

Did You Know?

Helpful DMV information

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South Carolina titles have a brand of "Salvage Non-Removable." According to the South Carolina DMV, "Salvage Non-Removable" is used when the insurance company is taking title for minor damage and did not require rebuilding. The customer would be able to get a South Carolina registration without requiring anything additional. Therefore, it can be titled as a Rebuilt with no proof of repair.

Limousines can be registered four different ways:

Private - When the limo is privately owned by an individual or company (even if the owner employs a driver for the limo).

Lease - When the limo is leased less than 6 months.

Long Term Lease - When the limo is leased for more than 6 months.

Taxi - When a limo has a taxi meter and charges are based on the mileage, instead of a flat rate.



316.0741(4), Florida Statutes, allows an ILEV (inherently low-emission vehicle) that is certified and labeled in accordance with federal regulations to be driven in an high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane at any time, regardless of its occupancy. Therefore, any vehicle defined as a hybrid vehicle under this section may be driven in an HOV lane, provided they have been issued an HOV decal and registration. The Tax Collector's Office issues these decals for \$5.00 to any vehicle titled as an ILEV.

Information from DMV's Dealer Licensing Section:

Sixty-nine manufacturers, importers and distributors of motor vehicles and recreational vehicles did not renew their licenses for 2008-2009. These licenses expired on 9/30/08. On November 6, 2008 the Dealer License Section mailed notification letters to the dealers who are associated with those manufacturers, importers and distributors which failed to renew.

The Department would like to assist the affected dealers with the process of titling and registering such motor vehicles, motorcycles, motor scooters or recreational vehicles that they acquired prior to September 30, 2008. When they sell one of these vehicles that they purchased prior to September 30, they must submit to the Tax Collector's Office all required documents necessary for processing the title

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GREAT NEWS!

THE 2009 DEALER CLASS SCHEDULE IS NOW AVAILABLE

The Pinellas County Tax Collector's Training Department is happy to announce their Dealer Class training schedule for 2009. To reserve your spot, please contact Toni Wolff, Training coordinator, at 727-464-8552 or e-mail her at twolff@taxcollect.com. She will be happy to send you a copy of the outline for a particular class upon request. These classes are very popular so don't hesitate to make your reservation(s) early. Please keep in mind that you can attend more than one class and there is no limit on the number of times that you can attend one particular class during the course of the year.

The classes are held at our Mid-County Service Center located at 13025 Starkey Road in Largo. The time frame for each class is 9:00 to 4:00 p.m. Diane Nelson, Pinellas County Tax Collector, offers the classes free of charge as a courtesy to those who work for motor vehicle dealers, mobile home dealers and mobile home parks, vessel dealers and marinas, towing companies and financial institutions in Pinellas and surrounding counties. Contact Toni today to reserve your seat!

2009 Dealer Class Schedule

Classes will be held in the Training Center at the Mid-County Service Center located at 13025 Starkey Road, Largo, FL 33773, unless noted below.
The time frame for each class is from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Mobile Home

February 5, 2009	August 6, 2009
April 9, 2009	October 8, 2009
June 11, 2009	December 3, 2009

Motor Vehicle

February 3, 2009	August 4, 2009
April 7, 2009	October 6, 2009
June 9, 2009	December 1, 2009

Vessel

February 4, 2009	June 10, 2009
April 8, 2009	October 7, 2009

Towing & Storage

April 10, 2009
September 8, 2009

For reservations, contact
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email twolff@taxcollect.com



DMV Dealer Update

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As a reminder, F.S. 320.131 was changed on July 1, 2008, and all temporary tags must be displayed in the vehicle's rear license plate bracket. As of October 10, 2008, there were seven DHSMV approved vendors for the Print On Demand Electronic Temporary Registration (ETR) system. All temporary tags issued after June 30, 2008 must be done utilizing the Print On Demand method via one of the DMV approved vendors unless there is a systems outage. When a system outage occurs, the dealer can issue a pre-printed temporary tag. Such issuance must be reported through the ETR vendor within one business day. If a dealer has to issue a pre-printed temporary tag, the dealer must complete HSMV form 82082 (Off-Line Issuance Of A Pre-printed Temporary License Plate), as well as the HSMV form 83091 (Application For Temporary License Plate). The 82082 and the yellow copy of the 83091 are to be filed in the deal jacket. All pre-printed temporary tags must be accounted for and a temporary tag log maintained for them. There is no requirement to account for the blank card stock used for the Print On Demand ETR temporary tags nor is there a log required to be maintained for them. For more information please contact us at 813-740-4288 or visit our ETR web site at <http://www.flhsmv.gov/ETR/ETR.HTML>.

