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# Vulnerable Road Users

# Part 3:

## Prevention Programs – The Florida School Crossing Guard Training Program and the Safe Routes To School Program

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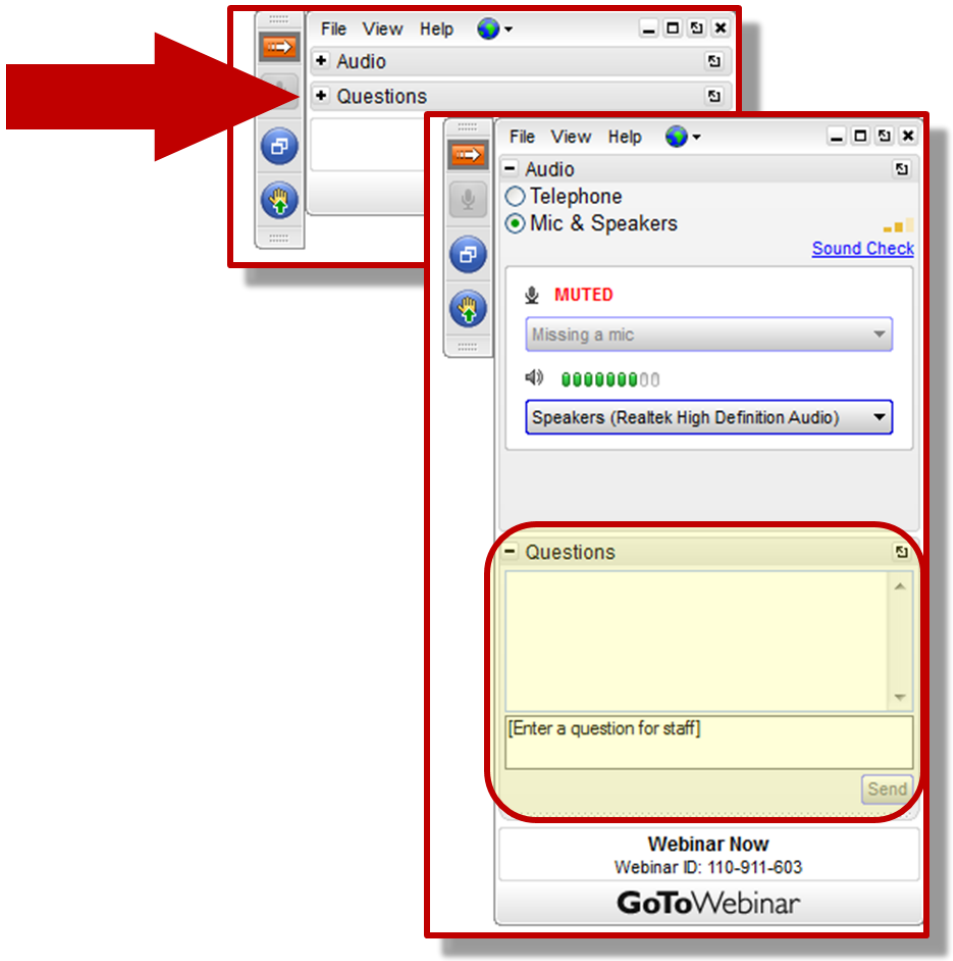

