

CARRY YOUR IDENTIFICATION !

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Greetings, HOG family!

I hope everyone enjoyed the holiday season and got to spend quality time with your loved ones. I know that I did.

You are all aware that when you are riding your motorcycle, you are required to have your driver license in your possession. It is a good idea to make certain you always have your identification and insurance information with you when you are out and about.

You can never tell when an emergency may happen that will cause you to need to show it for some reason.

You may not be aware that the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (FLHSMV) has a program called the Emergency Contact Information (ECI). It started when a young lady was critically injured in a crash.

On December 7, 2005 Tiffany Olson was involved in a traffic crash on U.S. 19 in Manatee County, Florida. Tiffany received fatal injuries when the motorcycle she was a passenger on collided with another vehicle.

Her mother, Christine Olson, was not notified of Tiffany's passing for several hours and was not able to say her last goodbye.

Ms. Olson began pushing for emergency information to be added to a person's driver license or identification card. The information cannot be printed directly on the driver license so it is housed with the driving record that can be accessed by law enforcement. Participants can include two persons of their choosing they wish to be contacted in the event of an emergency.

I would encourage you to include someone along with your spouse to be notified. There was an instance where a husband and wife only listed each other, and they were both killed in a car crash which hindered law enforcement in contacting the next of kin.

The following link will take you to the FLHSMV's web site where you can sign up from home. There is no charge for this valuable resource available to you. I have been contacted a couple of times with issues involving family members thanks to ECI.

<https://services.flhsmv.gov/eci/>

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