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Sheriff Rick Beseler  
Clay County Sheriffs Office  
901 N. Orange Ave  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043

Re: *First Coast Area Open Roads Policy*

Dear Sheriff Beseler:

This letter requests your participation in joining with the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) in the First Coast Area Open Roads Policy to reduce the impact of incidents on our transportation system. The safety of the public and our incident responders are of the highest priority and must be maintained. City and county officials of local law enforcement, local fire rescue, FHP and FDOT share the responsibility in achieving and maintaining the free movement of people, vehicles and commerce on Florida's roadways. We believe agencies have the responsibility to do whatever is reasonable to reduce the risk to responders, secondary crashes, and delays associated with incidents, crashes, roadway maintenance, construction, and enforcement activities.

The multi-agency First Coast Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Team has taken the initiative to formalize the *Open Roads Policy* with the local area response agencies. By signing Page 4 of the attached policy, you are agreeing to join the FHP and FDOT in the Open Roads philosophy, the implementation of which will make Florida's roadways safer for both incident responders and the motoring public.

Please return Page 4 of the attached policy to the attention of Donna Danson, 2198 Edison Avenue, Jacksonville, Florida, 32204-2815 at your earliest convenience. Please note, Secretary Baldwin and FHP Major Carrick will sign all signature pages at one sitting so their signatures will not be showing on Page 4. If you have any questions, you may contact Donna Danson at (904) 360-5635; or by e-mail at [donna.danson@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:donna.danson@dot.state.fl.us).

Sincerely,

*Donna R. Danson*

Enclosure

cc: Donna Danson, District 2 Traffic Incident Management Project Manager  
Peter Vega, District 2 ITS Program Manager

**"FIRST COAST OPEN ROADS POLICY"**  
*Quick Clearance for Safety and Mobility*

**CLAY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**  
Local Agency

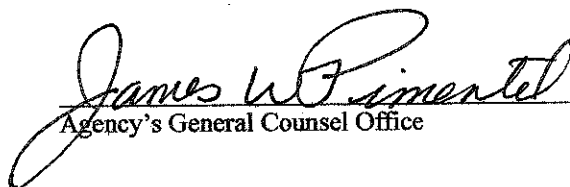
By: 

Print/Type Name: Rick Beselen

Title: Sheriff

Date: 1-2-08

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