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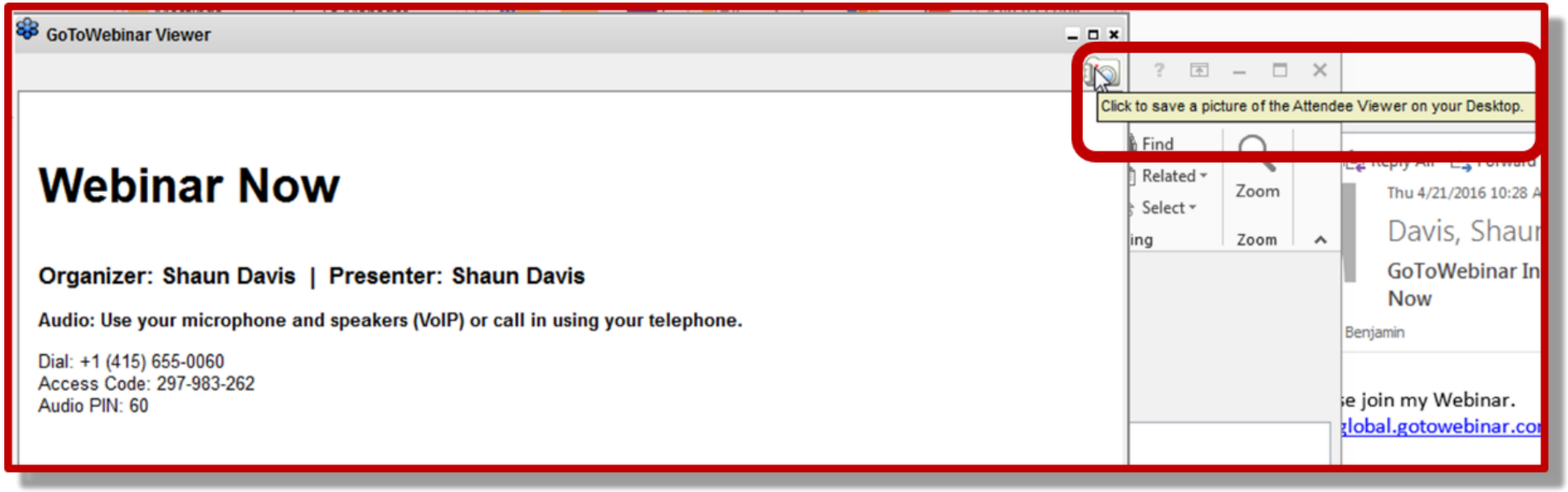

# Crash Data Academy: Florida School Crossing Guard Training Program

Presenter:

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***Florida School Crossing Guard Training Program***
**State Safety Office, Florida Department of Transportation**

1. What is the Florida School Crossing Guard Training Program?
2. How did the program come about?
3. How does it improve safe transportation for our most vulnerable road users?

*"Crossing Guards are the unsung heroes of the community working to keep our youngest citizens safe. Each school day they brave the elements of weather, traffic, air and noise pollution. They surrender personal needs to split up their day to insure the safety of the communities' students. Often they go unnoticed by the general public until you have a child of your own, or they don't show up one morning and you notice something different about an intersection."*

Shannon Robeson, Parking Enforcement Coordinator
Jacksonville Beach Police Department
School Crossing Guard Program

Program of the Year Award Winner 2013
(Medium Agency)

# Florida School Crossing Guard Training Program

- A **train-the-trainer program** based on Section 316.75 F.S.
- ***Local governmental entities*** that administer school crossing guard programs must train their guards according to guidelines developed by the Florida Department of Transportation.

History
of the
Program

# PROGRAM BASIS

Florida Statute 316.75 – School Crossing Guards or “Ramon Turquest Act”

Tuesday, August 27, 1991 25 cents

## Boy, 7, killed by truck on way to school

By KIM MARGOLIS
and KAREN SAMPLES
Staff Writers

HALLANDALE — A 7-year-old boy holding his mother's hand while heading to the first day of school on Monday was struck by a truck and killed after he stepped off a curb onto busy Hallandale Beach Boulevard.

As he lay on the ground, Ramon Turnquist quietly answered "yeah" when his crying mother, Debra Brown, asked him whether he could hear her. The second-grader died a while later at Memorial Hospital in Hollywood.

Ramon's brother, Quin, 5, watched from the sidewalk as his mother tried to comfort her oldest child, witnesses said.

The truck's driver, Angel Maceira, ran to Ramon's side with a first-aid kit.

