

AGENCY SNAPSHOTS

Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles

by Susan Stafford

The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles was created by section 20.24, Florida Statutes, and provides services in partnership with county tax collectors; works with local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies to promote a safe driving environment; issues driver licenses and identification cards; and provides services related to consumer protection and public safety.

The Department is composed of four divisions: the Florida Highway Patrol, Motorist Services, Administrative Services, and Information Systems Administration.

Agency Head:

Terry L. Rhodes, Executive Director
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Agency Clerk: Each Division designates an employee to receive filings. The following have been designated as agency clerks:

Final Orders rendered pursuant to Chapters 318 and 322, Florida Statutes

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Final Orders rendered by the Department

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Hours for filings: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; filings received after 5:00 p.m. are considered filed on the next business day.

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Mr. Hurm is a sworn law enforcement officer who previously served as Legal Advisor to the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. At FDLE he developed digital investigative files for major homicide cases, and he was instrumental in creating a digital accreditation file system for the Sheriff's office.

Number of Lawyers on Staff: 14

Kinds of Cases: The Office of General Counsel represents the Department in all administrative proceedings and in judicial proceedings in both federal and state courts. Cases include administrative reviews and judicial appeals of driver license suspensions and revocations; licensing of DUI programs; licensing of commercial driving schools and certification of commercial motor vehicle instructors; licensing of motorcycle rider training programs and certification of instructors; registration of commercial and private motor vehicles; licensing of motor vehicle dealers; and contraband forfeitures.

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