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POLICE DEPARTMENT WINS STATE AWARDS

TEMPLE TERRACE, FL. – (7/25/13) - The Temple Terrace Police Department has been honored with two awards in the Florida Law Enforcement Liaison Challenge (LEL).

The Florida LEL program is a grant-funded initiative sponsored by the Florida Department of Transportation and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

The goal of the program is to reduce the number of traffic-related injuries and fatalities by working with law-enforcement agencies across the state to increase the use of safety belts, reduce drunk driving and encourage other traffic-safety initiatives. The LEL program sponsors annual awards to boost participation in these goals.

Awards are distributed in several categories, based on the size of the department. The Temple Terrace Police Department was honored with the following awards, which were announced July 19, 2013 in Orlando.

* **First place: Florida Law Enforcement Challenge.** This rewards the best overall traffic safety programs in Florida, with a focus on enforcing and educating the public about occupant protection, impaired driving, speeding and other traffic-safety issues.

* **Third place: Florida DUI Challenge.** This rewards agencies that dedicate a significant level of resources to impaired driving. The goal is to reduce the number of alcohol-related crashes, fatalities and injuries in Florida by conducting high-visibility DUI enforcement and increasing public awareness of the state's DUI problem.

“We are very proud of these accomplishments,” said Temple Terrace Police Capt. Michael Pridemore, head of the department's Patrol Division. “Traffic safety and enforcement are key elements to providing our citizens with a safe place to work and live.”

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