"I don't think his foot was on the ground yet when [the truck] hit him," said Karen Young, who was walking her child to school a few paces behind Ramon and his family.

Ramon

Police said the accident occurred right after the light turned red. The crossing guard had signaled the family to cross Hallandale Beach Boulevard at Northwest Fourth Avenue. Debra Brown was holding Ramon with one hand and Quin with the other.

Ramon stepped off the curb first and was struck by Maceira's westbound pickup truck, which apparently ran through the red light, police said.

No charges were filed against Maceira. An investigation was continuing, said Marcia Sandler, spokeswoman for the Hallandale Police Department.

Karen Young, who usually walks to school with Brown and her children, was nearing the curb with her daughter when she saw the accident.

"He would always be with his mother, he was a nice little kid," said Young, who has known Debra Brown, 27, and Ramon's father, Atmore Turnquist, 29, since they were children.

Quin was examined at Memorial Hospital and released, hospital employees said. Neither Quin nor Brown was hurt.

Since the early 1980s, Broward County parents have pressed for speed zones around schools, including Hallandale Elementary, which is on Southwest Fourth Avenue, near Hallandale Beach Boulevard.

The County Commission has designated 15 mph zones on county roads that schoolchildren must cross if the roads are within sight of a school. But that rule

SEE **BOY** /4A

# Program Basis Florida Statute

**Title XXIII**
MOTOR VEHICLES

Florida Statute

**Chapter 316**
STATE UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL

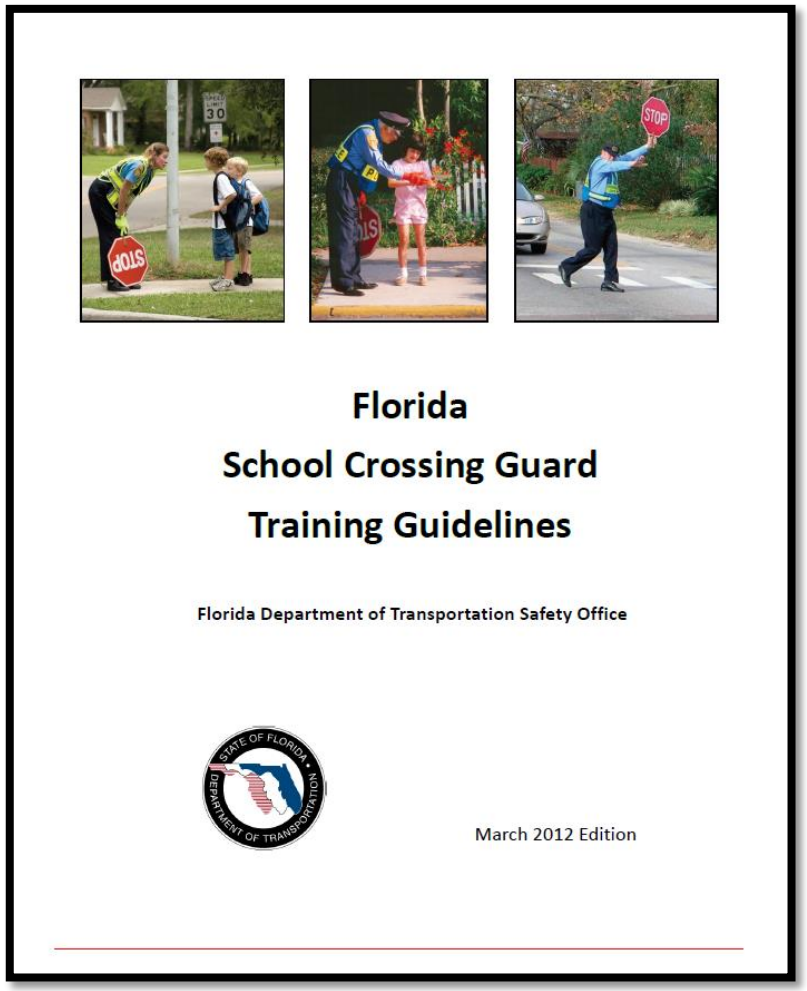
**316.75 School crossing guards.**--The Department of Transportation shall adopt uniform guidelines for the training of school crossing guards. Each local governmental entity administering a school crossing guard program shall provide a training program for school crossing guards according to the uniform guidelines. Successful completion of the training program shall be required of each school guard except:

