



DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES OVERVIEW

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Agency Responsibilities

The mission of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (HSMV) is to develop, maintain and support a safe driving environment through law enforcement, public education and service, reduction of traffic crashes, titling and registering motor vehicles and vessels, and licensing drivers. The department also will be responsible for implementing the federally mandated REAL ID Act. The act creates national standards for the issuance of state driver's licenses and identification cards.

Agency Organization

The department's programs and statutory responsibilities are organized in three operational divisions.

- **Division of Driver Licenses** issues identification cards and licenses motor vehicle operators; maintains licensure records; provides administrative reviews for those whose driving privileges have been suspended; provides additional government services (i.e., voter registration); administers vehicle insurance compliance; approves driver education curriculum, including courses for those convicted of driving under the influence (DUI); and oversees driver improvement activities. These services are delivered in department offices statewide. Some tax collectors provide driver licensing services.
- **Division of Motor Vehicles** issues vehicle, vessel, and mobile home titles and registrations; administers Florida's participation in the International Registration Plan and International Fuel Tax Agreement for commercial motor vehicles; licenses and regulates motor vehicle and mobile home

dealers and auctions; and monitors mobile home construction and installation. These services are delivered in department offices statewide. All tax collectors provide titles and registration services.

- **Florida Highway Patrol** enforces traffic laws through sworn and non-sworn (community service) officers; conducts criminal and administrative investigations (e.g. odometer fraud, auto theft, driver license fraud and title fraud), and traffic homicide investigations; and provides academy training to its state troopers. Additionally, the patrol operates seven consolidated communication dispatch centers serving all state law enforcement.

The department has recently restructured its organization. For a chart of the department's organizational structure as of April 2007, see Exhibit 1 on page 2.

Agency Resources

The Legislature appropriated \$437,524,696 and 4,959 positions to the department for Fiscal Year 2006-07. (See Exhibit 2.) This represents an increase of 5.2% in funding and 24 additional positions compared to the previous fiscal year.

Exhibit 2

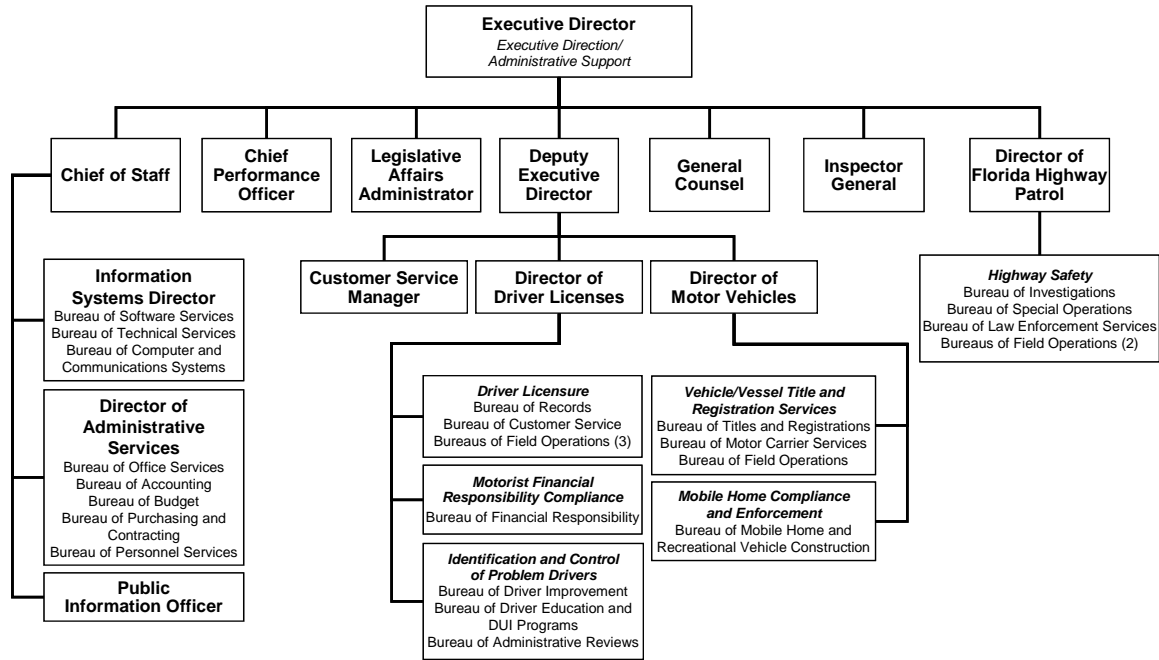
Legislative Appropriations and Staffing for the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles

