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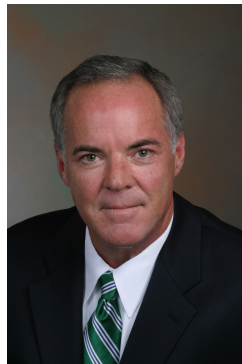
Motor Vehicle News & Views

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A Message from Doug Belden, Tax Collector

One of the goals of this office is to provide the highest level of customer service to the dealerships in Hillsborough County and I have some exciting news to share with you. I have decided to pursue the Governor's Sterling Award. The Sterling Award is given to organizations that demonstrate an integrated approach to organizational performance management that results in delivery of ever improving value to our customers, improvement of overall organizational effectiveness and capabilities, and organizational and personal learning. We are making tremendous strides to improve our offices. We have developed a mission and vision statement for each aspect of our organization. All employees offered



input on their respective department's statements, which is a vital part of creating a culture of ownership and teamwork. Each employee has learned our main mission statement, as it reminds us of the purpose of our organization and the manner in which we conduct business.

We have been working hard to document, benchmark and improve our work processes to prepare us for the Sterling Award application process. I believe we are well on our way to winning the award and becoming a pioneer for other Florida Tax Collector's offices.

I would like to thank the Hillsborough County dealerships that work in partnership with us to achieve a successful working relationship.

Doug

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Speedy Delivery....

By, Rosemary Johnson

The expedited title process is in place to speed up the delivery of the title after the lien has been satisfied. When there is no longer a lien, the electronic lien holder has two options for releasing the title. They may choose to have a paper title sent to the owner by mail or expedited through a tax collector office which offers fast title service.

The lien holder must be an ELT lien holder and the record must indicate an electronic title. It is up to the lien holder to initiate the process to be used to release the title to the owner. If they choose the expedited title, they must systematically release the lien with software equipment that they have been provided. If the electronic request is made by 2 p.m., the fast title will be available to print the morning of the following business day.

The expedited title fee is \$7.00. If anyone other than the owner requests the title, they must have an authorization form or power of attorney from the owner giving the tax collector office permission to release the title. The expedited title request is held in our system until the dealer, owner, or lien holder requests the title be printed.

If the third party ELT provider has not provided the expedited software to their ELT participants, the ELT participant will not have the option of requesting the Expedited title.



License Plate Promotes Industry in Florida

The "Florida Aquaculture" license plate was designed by conservationist and marine animal artist Guy Harvey. Sales of this license plate help to provide funds to conduct scientific research, conservation, education, and resource management for the Aquaculture industry in the state of Florida.

The Harbor Branch Aquaculture Division's mission



is to develop economically feasible and environmentally sustainable methods to farm aquatic organisms for food, sport, stock enhancement, aquarium markets, and pharmaceuticals.

To learn more

about the Harbor Branch Aquaculture program go to www.floridaaquaculture.org/

A dealer class on "How to Prepare the Paperwork for Title and Registration" will be held from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm on the following dates in 2006: January 19, February 16 and March 16. All classes will be held at the Hillsborough County Tax Collector's North Tampa office located at 9309 N. Florida Ave., Suite 111. To sign up for this class on the web go to www.hillstax.org/motor/dealers/dealertrain.htm or contact Rosemary Johnson in the Training Department at 813-612-6703 or johnsonr@hillstax.org.

You Asked...

by: Cary Smith

Q - If lien holder is not an ELT customer, does the FEID number (Federal Employer ID #) need to be provided on the 82040? A - yes.

Q - If I make any alterations on the title or MCO, should I supply an affidavit? A - Yes, along with any supporting documentation.

Q - If a customer's name change does not exist in FRVIS (DMV Database), what information is needed to create the customer? A - Submit a copy of State issued Drivers License or ID or Passport.

Q - Is the Dealer training class offered by the Tax Collector's office free of charge? A - Yes.

Q - How do I find out about the Dealer classes? A - Fax a copy of your Dealer's license, your name and telephone number to Rosemary Johnson at 813-635-5215.

Q - What telephone number do I dial for questions concerning dealer transactions? A - 612-6719.

Q - Does an out of state title always require notarization?

A - If the out of state title has a place for notarization the title must be notarized when applicable.

Q - Does the registration for a lease vehicle have to be in

the lessee's name? A - Yes, Florida statute #320.0601 has been amended to require the registration on long term leased vehicles to be in the name of the lessee.

Q - How can I get vehicle information without having to call the office? A - By phone you can use the Motor Vehicle Lookup (you can obtain more information on this by calling the Tax Collector's office); a second program that is offered is Auto Data Direct (ADD). You can visit their website at www.add123.com for more information.

Q - What do I do when a customer wants to transfer an expired tag? A - You can issue a temporary tag to the customer, include a copy of their Florida insurance card or insurance affidavit along with title/tag transfer information and the Tax Collector's office will transfer the title and renew the expired tag at the same time. This procedure also applies when the customer's tag will expire within the 30-day window allotted for processing their paperwork.

Q - What does the customer do with the temporary tag, once they receive their new license plate and registration? A - Instruct the customer to destroy the temporary tag once they receive their plate and registration.

