if you were not wearing your seatbelt.

Starting a new year, let's all include safety as a priority. Now is an excellent time to reset your habits if you've gotten lax on remembering to put your phone down or buckling up. As the Florida slogan goes, let's 'Arrive Alive' and ensure everyone returns home to their loved ones safely.

HAPPY NEW YEAR, everyone!



Come volunteer with us at events in your community! To learn more, see page 12.



<b>WALKING BACK THE IDEA OF JAY WALKING</b> Please be aware of people crossing where you might not expect them. Page 4	<b>VOLUNTEER WITH US!</b> The D5 Office of Safety invites community partners to volunteer in the New Year! Page 12	<b>SAFE MOBILITY FOR LIFE COALITION</b> Learn more about CarFit certification and register to become certified! Page 20
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# Volunteer with us!

*Help us share safety messages!*

**Volunteer opportunities are always being added to this site,**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/fdot-d5-office-of-safety-outreach-events-1473989>

## FDOT D5 Office of Safety Outreach Events

FDOT District Five Office of Safety

The Office of Safety frequently hosts & attends events in the community, providing safety outreach. This is rewarding work. We need your help! Please consider joining us to work one (or more) of these events.

### Events in this collection

Upcoming (7) Past (18)



#### Walk Like MADD & MADD Dash Central Florida

Sun, May 7, 6:00 AM

Blue Jacket Park • Orlando, FL

Free



#### Melbourne Mall Hometown Heroes Event

Sat, May 13, 10:00 AM

Melbourne Square Mall • Melbourne, FL

Free



#### Hang 8 Dog Surfing Extravaganza

Sat, May 20, 8:00 AM

5th Street South walkover on A1A just south of the Pier • ...

Free



#### Rollin' & Strollin' OBT Community Outreach Event

Sat, May 20, 9:00 AM

South Trail Branch Library • Orlando, FL

Free



#### Osceola Teen Mock Trauma

Sat, Jun 10, 4:00 PM

Promenade at Sunset Walk • Kissimmee, FL

Free



#### Volusia County School District FACT Fair - DeLand High School

Fri, Oct 13, 5:30 PM

DeLand Beach High School • DeLand, FL

Free



#### Volusia County School District FACT Fair - Campbell Middle School

Fri, Nov 17, 5:30 PM

# April is National Distracted Driving Awareness Month

THE FIGHT TO END  
DISTRACTED DRIVING  
STARTS WITH YOU!

## KNOW THE FACTS:



You're **23 times** more likely to  
crash if you text while you drive.

THE FIGHT TO END  
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STARTS WITH YOU!

## WHAT CAN YOU DO?



**NEVER TEXT OR TALK ON YOUR CELL PHONE WHILE DRIVING:** Even though hands-free systems seem helpful, they're not the solution. Keep your mind on the road.

**MAKE A PLAN:** Know where you are going before you get in the car. Program the GPS before you drive. Check weather and road conditions beforehand to be prepared.



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## WHAT CAN YOU DO?



**SLOW DOWN:** Drive at a safe speed so you can be aware of what other drivers are doing and have time to react.

**BUCKLE UP:** Always wear your seat belt and make sure all passengers are buckled up, too. You are less likely to be distracted or involved in a crash if you and your passengers are secured in your seat.



# Safety begins with ME.... Safety begins with YOU!

*Thank you!*

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