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Holiday Travel Advisory

Florida's Turnpike Enterprise Offers Free Coffee at Service Plazas During Peak Holiday Travel Periods

Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. – Free Coffee Safety Breaks for motorists during heavy travel times this upcoming holiday season are among the enhanced services being offered by Florida's Turnpike Enterprise (FTE) to promote driver safety.

Take a Coffee Safety Break on FTE

FTE urges drivers to take a Safety Break and enjoy a complimentary pick-me-up at the Shell convenience stores or in the lobby of the Turkey Lake, Canoe Creek, Fort Drum, Fort Pierce and West Palm Beach Restaurant Plazas at the following times:

- 11 p.m. Tuesday, December 24 to 6 a.m. Wednesday, December 25
- 11 p.m. Wednesday, December 25 to 6 a.m. Thursday, December 26
- 11 p.m. Tuesday, December 31 to 6 a.m. Wednesday, January 1
- 11 p.m. Wednesday, January 1 to 6 a.m. Thursday, January 2

State Farm Safety Patrol

During the holidays, the State Farm Safety Patrol will provide around-the-clock coverage in urban areas and extended hours from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. north and south of Orlando. Coverage will be from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. on other Florida's Turnpike System limited access highways.

Be prepared to encounter other tolling methods during your Turnpike travel

All-electronic, no-cash tolling is in place in southern Broward and Miami-Dade counties, along with the Sawgrass Expressway in Broward, and the Veterans Expressway and I-4 Connector in the Tampa Bay area. Tolls will be collected through a SunPass transponder, other interoperable transponder or billed through the mail with TOLL-BY-PLATE. Motorists traveling between Three Lakes in Osceola County and Lantana in Palm Beach County will receive an electronically-created toll card.

Try to avoid the peak travel periods on Friday and Monday if possible

The normal morning and afternoon rush hour periods of 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. may be congested with holiday travelers and local commuters on their way to work. We encourage motorists to schedule their travel around these peak hours. If your travel plans take you out of state, pay attention to the Turnpike/I-75 merge area south of Ocala, where traffic can be heavy as motorists head north.

Check Tires/Tire Pressure

Many traffic accidents can be traced back to improper inflation or condition of tires. Be sure to check your vehicle's tires and tire pressure before you travel.

SunPass Customers

Enjoy the convenience of managing your SunPass account, anytime, by downloading the SunPass app. You can also access the SunPass.com website on the go using your smart phone. Take advantage of replenishment and other services available at thousands of locations statewide. Customers with an active SunPass account enrolled in "Easy Pay" can enjoy the ease and convenience of SunPass Plus Parking at Hard Rock Stadium and airports in Miami, Ft. Lauderdale, West Palm and Orlando.

To find out more about the Florida's Turnpike Enterprise statewide system of limited-access roads, call the Public Information Office at 800-749-PIKE (1-800-749-7453), or visit www.floridasturnpike.com.

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