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Turnpike Expands Popular State Farm® Safety Patrol Program *New patrol routes in Tampa and Orlando extend coverage areas beyond Mainline*

ORLANDO - Florida's Turnpike Enterprise today announced new coverage routes for the highly regarded motorist assistance program known as the State Farm Safety Patrol. Patrol sponsorship will expand to the Veterans Expressway/Suncoast Parkway north of Tampa, as well as Florida's Turnpike portions of the Beachline Expressway, Seminole Expressway, Southern Connector Extension and Western Beltway in the Orlando area.

This sponsorship expansion complements the existing sponsorship along the Turnpike Mainline from the Golden Glades Toll Plaza to its intersection with I-75 in Wildwood, Fla., as well as the Sawgrass Expressway and the Homestead Extension. State Farm has sponsored the patrols covering Florida's Turnpike and Sawgrass Expressway since 2005. The State Farm Safety Patrol performs a vital service, keeping traffic moving by assisting drivers in times of need, reducing pollution, alleviating congestion and helping prevent secondary crashes.

"Expanding the State Farm Safety Patrol Program helps fulfill the Department of Transportation's mission to provide a safe roadway system that ensures the mobility of people and goods. We are proud of the work the Safety Patrol does to ensure the safety of our customers and visitors," said Paul Wai, Executive Director of Florida's Turnpike Enterprise.

The State Farm Safety Patrol helps to reduce congestion and enhance safety on Florida's Turnpike by proactively patrolling the highways, responding to crashes/incidents, changing a flat tire, jump-starting a car, providing a small amount of gasoline, and making small safety repairs. The patrol will also provide traffic control for scene stabilization, deliver an initial maintenance response (debris clean up, spill control, etc.), and communicate with law enforcement agencies regarding incidents. The State Farm Safety Patrol is expected to attend to over 140,000 incidents in 2018.

"Our support of the State Farm Safety Patrol program on Florida's Turnpike embodies our 'good neighbor' philosophy," said Ed Gold, State Farm advertising director. "It also underscores the continued commitment State Farm has to auto safety, while helping people recover from the unexpected, which is the heart of the State Farm mission."

State Farm support helps to offset the costs for operation of the program. The long-running State Farm Safety Patrol program is a free service offered to all drivers traveling on covered routes. Coverage hours vary by route with some portions patrolled 7 days per week from 6 am to 10 pm, and other areas offering coverage 24 hours per day. The expanded patrol coverage area includes the Veterans Expressway/Suncoast Parkway north of Tampa (24 hours per day from mile marker 2.2 to 19 and 5 am to 9 pm, 7 days per week, from mile marker 19 to 55), as well as portions of the Beachline Expressway, Seminole Expressway, Southern Connector Extension and Western Beltway in the Orlando area (6 am to 10 pm, 7 days per week). Disabled motorists can dial *FHP (*347) and the State Farm Safety Patrol will be notified by the Florida Highway Patrol.

State Farm has proudly sponsored the Safety Patrol on Florida's Turnpike since 2005. State Farm also sponsors Safety Patrols in Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin. Florida motorists can learn more about the program at www.AssistPatrol.com. Motorists who are assisted by the patrol can also share their stories on social media using the hashtag [#AssistPatrol](https://twitter.com/AssistPatrol).

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About Florida's Turnpike:

With nearly 500 miles of safe and beautifully maintained toll roads, the Turnpike offers convenient routes and easy access to major highways throughout the state. Once nicknamed "Florida's Main Street," the Turnpike provides travelers with outstanding customer service and amenities. The Turnpike System is used daily by more than two million motorists and is operated by Florida's Turnpike Enterprise, part of the Florida Department of Transportation.

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