I continue to see many motorcycles with a license plate displayed vertically rather than horizontally. I also see many vehicles with some portion of the printing/lettering on the license plate partially covered. F.S. 316.605 was changed effective July 1, 2007. License plates may not be placed higher than 60 inches and not lower than 12 inches from the ground, nor may they be placed more than 24 inches to the left or right of the centerline of the vehicle. License plates must also be displayed parallel to the ground with the numerals and letters reading from left to right. Per F.S. 320.061, all letters, numerals, printing, writing, and other identification marks on a Florida license plate regarding the word "Florida", the registration decal, and the alphanumeric designation can NOT be obscured in any manner.

All franchise dealer licenses expire on December 31, 2008. Per F.S. 320.27 (4), the license renewal form (HSMV 86720) AND all required supporting documents

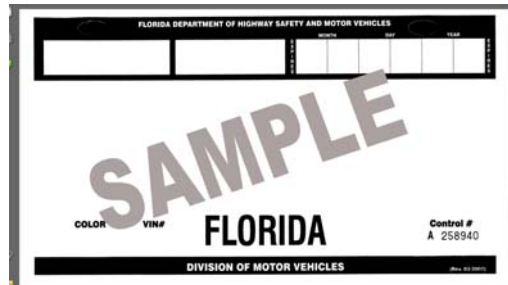
must be submitted to the DMV Region Office no later than December 1, 2008. Do NOT send renewals to Tallahassee. The renewal fee is still \$75. The following must be included with the renewal application:

- an original surety bond, or original surety bond continuation certificate, or an original irrevocable letter of credit in the amount of \$25,000. If it is a new bond or an irrevocable letter of credit, it must be signed by a dealership Principal.

- a Certificate of Garage Liability Insurance signed by the garage liability insurance agent which includes, at a minimum, \$25,000 combined single limit liability coverage including bodily injury and property damage protection and \$10,000 personal injury protection (PIP). We can NOT accept garage liability policies or declaration pages – it must be the Certificate of Garage Liability Insurance or equivalent.

- Copy of certification from Division of Corporations showing current registration of the business and any fictitious names used.

All of the HSMV forms discussed above can be accessed at the DHSMV Web site: <http://www.flhsmv.gov/html/forms.html>.



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work, including proof that the unit was purchased from their franchiser before their license expired. Please be aware that any motor vehicles, motorcycles, motor scooters or recreational vehicles purchased from the franchiser or manufacturer after September 30, 2008 will be titled as used vehicles in the State of Florida.

Attention all EFS dealers: DMV will be asking all dealers to switch from the red and white form 82041 to the laser-printed form 82041 in the near future. Be on the lookout for more details after the beginning of the year.

A Message from Diane

I'm sending my warmest Holiday Greetings to our extended "family" of professional dealers, to your employees, and to your loved ones.



I've worked in this office for nearly four decades and had the opportunity to personally wait on many of you in the early years of my career. I know how special you are to my employees, and how many of you are on a first-name basis with each other.

I'm very happy for this friendly working relationship, and I feel a little like the Grinch when I have to remind you not to bring personal gifts to these public employees. It's your custom with other business partners, I know, and certainly in keeping with the spirit of the season, but we have a strict code of ethics that prohibits it.

Here's hoping that the challenging business climate of 2008 will quickly change for the better, and that 2009 will be a prosperous and healthy year for you!



The newest standard license plate with the state motto, *In God We Trust*, is now available at our offices.



UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 25-26	Closed for Christmas Holiday
January 1-2	Closed for the New Year's Holiday
January 19	Closed for Martin Luther King Day
February 3	Motor Vehicle Dealer Forms Seminar
February 4	Vessel Dealer Forms Seminar
February 5	Mobile Home Dealer Forms Seminar
February 16	Closed for In-Service Training



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