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### **Florida Department of Transportation Announces Crossing Guard Appreciation Day and Award Winners**

**TALLAHASSEE** - Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) Safety Office announces Friday, February 1, 2019, as Crossing Guard Appreciation Day to recognize the hard work and dedication of those individuals who keep Florida's schoolchildren safe as they go to and from school. FDOT works with law enforcement agencies and provides standards and uniform training across the state to ensure the safety and effectiveness of the program.

**Florida Department of Transportation Secretary Kevin Thibault said, "Crossing guards play an important role helping children across the state safely arrive and leave school each day. I am proud to recognize their efforts to protect Florida's students."**

Every year the department recognizes individuals and organizations exemplifying professionalism and responsibility for the safety of children.

#### **2018 Florida School Crossing Guards of the Year:**

Danny Burnett  
Tallahassee Police Department

Nancy Heburn  
St. Johns County Sheriff's Office

#### **2018 Florida School Crossing Guard of the Year Extra Mile Award:**

Dwayne Riedel  
Manatee County Sheriff's Office

Florida is a national leader in developing crossing guard uniform training guidelines and curriculum. FDOT is dedicated to providing a train-the-trainer program to educate trainers on the safe and effective techniques and crossing procedures used by crossing guards. Governor Ron DeSantis issued a proclamation of appreciation. Click [here](#) to access the proclamation.