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### **Florida's Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Coalition Urges Drivers to Stop on Red!**

**TAMPA** – National Stop on Red Week, August 5 – 11, 2018, is a national campaign designed to reduce traffic crashes at intersections. On Thursday, August 9, 2018, members of Florida's Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Coalition will join the National Coalition for Safer Roads to remind everyone, no matter what mode of transportation they choose, to ALWAYS Stop on Red.

Florida's Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Coalition is a diverse group of federal, state, and local safety partners, stakeholders, and advocates that is spearheaded by the Florida Department of Transportation.

“At the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), safety is our number one priority,” said FDOT State Bicycle Pedestrian Safety Program Manager Trenda McPherson. “The goal of this event is to remind all road users to ALWAYS Stop on Red because safety doesn't happen by accident!”

This organized team will conduct on-street safety outreach on Thursday, August 9, 2018 from 10:30 – 11:45AM at the intersection of Fowler Avenue and McKinley Drive. A very special guest from the Tampa Bay Lightning will also be on hand to reward people making safe choices.

For your safety, and the safety of others, you should ALWAYS:

- Stop for stop signs, red traffic signals, and when the pedestrian signal displays the hand signal.
- Stop BEFORE the stop bar. Never stop in or block the crosswalk.
- Before turning right on red, stop and look to your left for oncoming traffic, then to the right for bicyclists approaching in the bike lane, and for pedestrians entering the crosswalk. If the way is clear of pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists; and, there is no sign posted that prohibits right turns on red or officer directing you otherwise, proceed with your turn.
- When walking, wait for the signal to cross, then use the crosswalk/intersection to cross. Remember, when the hand comes up on the pedestrian signal, even if the signal is counting down, it is no longer legal to enter the crosswalk.

- When riding a bicycle on a sidewalk or path, wait for the signal to cross, then use the crosswalk/intersection to cross. Remember, when using the sidewalk or path, you have the same responsibility as pedestrians.
- When riding a bicycle in the bike or travel lane, stop BEFORE the stop bar or in a green bike box. Never stop in or block the crosswalk. Before turning right on red, look to your left for oncoming traffic and to your right for other cyclists and pedestrians. If the way is clear and there is no sign posted that prohibits right turns on red or officer directing you otherwise, proceed with your turn.

For more information about Florida's Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Coalition, please contact Trenda McPherson at [trenda.mcpherson@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:trenda.mcpherson@dot.state.fl.us) or Kristen Carson at [kristen.carson@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:kristen.carson@dot.state.fl.us).

For more information about the National Coalition for Safer Roads (NCSR) or to interview NCSR President Melissa Wandall, please contact 941-545-3359 or [melissa@melissawandall.com](mailto:melissa@melissawandall.com).



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