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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## TEMPLE TERRACE POLICE DEPARTMENT AWARDED BICYCLE-PEDESTRIAN SAFETY GRANT

**TEMPLE TERRACE, FL. – (11/2/15)** – The Temple Terrace Police Department has been awarded a \$10,032 grant from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to conduct high-visibility enforcement and education as part of Florida’s Bicycle/Pedestrian Focused Initiative.

“The safety of our citizens is paramount,” said Capt. Mike Pridemore of the Temple Terrace Police Department. “This grant aids in our quest to promote traffic safety and reduce bicycle and pedestrian-related crashes.”

According to the Florida Department of Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles, traffic crashes in Florida resulted in 498 pedestrian fatalities, 7,467 pedestrian injuries, 135 bicyclist fatalities, and 6,520 bicyclist injuries in 2013.

Based on the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Traffic Safety facts, these rates were nearly double the national average for pedestrians, and nearly triple the national average for bicyclists.

“We aim to reduce these staggering figures in 2015-16,” said Pridemore.

The Temple Terrace Police Department plans to conduct multiple education and enforcement details focused on bicycle and pedestrian safety. These details will begin Nov. 5 and are scheduled to run through May 2016. The first 30 days of the initiative will focus on education, and violators will receive warnings.

Remember: Alert Today. Alive Tomorrow.

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