

ROAD RANGER AWARENESS



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Project Manager Responsibilities

- Point of contact for the Department
- Thoroughly knowledgeable and experienced in relation to all aspects of the scope of services and the contract
- Administrative authority
- Available 24/7
- Respond within 30 minutes
- On scene in 60 minutes
- Participate in Traffic Incident Management (TIM) meetings
- Meet with the Department regularly

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2014



Two Hundred Center Line Miles of Roadway

- Collier = 63
- Lee = 34
- Charlotte = 22
- Sarasota = 43
- Manatee = 21
- Manatee/Hillsborough/Pinellas = 17
- Accounting for multi-lanes, both directions North and South, limited access entrance, and exit ramps
- The total roadway being patrolled closer to 1800 miles

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SCHEDULES

- Two Road Rangers on patrol in each county
- Collier County
 - Mile marker 49-105
 - 24 hours , 7 days a week
 - 8 hour shifts on weekdays
 - 12 hour shifts on weekends
- Lee County
 - Mile marker 105-138
 - 6:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. on weekdays
 - 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. on weekends
- Charlotte County
 - Mile marker 136-170
 - 6:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. on weekdays
 - 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. on weekends

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SCHEDULES

- Sarasota County

- Mile marker 167-213
- 6:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. on weekdays
- 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. on weekends

- Manatee County

- Mile marker 210-234
- 6:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. on weekdays
- 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. on weekends

- Sky Way Bridge I-275

- Mile marker 1-13
- 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. on weekdays
- 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. on weekends

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Road Ranger Qualifications and Responsibilities

- Be competent in the task of operating the vehicles and in providing safe and proper execution of the services within the contract
- Speak and understand English fluently
- Provide documented automotive mechanical background
- Current Florida Class “E” or higher classification along with 8 years of driving experience
- A safe driving record
- Minimum of 18 years of age
- Pass SLERS criminal record
- High school diploma or GED equivalent
- Drug free

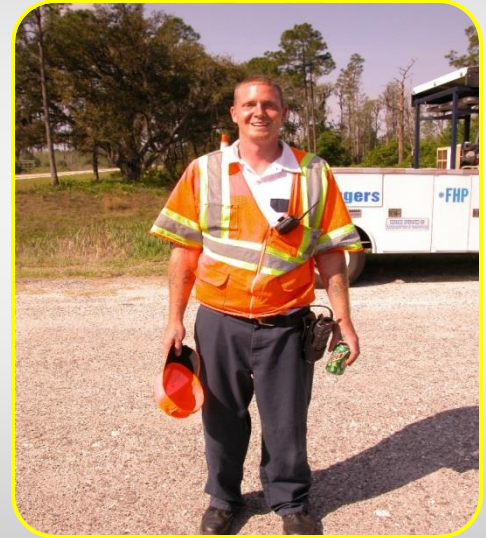
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Road Ranger Qualifications and Responsibilities – *Con't.*

- Be well groomed, clean, and have neatly trimmed hair, including facial hair, if applicable
- No visible tattoos
- Wear required uniforms
- Be professional and courteous at all times
- Cannot consumed alcoholic beverage with-in 8 hours of shift and/or consume alcohol while on shift
- Cannot take tips, gifts or gratuity for services

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Meet your Road Rangers for District One!



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Training and Certifications

- Basic First Aid Certificate
- Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)
- Training and Vendor Certification
- Use of equipment operations and road side maintenance safety procedures
- 40 hours of a “ride along” with an experienced Ranger
- Training on of part VI of the manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices –Temp Traffic Control
- FEMA-Emergency Management Institute online certification
- IS-100 Introduction to Incident Command System
- IS-700 Introduction to National Incident Management System
- CJIS-Criminal Justice Information

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Authorized Stops

- Assist law enforcement-DBI-ICA-FDOT with incident management
- Stranded motorist with minor repairs (15 Minutes)
- Remove disabled vehicle
- Remove debris non-hazardous spills from travel lane
- Abandon vehicle - initial check- Red Tag
- Complete Patrol Logs
- Refuel Road Ranger vehicle and containers
- Meal and restroom breaks

Standard Operating Guidelines

- Methods and activities
- Traffic incident detection, notification, and rapid response
- Assist motorists
- Improving safety
- Reducing congestion and economic delay
- Assist incident first responders and the scene of an event

Response Priority

- Injury crash blocking the travel portion of highway
- Non-injury crash blocking the travel portion of the highway
- Disabled vehicle blocking the travel portion of the highway
- Abandoned vehicle blocking the travel portion of the highway
- Emergency traffic control operations
- Debris blocking one or more travel lanes
- Crash not blocking any travel lane
- Disabled vehicle not blocking a travel lane
- Abandon vehicle not blocking but in questionable location

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Do's and Don'ts

- **Do not** take gratuity of any value or charge a fee
- **Do not** add engine oil to any vehicle
- **Do** attempt minor repairs
- **Do not** exceed 15 minutes in repair time
- **Do** provide water and shelter in road ranger vehicle
- **Do** transport motorist to safe location
- **Do** jump start vehicle
- **Do** change flat tires
- **Do** give no less than (1) gallon of fuel

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Road Rangers Provide

- Drinking water
- Radiator water
- Make special efforts for persons with special needs
- NEVER Leave a motorist or responders in any abnormally unsafe or dangerous location



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Authorized Equipment

- Truck mounted dynamic message sign
- Light bar-roof mounted
- On board computer-data collection/AVL system
- Ranger operator logs
- Move it law – informational cards provided both English and Spanish
- Abandon red (orange) tags



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Road Rangers Train Together



Hurricanes and Other Services

- Make resources available for certain traffic maintenance request or as directed by the Department.
- Keep evacuation routes clear of debris and or disabled vehicles
- Fuel and water
- Keep all lanes open to include emergency lanes
- Own, operate and monitor NOAA radio and alarm equipment
- Continue patrol until FHP/Department determines unsafe for motorist to remain on the highway
- Expand contract relocate and or deploy coverage at the request of the department

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Other Information

- It is important to note that a fully funded Road Ranger Program is dramatically less expensive than building additional lanes to increase capacity
- The cost to construct two new lanes for two miles is approximately \$45 million and provides additional capacity only in that localized area. That same funding for the Road Rangers would benefit the entire intrastate highway system in Florida.
- **The Road Ranger Incident Response Program fully supports the strategic mission of the Florida Department of Transportation and sound traffic incident management principles.**
- **Road Rangers Are Much More than “Schmucks with Trucks”!!**



Questions?