(1) A person who received equivalent training during employment as a law enforcement officer.
(2) A person who receives less than $5,000 in annual compensation in a county with a population of less than 75,000.
(3) A student who serves in a school patrol.

School crossing guard training programs may be made available to nonpublic schools upon contract.

**History.**--s. 2, ch. 92-194; s. 42, ch. 97-190.
**Note.**--Former s. 234.302.

# Guidelines

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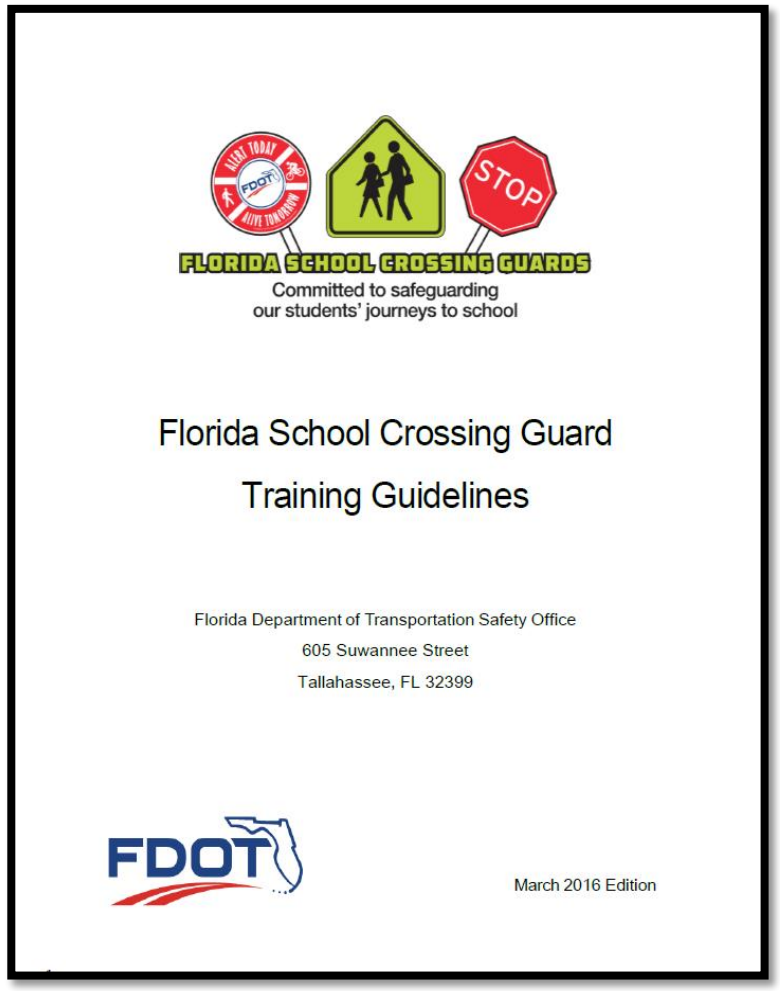


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# Goals:

- Uniform training
- Consistency throughout the state
- Ultimately, effective and safe operation of guarded school crossings

# Going from this….

This is **NOT** the crossing procedure recommended by Florida.

# To get to this…

- ✓ Trainer certification courses offered throughout the year
- ✓ Covering the state equitably

# Classroom Instruction

# Practical Training

- Crossing procedures
- Signals and communication
- Techniques

## EXAMPLE 3B. Signaling to drivers

A guard signals to drivers to alert them to their duty to stop for crosswalk users (i.e., the guard and the crossing children), not for purposes of directing traffic. ***While in the roadway, a guard should never make any hand or head movement that might be interpreted by a driver as a signal to proceed***. When a guard has taken position and is ready to cross children, the instruction to children to make their traffic searches and begin crossing is made verbally, without gestures.