Appropriation	FY 2004-05	FY 2005-06	FY 2006-07
General Revenue	\$ 126,606,093	\$ 135,366,882	\$ 137,138,229
Trust Funds	249,676,336	280,541,387	300,386,467
Total	\$ 376,282,429	\$ 415,908,269	\$ 437,524,696
FTE	4,801	4,935	4,959
OPS	39	39	39

Source: Legislative Appropriations System/Planning and Budgeting Subsystem (LAS/PBS), August 2006, and HSMV *Agency Report to the Sunset Advisory Committee, January 2007.*

Through its activities, the department collected approximately \$2 billion in revenue in Fiscal Year 2005-06. For more details on the department's resources, for Fiscal Year 2006-07, see Exhibit 3.

Exhibit 1
The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles' Organizational Structure



Source: Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.

Exhibit 3

Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles Resources by Program for Fiscal Year 2006-07

Office of the Executive Director	Federal Funds	State Trust Funds	General Revenue	TOTAL	FTE Positions	OPS Positions
Executive Direction /Administrative Support	\$170,204	\$19,729,049	\$981,376	\$20,880,629	302	3
Motorist Services						
Executive Direction /Support Services	\$0	2,976,314	146,973	3,123,287	40	4
Division of Driver Licenses						
Driver Licensure	\$679,497	\$85,073,423	\$1,152,476	\$86,905,396	1,317	16
Motorist Financial Responsibility Compliance	0	2,432,436	2,367	2,434,803	56	0
Identification and Control of Problem Drivers	0	13,532,084	31,477	13,563,561	217	7
Division of Motor Vehicles						
Vehicle / Vessel Title and Registration Services	\$60,000	\$57,635,964	\$100,156	\$57,796,120	413	5
Mobile Home Compliance and Enforcement	811,512	978,646	0	1,790,158	38	0
Florida Highway Patrol						
Highway Safety	\$1,234,773	\$84,999,657	\$129,642,835	\$215,877,265	2,357	1
Executive Direction / Support Services	0	209,674	2,553,550	2,763,224	27	0
Information Systems						
Information Technology	\$0	\$29,863,234	\$2,527,019	\$32,390,253	192	3
TOTAL	\$2,955,986	\$297,430,481	\$137,138,229	\$437,524,696	4,959	39

Source: Legislative Appropriations System/Planning and Budgeting Subsystem (LAS/PBS), August 2006, HSMV *Agency Report to the Sunset Advisory Committee*, January 2007, and HSMV communication.

The Florida Legislature

*Office of Program Policy Analysis
and Government Accountability*



The Florida Government Accountability Act Sunset Reviews

The 2006 Legislature passed the Florida Government Accountability Act (Ch. 2006-146, *Laws of Florida*) to create a Sunset review process. The act

- establishes the process, criteria, and schedule for the Legislature to assess whether state agencies and advisory committees need to continue to exist;
- provides for the creation of a Legislative Sunset Advisory Committee and describes the membership and organization of the committee and committee duties;
- requires reports and assistance from state agencies and the Legislature's Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA).

Using these reports and other information, the Sunset Advisory Committee is to produce a report that includes recommendations to abolish, continue, or reorganize an agency or advisory committee under review.

First Year Schedule for Agency Reviews

Agencies to be reviewed by July 1, 2008:

- (a) Statutorily created responsibilities of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.
- (b) Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.
- (c) Department of Citrus, including the Citrus Commission.
- (d) Department of Environmental Protection.
- (e) Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.
- (f) Water management districts.

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