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NEWS RELEASE

Seminole County Sheriff's Office Crossing Guard Program Named Top in State

Seminole Co. Fla., (Feb. 6) - The Seminole County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) today announced the selection of its School Crossing Guard Program as the 2015 Florida School Crossing Guard Program of the Year by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). The SCSO Program took home top honors for their exceptional performance and proactive community outreach programs. The Program was recognized by FDOT officials at an awards banquet held in Sanford this morning. This is the fourth time in the last five years that SCSO has received this honor.

In 2015, the crossing guard program attended over 70 community events including bike rodeos, school safety days, and educational presentations. Carl's Safety Campaign, a program to teach safe pedestrian and biking skills, was presented at 27 elementary schools, reaching thousands of students and faculty. Guards also participated in monthly sign-waving campaigns to educate motorists about driving safely in school zones. Additionally, the crossing guard program provided warm clothing to children in need, visited the elderly during the holidays to sing Christmas carols, and distributed more than 800 bicycle helmets to children who did not have one or could not afford one.

Also recognized at today's banquet was Terry Erlewein, who was named SCSO School Crossing Guard of the Year. In 2015, Terry was working a post located near a railroad crossing when the signal lights began to flash and the guardrails came down. He then noticed a woman standing on the tracks who appeared to be disoriented. With a train quickly approaching, he ran to the woman and pulled her off the tracks. It was later discovered the woman had a seizure at the time she was trying to cross the tracks. Terry's quick-thinking and immediate reaction was instrumental to saving this woman's life.

The SCSO Program has approximately 124 crossing guards who cover 190 posts and safely cross over 4,000 children every day throughout the county.

The FDOT certifies school crossing guard trainers statewide and each year recognizes the accomplishments of programs and guards across the state. The first Friday of each February is recognized as the state's Crossing Guard Appreciation Day.

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