Q - When do I need to start using the new HSMV82040?

A - Effective September 1, 2005 form HSMV82040 with a revision date of 11/04 or earlier will be obsolete.

Q - Can I substitute form HSMV 82050 in lieu of placing this information on the 82040? A - Yes.

Requirements for the Military....

by: Durelle Freid



There are seven military service related license plates available:

Ex-Prisoner of War
 Medal of Honor
 National Guard
 Pearl Harbor Survivor
 Purple Heart
 US Reserve
 US Paratroopers

All military license plates, except the Medal of Honor, which is ordered through the Dept of Motor Vehicles, may be purchased in any Tax Collector's office. These plates are issued for the following types of vehicles:

- Automobiles (private or lease)
- Trucks for private use (weighing 7,999 lbs or less)
- Motor homes or truck campers (which are not "for hire" or "commercial" use)

Applicants must submit proof of a Florida certificate of title in his/her name and form HSMV 83034 (the application for military related plates) accurately completed. If applying for US Reserve or National Guard license plates, the applicant's commanding officer's signature and rank must be entered.

Additional proof of eligibility for Ex-Prisoner of War, Purple Heart Recipient, Pearl Harbor Survivor, or Medal of Honor Recipient is required:

- √ Ex-Prisoner of War – must submit proof from the US Government that they are an Ex-POW;
- √ Pearl Harbor Survivor – must submit proof of membership in the Pearl Harbor Survivors' Association or proof of active military duty in Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941;
- √ Medal of Honor – must submit proof from the US Government that they have been awarded the Medal of Honor;
- √ Purple Heart – must submit

proof from the US Government that they are a recipient of the Purple Heart;

√ US Paratrooper – may only be issued to current or former US military personnel who, as part of their military duty, have been trained to jump from flying aircraft and must submit proof that the applicant has been decorated as a parachutist or has completed the US Army Jump School.

Fees for the military service related plates:

- National Guard, US Reserve, Ex-Prisoner of War, Pearl Harbor Survivor, Purple Heart and US Paratrooper – fees ranging from \$38.10 to \$56.10;
- If exempt POW, Pearl Harbor Survivor, or Purple Heart then the plate is exempt from the license tax fee and issued at a reduced rate of approximately \$19.10;
- Medal of Honor recipients are issued license plates at no fee.

Taking That Vehicle In Trade????

By: Odette Brencons

Section 319.23(6), Florida Statutes, is amended to require a motor vehicle dealership to notify the Department of Motor Vehicles within 30 days of a vehicle being traded in to their dealership. Form HSMV 82040 has been revised to include an area (section 7) for this information. Therefore, when the dealership submits their customer's paperwork to a tax collector's office, the title clerk must use this information to mark the traded-in vehicle as "sold." Effective September 1, 2005, any form HSMV 82040 with a revision date of 11/04 or earlier was obsolete. DMV Procedure TL-52, (Mark Title Sold), has been revised and posted to the department's web site for your convenience at: <http://casey.hsmv.state.fl.us/Intranet/dmv/Manuals/DMVProcedures/BTR/tl/TL-52.pdf>



Plant City Chrysler-Jeep-Dodge is approaching its 60th birthday as a new car dealer in Plant city and they continue to grow earning accolades from

customers as well as their Manufacturers.

Winner of DaimlerChryslers prestigious Five Star rating every year since it was introduced; Plant City Chrysler-Jeep-Dodge works hard to insure they meet their corporate mission of "Raising the Standards".

Located at the intersection of Park Road and Jim Redman Parkway their award winning facility is open seven days a week and stocks several hundred vehicles for their customers to browse through; either in person or through their state of the art website. In addition to the array of new and pre-owned vehicles Plant City Chrysler-Jeep-Dodge is a franchised seller of Polaris ATVs, Ranger Utility vehicles and Victory motorcy-

cles that are displayed in their own showroom and offer test rides on site.

But, according to owner John Gillette, it's not just sales that drive the organization. He states that they try diligently to provide quality products and services to accommodate all of a person's transportation needs. Gillette says it's the little things we provide that set us apart. Things like free lubrication, oil and filter changes and tire rotations for the first year of ownership for both new and pre-owned units... a free, web-based key recovery system for customers who suffer lost keys ... free breakfasts for service customers with Saturday appointments... state of the art diagnostic equipment in the service department... highly trained, factory certified technicians to handle service needs and a diverse stock of parts to accommodate required repairs and minimize the number of visits it takes to fix customer vehicles. He says that he urges every employee to recognize that this is their dealership as an "owners" to never promise more than they can deliver but to deliver more than they promise... and, if we do that we'll have happy customers and be here another 60 years!

Off-Highway & Lessee's needs....

