



## Florida Department of Transportation

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December 10, 2007

Chief Charles Moreland  
Jacksonville Fire Rescue Department  
515 N. Julia Street  
Jacksonville, FL 32202

Re: ***First Coast Area Open Roads Policy***

Dear Chief Moreland:

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donna R. Danson".

Enclosure

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



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**FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT**  
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April 3, 2008

Ms. Donna Danson  
District 2 Traffic Incident Management Project Manager  
Florida Department of Transportation  
2198 Edison Avenue  
Jacksonville, Florida 32204-2815

Dear Ms. Danson:

Please find enclosed a signed page four of the *Open Roads Policy* from Brady Rigdon, Division Chief of Operations for the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department. Please feel free to let us know if you need anything else.

Sincerely,

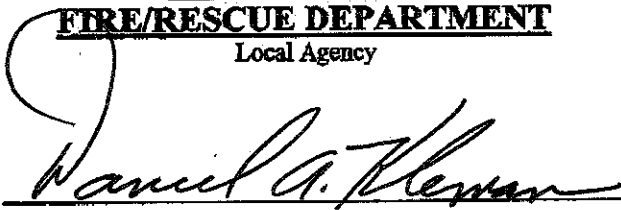
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Enclosure



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

**JACKSONVILLE**  
**FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT**  
Local Agency

By: 

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Title: DIRECTOR

Date: 4/1/08

Reviewed:

  
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