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A Message from Tax Collector Diane Nelson



I am very proud to announce that I have recently formed a partnership with the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles and Sunshine State Fleet Management, a division of Sunshine State Tag Agency, in order to provide another option for the trucking industry to obtain IRP (International Registration Plan) plates and cab cards.

In addition to handling all aspects of the IRP process

right at their own office, Sunshine State Fleet Management also processes fleet renewals, including replacements, fleet adds, duplicates and fast titles.

For more information, contact them at 941.739.8841, ext. 444, or at irp@sunshinestate.com. ☎

DMV Implements New License System

Laurel Whitney

As dealers renew their licenses over the next year, they will be issued a new number with a 4 digit PIN which replaces the old check digit. As a security measure, the dealer has the option to change his PIN whenever he desires. This may be especially helpful when replacing runners or others who drop off work at our offices. During this transition period, we can accept either the old or new style of dealer license number when performing a title transaction.

In addition, the FRVIS system now has access to the new dealer license system data. Therefore, whenever a new dealer license number is entered, FRVIS will verify the status of a dealer's license and its expiration date. An error will be returned if the license has expired or if the dealer's license has been suspended, cancelled or revoked. For a VF license, an error will also be returned if the dealer has not been authorized to sell the make of vehicle that is being titled at the location that was entered.

Eventually, as each license type is replaced, the application will no longer accept old numbers for that license type. For example, VF licenses must all be replaced by Feb.15, 2006, so FRVIS will not accept old numbers for VF licenses after that date. ☎

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New Procedures for Mobile Homes

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Those of you who manage mobile home parks may be interested to know that DMV has initiated new procedures to help the Tax Collector's Office handle mobile homes with delinquent registrations or that have been moved off the property without the title record indicating their disposition.

TL-64, Tax Liens, allows tax collectors to place a first lien against a mobile home when the license tax is not paid. The lien may be enforced by the issuance of a tax warrant, directing the Sheriff to proceed upon the warrant in the manner prescribed by law for executions issued against property upon judgments of record.

TL-64 is an option for tax collectors; it is not mandatory. Currently, Diane Nelson works closely with the Property Appraiser's Office to notify mobile home owners of their tax obligation and when registrations become delinquent, mobile homes are placed on the tangible tax roll, as prescribed by law.

In addition, the Tax Collector's Office can now "junk" mobile home titles once the office is satisfied the mobile home no longer exists, cannot be located, or has been destroyed or altered in such a manner that it is no longer the mobile home described on the title record.

Previously, the registered owner was required to surrender the title to DMV once the mobile home was dismantled or destroyed. As many of you know, some mobile homes are abandoned by their owners, then eventually towed off the lot for destruction. However, the owners cannot be located and payment of license taxes is still expected because the title record indicates the mobile homes still exist. Now when the Tax Collector and Property Appraiser Offices visit mobile home parks and determine these mobile homes no longer exist, we are able to cancel the title and remove it from the list of taxable mobile homes.

This procedure has been added to TL-35, Uninsured Motor Vehicles or Mobile Homes Declared Total Loss and Motor Vehicles Junked by Owners, and as always, can be viewed on line by visiting www.hsmv.state.fl.us and clicking on DMV Procedures Manual on the bottom left of the screen. ☞

Did you know?

Laurel Whitney

Motorcycle plates can now be used on trailers

Trailers with a net weight of 2,000 lbs. or less may now display a motorcycle-sized plate. These include regular and personalized motorcycle plates; the red, white and blue specialty motorcycle plate; and the motorcycle wheelchair plate. Dealers may issue the smaller-size temporary plates for trailers, as well.

Vessel MSO's with no reverse side are acceptable as proof of ownership

A manufacturer's statement of origin without a reverse side is acceptable if the vessel is sold direct from the manufacturer to the purchaser, rather than going through a dealer. Vessel MSO's are not on secure paper at this time and if there is no dealer involved, the need for reassignments is not there. Regardless, the MSO must meet the following requirements:

- MSO is signed and dated by an authorized representative of the manufacturer
- Complete name and address of the purchaser is listed
- Complete description of the vessel, including hull ID number, hull length, hull material, type of propulsion and model year is listed
- Document is in English or has an official English translation

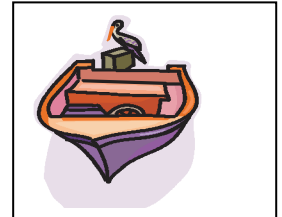
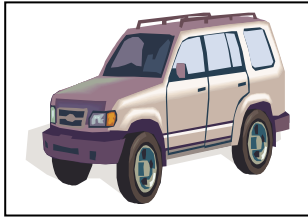
Golf Carts can be converted to "low speed vehicles"

