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## LCSO Traffic Unit Wins Top Traffic Safety Program Award

The Florida Department of Transportation recognized the Leon County Sheriff's Office as one of the top traffic safety programs in the state.

LCSO was awarded first place in the category for agencies with 201-400 officers.

The FDOT compared efforts to enforce traffic safety laws and educate the public about distracted driving and other issues that have an effect on others on Florida roadways.

The goal is to encourage agencies to find ways to reduce traffic crashes, injuries, and fatalities stemming from traffic related issues. This was done, in part, through organized traffic checkpoints and social media campaigns.

LCSO conducted almost 15,000 traffic stops last year. Only 15% of those resulted in tickets being issued. There was also a 6% reduction in traffic crashes last year from the previous year.

Members of the LCSO Traffic Unit accepted the award on July 13th.



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