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BIKE SAFETY INITIATIVE MOVES TO CITATION PHASE

TEMPLE TERRACE, FL. – (12/4/15) – Over the past month, the Temple Terrace Police Department has been conducting high-visibility enforcement and education as part of Florida's Bicycle/Pedestrian Focused Initiative to promote traffic safety and reduce bicycle and pedestrian-related accidents.

During the first 30 days, officers were issuing warnings to violators, while distributing educational material. Officers now will be issuing citations to violators, and will continue to distribute safety information.

The Police Department was awarded a \$10,032 grant from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) in November to conduct this enforcement and education effort as part of the state's Bicycle/Pedestrian Focused Initiative.

The program runs through May 2016.

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. Officers hope to reduce those numbers through this enforcement initiative.

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