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### **TEMPLE TERRACE POLICE RECEIVE SAFETY GRANT**

**TEMPLE TERRACE, FL. – (10/14/14)** – The Temple Terrace Police Department has been awarded a \$13,248 grant from the Florida Department of Transportation to conduct high-visibility enforcement and education as part of Florida’s Bicycle/Pedestrian Focused Initiative.

“The safety of our pedestrians and bicyclists is very important,” said Capt. Mike Pridemore of the Temple Terrace Police Department. “This grant enables us to provide focused education and enforcement aimed at reducing pedestrian and bicycle related accidents.”

In 2011, traffic crashes in Florida resulted in 497 pedestrian fatalities, 6,194 pedestrian injuries, 120 bicyclist fatalities, and 4,632 bicyclist injuries, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

According to the organization, these rates are nearly double the national average for pedestrians, and nearly triple the national average for bicyclists.

The Temple Terrace Police Department plans to conduct multiple education and enforcement details at major intersections, focusing on bicycle and pedestrian safety. These enforcement efforts will begin this week and are scheduled to run through May 2015. The first 30 days of the initiative will focus on education, with violators receiving warnings and educational pamphlets.

Remember: “Alert Today. Alive Tomorrow.”

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