Golf carts can't be titled and registered, but they can be converted to low speed vehicles, which can be titled and registered. Refer to TL-63 for details. ☞

New Look for form HSMV 82041

You've already noticed that registration information and fees no longer print on form HSMV 82041 – now be on the lookout for plain paper forms. DMV is phasing out the red pre-printed forms in preparation for moving from dot-matrix to laser printers. All offices should convert to the new forms before the end of 2006. ☞

PINELLAS COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR
2005-2006 SCHEDULE FOR DEALER CLASSES
MID-COUNTY SERVICE CENTER - ROOM 117
 (Training Center Entrance on East Side of Facility)
 13025 Starkey Road
 Largo, Florida 33773
 (The dates shown below are subject to change.)
 Time Frame for Each Class - 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



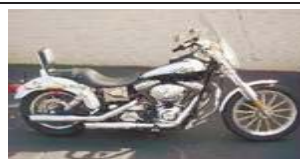
PLEASE NOTE:

This office is not affiliated with the Florida Independent Automobile Dealers Association (“FIADA”). A number of their classes are held at our Training Center and we do not schedule attendance for these classes. Please call FIADA at (888)-587-0004 to obtain information regarding their dealer and continuing education classes.

Our class for motor vehicle dealers is not a continuing education class required by the State. Our class basically covers the forms which are processed in our dealer sections and related information.

| Month | Class Name | Date | Time |
|-----------|-----------------------|------------|-----------------------|
| January | NO CLASSES THIS MONTH | | |
| February | Motor Vehicle | 02/07/2006 | 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. |
| | Mobile Home | 02/28/2006 | 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. |
| March | Vessel | 03/07/2006 | 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. |
| April | Motor Vehicle | 04/04/2006 | 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. |
| May | Towing & Storage | 05/31/2006 | 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. |
| June | Motor Vehicle | 06/06/2006 | 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. |
| | Mobile Home | 06/27/2006 | 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. |
| July | NO CLASSES THIS MONTH | | |
| August | Motor Vehicle | 08/08/2006 | 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. |
| September | Vessel | 09/12/2006 | 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. |
| | Towing & Storage | 09/26/2006 | 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. |
| October | Motor Vehicle | 10/03/2006 | 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. |
| | Mobile Home | 10/31/2006 | 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. |
| November | NO CLASSES THIS MONTH | | |
| December | Motor Vehicle | 12/05/2006 | 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. |

These classes are offered free of charge as a courtesy by Diane Nelson, Pinellas County Tax Collector. Each class will accommodate 30 people and a participant is welcome to attend more than one class. These classes primarily cover the daily transactions, especially the forms, which are required to be completed for different transactions in the Tax Collector’s Dealer Sections. Please call Toni Wolff, Training Coordinator, at 582-3133 to register for a class. Toni’s e-mail address is twolff@taxcollect.com if you want to register on line. You may request an outline of any class which we offer on this schedule.



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Greetings from the Tax Collector's Training Team!

Toni Wolff

The **2006 Schedule for Dealer Classes** is included in this issue of *The Dealer Connection*. A lot of time and effort have gone into updating the materials presented at these classes which are offered to all personnel who work for dealers, wrecker companies, financial institutions and related businesses. Diane Nelson offers these classes at no charge and there is no limit to the number of classes one can attend. We have a number of dealers and companies who send employees to the different classes every year in order to stay tuned to changes in the different forms and the procedures, rules and regulations which affect them.

Please note that our motor vehicle dealer class is not a continuing education class required by the State. Our class basically covers the forms which are processed in our dealer sections and related information.

We also want to call your attention to the fact that we are not affiliated with the Florida Independent Automobile Dealers Association ("FIADA"). A number of their dealer classes are held at our Mid-County Service Center but we do not represent FIADA.

Please call FIADA at (888) 587-0004 to obtain information regarding their dealer and continuing education classes.

Thank you for your continued interest and participation which justifies our training team's efforts to continue these classes on an annual basis. ☺



During this Joyous Season, may we remember and pray for those who serve this Blessed Country, and those who are still sacrificing togetherness with their loved ones to protect our Homeland.

Happy Holidays from all of us to all of you.



UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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|-------------|----------------------------------|
| December 26 | Closed for the Christmas holiday |
| January 2 | Closed for the New Year holiday |
| January 16 | Closed for ML King Day |
| February 7 | Motor Vehicle Dealer Training |
| February 28 | Mobile Home Dealer Training |
| March 7 | Vessel Dealer Training |



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