# EXAMPLE: 3B.01. Techniques for use of STOP paddle

**Guard enters the roadway with raised STOP Paddle preceding (leading) them with opposite arm raised to approaching traffic.**

# EXAMPLE 2A.13. C

## Remain standing while on duty

A guard **shall not** sit while on duty: *The visible presence of an alert, **standing** guard helps deter unsafe behavior and maintain orderly crossings*.

EXAMPLE: 2A.03. Who encourage patterns of proper crossing behavior by students

**Guard instructs students on proper crossing techniques.**

***Why is this important???***

# Trainer Certification

STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FLORIDA SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD TRAINING PROGRAM

*This is to certify that*

*Awesome L. Trainer*

*has successfully completed the training and is a certified*

***Florida School Crossing Guard Trainer***

March 3, 2016
Date

Dana Crosby
Program Administrator
Florida School Crossing Guard Training Program

Jim Boxold
Secretary of Transportation

# Continuing safety education…

## 2015 FLORIDA SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD SUMMIT

**MAY 7, 2015**
10:00 am - 3:00 pm
FDOT Turkey Lake Service Plaza
Milepost 263
Florida's Turnpike, Ocoee, FL 34761

**LEARN, NETWORK, PARTICIPATE & ENJOY!**

### EVENT SCHEDULE

| | |
|---|---|
| 9:30-10:00 | Doors Open - Registration |
| 10:00-10:30 | Welcome & 2-Minute Introductions |
| 10:30-11:00 | Speaker #1<br>Safety Tips for Pedestrians, Cyclists and Drivers |
| 11:00-11:15 | Break |
| 11:15-11:45 | Speaker #2<br>Recruiting Employees in an Improving Economy |
| 11:45-12:45 | Lunch |
| 12:45-1:15 | Speaker #3<br>Tips for the Crossing Guard Community - Working with Law Enforcement |
| 1:15-1:50 | Workshop Session: 2015 Guideline Updates |
| 1:50-2:05 | Break |
| 2:05-2:45 | Speaker #4<br>Carl's Safety Campaign - Going into the Classroom to Educate Students and Schools |
| 2:45-3:00 | Closing Remarks |

### EXHIBITS & DEMOS

Ped/Bike RSC

Alert Today Florida

DOH - Injury Prevention

Florida Safe Routes to School

Centennial FDOT 1915 2015

www2.dot.state.fl.us/CrossingGuard/index.aspx

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| 9:30-10:00 | Doors Open - Registration |
| 10:00-10:20 | Welcome and 2-minute introductions |
| 10:20-10:55 | Speaker #1<br>Amanda Day, Bike/Walk Central Florida<br>*The View from the Pavement!* |
| 10:55-11:05 | 10 minute break |
| 11:05-11:40 | Speaker #2<br>Major Alan L. Hill, Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office<br>*Keys to motivation – fighting complacency in critical public safety roles. Tips for dealing with the public in a high stress world.* |
| 11:40-12:40 | Lunch [On your own; several food vendors in the Service Plaza] |
| 12:40-1:05 | Speaker #3<br>John Egberts, Program Administrator, FL Safe Routes to School<br>*Wearing the trainer hat – ideas for training adults effectively.* |
| 1:05-1:15 | Workshop instructions<br>*What is a best practice? Best Practices in School Crossing Guard Programs* |
| 1:15-1:55 | Workshop Session 1 |
| 1:55-2:05 | 10 minute break |
| 2:05-2:50 | Workshop Session 2 |
| 2:50-3:00 | Closing Remarks |

