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Department of Transportation

## HIGHWAY SAFETY MEMORIAL MARKERS

### PURPOSE:

The purpose of this procedure is to provide guidance for the uniform placement of memorial markers within the State Highway System rights of way to remind motorists to drive safely by memorializing people who have died as a result of a vehicle related crash.

### AUTHORITY:

Sections 20.23(4)(a) and 334.048(3), Florida Statutes (F.S.)

### SCOPE:

This procedure mainly affects District Maintenance personnel responsible for the construction, placement and maintenance of memorial markers.

### REFERENCES:

Sections 316.194, 316.1945, 334.044(10) and 336.045, F.S.

### GENERAL INFORMATION:

In order to increase public awareness of highway safety, it is the Florida Department of Transportation's (Department) policy to allow placement of memorial markers within the State Highway System rights of way to:

- (A) Memorialize people who have died as a result of a vehicle related crash.
- (B) Remind motorists to protect human life by driving safely.

The cost for the construction, installation, maintenance and removal of the memorial marker will be borne by the Department.

## 1. REQUEST FOR MEMORIAL MARKER

Requests for memorial markers within the State Highway System rights of way shall be submitted on **Form No. 850-050-05, Request for Installation of Memorial Marker** to the applicable Department Maintenance Unit or Operations Center. Requests may be made by immediate family members or friends, with requests from friends requiring the approval of the deceased's immediate family.

Once approved and installed, the memorial marker should remain in place for a minimum of one (1) year-unless it becomes necessary to remove the memorial marker for construction or maintenance purposes. If after one (1) year the memorial marker has been removed for any reason, it may be replaced by following the initial request procedure above.

Memorial markers will be constructed and installed by the Department within the right of way limits on state roads only, in accordance with **Attachment A**. No other roadside decorations or ornaments will be allowed. All added ornamentation shall be promptly removed and discarded by the Department. Memorial markers will not be allowed within the limits of active construction work zones. A request for a memorial marker may be made at a later time after completion of construction.

While the memorial marker is in place, there shall be no roadside activities that pose a safety hazard to the public or violate any provisions of **Section 316.194 or 316.1945, F.S.**, concerning stopping, standing, parking or obstruction of traffic on public roads. A memorial marker will be removed as directed by the Operations or Maintenance Engineer if the safety of the traveling public or maintenance personnel is jeopardized due to roadside marker activities. Memorial markers shall not be erected where they are prohibited by the local governmental entity.

It is understood, particularly for urban area curb and gutter sections, the memorial marker may not necessarily be placed at the exact location of the fatality due to restricted space/right of way, property owner complaints, or other constraints. Exact location will be as directed by the Operations/Maintenance Engineer.

## 2. MARKER DESIGN/INSTALLATION (See Attachment A)

The memorial marker shall consist of a 15" diameter round aluminum sign panel with engineering grade sign sheeting with a white background, and black letters. Date of memorial marker installation shall be marked on the back of the sign panel.

The marker shall be located at the outside edge of the mowing limits.

The post for installing a memorial marker shall be a standard five (5) ft. metal u-channel post (less than four (4) lb/ft). Placement of the deceased's name on the memorial will be at the

immediate family's option. No additional decorations or ornaments will be allowed.

### **3. TRAINING**

No training is required by this procedure.

### **4. FORMS**

This form may be accessed through the Department's Forms Library:

850-050-05 Request for Installation of Memorial Marker

Attachment A

# Florida Department of Transportation Highway Safety Memorial Marker