By Tempest Brown



TL-44 – Off-Highway Vehicle

The DMV procedure for Off-Highway Vehicles (includes ATVs and Off-Highway Motorcycles) has been revised to allow a "Fast Title" to be issued at the local Tax Collector's offices for the additional fast title fee of \$7.00. A title validation sticker will be issued with the title to be placed onto the vehicle as proof of title/ownership. Until programming is in place at the local level, the customer must complete a form HSMV 82054 and submit that with \$2.10 to: Dept of Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles, Attn: Off-Highway Vehicle, MS #68, Neil Kirkman Building, Tallahassee, FL 32399

RS-53 – Lessee/Registrant

As of July 1, 2005, all leased vehicles will be registered in the name of the lessee (registrant). A copy of the lease agreement or contract will be required to identify the lessee. At time of renewal, a plate that is currently on a leased vehicle will be assumed by the lessee and fees will be collected to reflect appropriate expiration date.



Are You Prepared??? Dealer Checklist.....

By Rosemary Johnson

- √ Is the Title or MSO completed correctly
- √ Have any reassignments on the conforming Florida title been skipped
- √ Has the VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) verification been completed for out of state titles
- √ Is the 82994 completed (if required)
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- √ Are all POA's completed and notarized (if required)
- √ Are all affidavits and supporting documentation attached
- √ Are all sections of the 82040 completed, as required
- √ Name, address, date of birth, and driver's license (FEID on companies)
- √ Is the color and weight of the vehicle on the 82040
- √ Trucks over 5000 lbs must include GVW
- √ Is the lien holder's information and FEID or Customer number correct
- √ Is the date of lien on the 82040
- √ Is date acquired correct
- √ Is the odometer reading & date read included
- √ Is the amount of sales tax collected entered along with the trade in information on the bottom of the 82040
- √ Does all information on title or MSO match information on 82040
- √ If lease vehicle, is lease agreement or power of attorney attached
- √ Is documentation for tag transfers included
- √ Copy of Florida insurance card or completed insurance affidavit
- √ Are all forms signed and completed as required
- √ Include a list of all titles or applications submitted and your check digit with all dropped work
- √ Include a check or your escrow account number

Imagine.....there's no hunger



The "Imagine" specialty license plate became available in May 2005. Since its release 1,692 have been sold. The \$25.00 fee goes directly to the Florida Association of Food Banks for programs directed at ending hunger in Florida. Yoko Ono has kindly authorized the use of the John Lennon self-portrait *Imagine* to help the Florida Association of Food Banks in their ongoing fight to end hunger in the state of Florida.

According to US Census data, Florida's population has grown 19.5% while the number of people in poverty has grown 43% in the past decade. The fastest growing segment is the ones that have at least one family member working, and in some cases, working more than one job. Those found to be at the highest risk are women, children, and the working poor: 46% of those who receive assistance with food are children; 50% of households seeking food assistance have at least one member working full time; 13% of people needing help with food are low-income senior citizens.

Young children are a group of our citizens who are unable to support themselves. They are victims of poor nutrition before they are born. Until they were old enough to go to school they competed with the rest of the family for the food. When they start to public school they received breakfast and lunch but come the weekend its back to the family competition for something to eat. When school is out for the summer the competition continues.

Everyday many hungry Americans make impossible choices between the essentials of living. 45% have to choose between paying utilities and buying food. More than 35% choose between buying food and paying their rent or mortgage.

Additionally, food banks in Florida play a critical role at the front lines of our emergency preparedness. When the four hurricanes hit last year, Daily Bread Food Bank was there working with local agencies to make sure displaced citizens were provided food. In conjunction with Florida's emergency management team food banks play a crucial role when there are community emergencies.

The Florida Association of Food Banks works at feeding hungry people, hoping that somehow, someday, some way all the people will be fed and they will no longer be needed. **IMAGINE....there's no hunger.**

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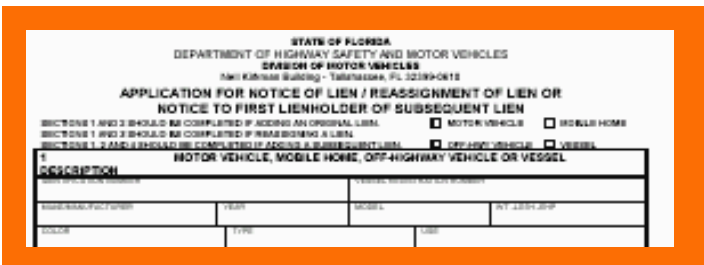
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Name Changes, Merges and More...

By: Tori Sydnor



In order to change the name of the lienholder on the certificate of title when there is a name change or two lending institutions merge, sections 1 and 3 of form HSMV 82139, Notice of Lien, must be submitted reassigning the lien to the institution's new name.

The following should be submitted for processing:

- ⇒ The Florida Certificate of Title, unless the DMV data-

base reflects “Electronic Title.”

- ⇒ Sections 1 and 3 of form HSMV 82139, Notice of Lien, accurately completed by an authorized agent for the lienholder currently shown on the certificate of title as assignor and by an authorized agent for the new lienholder as assignee.
- ⇒ Title and lien fees.

When the lien shown on the face of the title is satisfied by an entity other than the one listed on the title, a copy of the merger papers or the corporate name change charter must be submitted, unless the tax collector's office can determine that the entities are one and the same. It is also permissible for the lien holder to satisfy the lien under the new name specifying “formerly known as” (I.E. Bank of America, Formerly Known as Barnett Bank).