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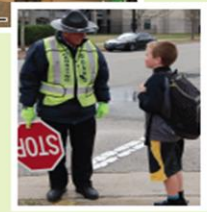
Florida Dept. of Health

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S A F E T Y

CROSSING GUARDS
Be Safe!
See & Be Seen!
Adult crossing guards shall wear or use the following items:
Retroreflective outer garment-vest, shirt, or rainwear- that complies with MUTCD 7D.04.
Whistle
STOP
Retroreflective STOP paddle that complies with MUTCD 7D.05.
All communications must be uniform, crisp and clearly informative so that both motorists and pedestrians will know what is expected of them.
HAND signals/movements and whistle are to be used with motorists.
VERBAL messages only are to be used with pedestrians.
DO
Always review the proper search pattern before crossing.
Always use pedestrian signals if available.
Always be clear and concise with your signals.
Establish eye contact.
Remain alert.
DON'T
Do not assume that cars will stop.
Do not assume cars will remain stopped.
Do not cross students if a vehicle is stopped in the crosswalk.
YIELD
Protect Yourself & the Children!
FDOT
SafeRoutes

**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.**

**Florida is a leader among states in developing its crossing guard uniform training guidelines and curriculum.**

# #1

# *Florida School Crossing Guard Training Program:*

1. **Train-the-Trainer program based on Florida Statute**
2. **Came about through tragedy and the need to improve safety**
3. **Improves safe transportation for our most vulnerable road users**

The Florida School Crossing Guard Training Program:

# Our first concern is the safety of students

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# Crash Data Academy:
## Florida's Safe Routes To School Program

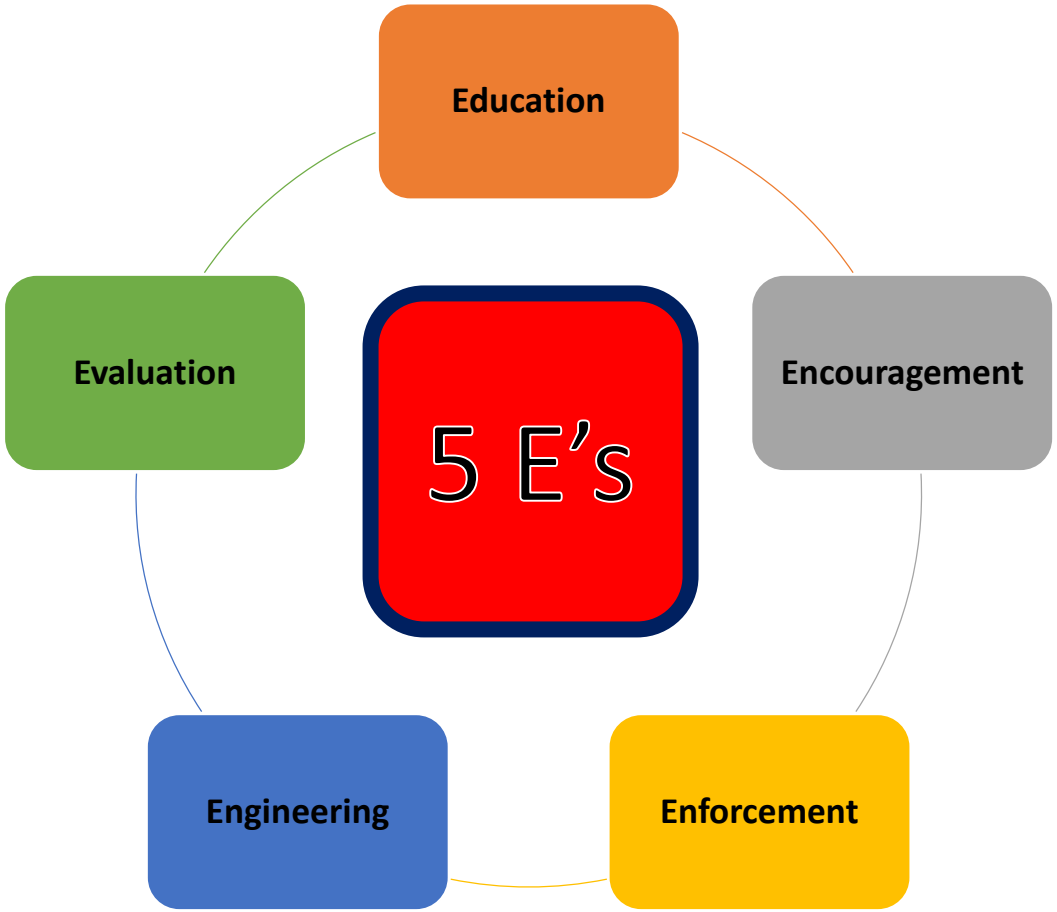
Presenter:

**Sarita Taylor**
**Safe Routes To School Coordinator**
**State Safety Office, Florida Department of Transportation**

# WHAT IS SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL?

Sustained efforts by parents, schools, community leaders and local, state, and federal governments to improve the health and well-being of students by enabling and encouraging them to walk and bicycle to school.

# THE 5 E's




The key to SRTS is to work across the entire system.

One "E" alone, no matter how great the program, won't create lasting change.

# 5 E's - EDUCATION

**Educate about pedestrian and bicycle safety**

- Students

- Parents, neighbors and other drivers
  - www.alerttodayflorida.com

# 5 E's - ENCOURAGEMENT

**Encourage** to increase the popularity of walking and biking safely.

- Walking School Buses https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AhY8uRfpOAU
- Bike Trains
- Walk to School Days & Bike to School Days
- Frequent walker and biker programs

# 5 E's - ENFORCEMENT

- Increases awareness of pedestrian and bicyclist
- Improves driver behavior
- Helps students follow traffic rules
- Decreases parent perceptions of danger

# 5 E's - ENGINEERING

**Engineer** for safe passage around the school and along the school route.

- Creates safer, more accessible settings walking and biking

- Can influence the way people behave

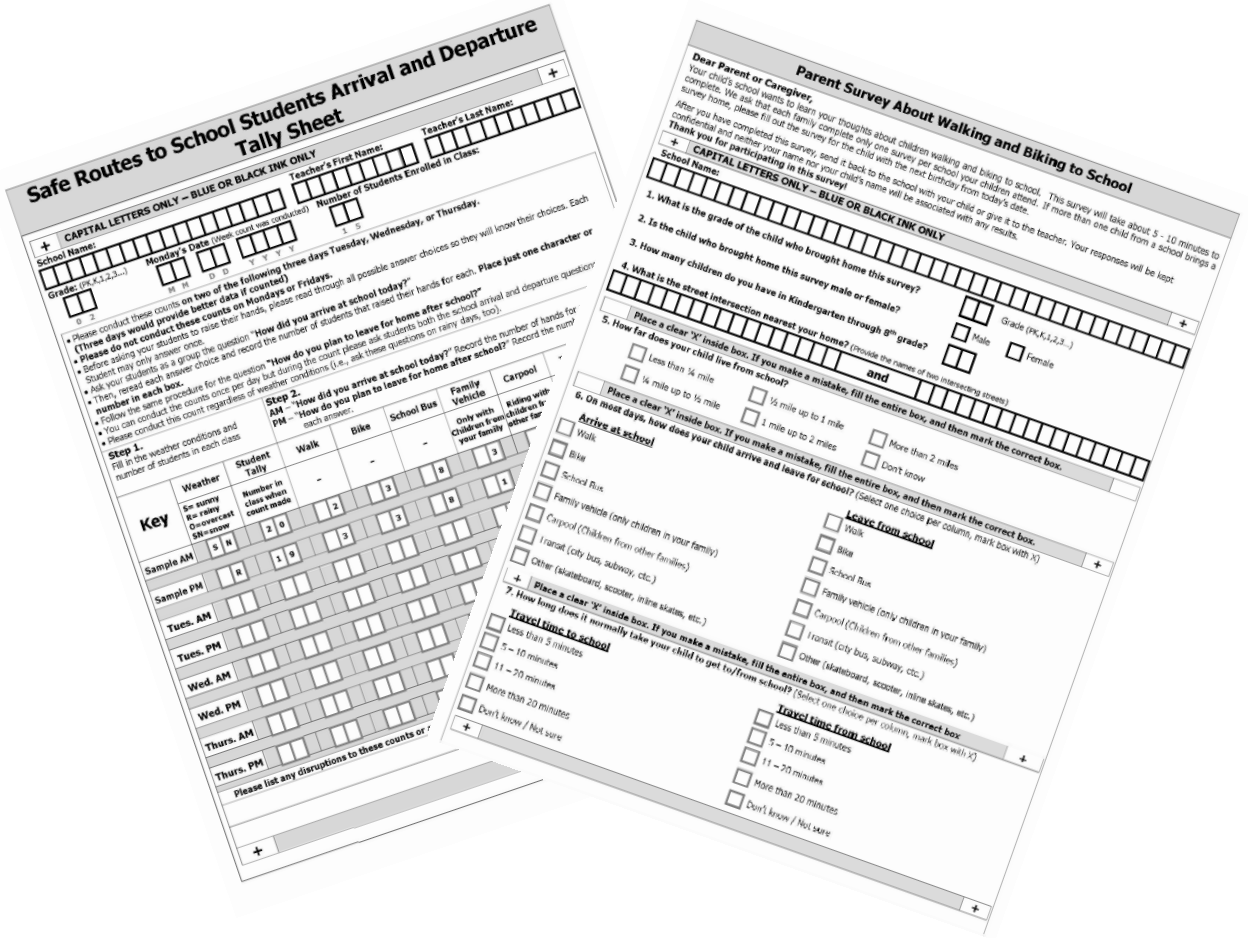
# EXAMPLE OF PROJECTS

- Sidewalk projects
- Bike/trail facilities
- Traffic engineering
- Bike racks
- Pedestrian bridges

# 5 E's - EVALUATION

**Evaluate** using

- Student Travel Tally and
- Parent Survey



# FLORIDA SRTS APPLICATION

Call for Applications September 1, 2017 – December 29, 2017

Eligible Schools are Kindergarten through 12th grade schools or any school that has several of those grades.

Eligible Maintaining Agencies are:

- FDOT
- Counties
- Cities

Applicants are encouraged to engage other partnerships.

# WWW.SRTSFL.ORG

- Basic Program Information
- Application Guidelines
- Form
- SRTS Updates
- Website Resources List
- Helpful Links

# SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO

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# KEY POINTS

- Florida has made great strides since SRTS began
- BIG impact with small investment is possible
- We are on our way to bringing back walking and biking to school
- 238 applications programmed
- Walking increased by 41%(from 11.4% to 16%)

# WRAP UP

- Safe Routes projects take a lot of work and effort, but are definitely worth it.
- It takes all of the 5 E’s to have a successful SRTS program.
- Help is available with the application process.

# Questions?

# Next FDOT Webinars

The tentative schedule as of 5/25/2017 is:

- **Thursday, June 29th, 2017 – Commercial Motor Vehicles**
- **Thursday, July 27th, 2017 – The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS)**

(dates and topics subject to change)

Please contact Benjamin Jacobs at benjamin.jacobs@dot.state.fl.us with any questions or comments.

# Next FDOT Webinars

Register now!
https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/6969342794659219971

The webinars generally occur on the last Thursday of the month from 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm ET.

For more information, including links to past webinars, please visit our website at:
http://www.fdot.gov/safety/11A-SafetyEngineering/crash%20data%20academy/academy.shtm

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http://www.fdot.gov/safety/2A-Programs/SchoolCrossingGuard.shtm

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