

<http://www2.dot.state.fl.us/duisustainedenforcementinitiative/Utilities/Help/Help.aspx>

The Florida DUI Sustained Enforcement Program supports this goal by rewarding agencies for conducting high visibility DUI enforcement operations. The FDOT Safety Office has established an incentive program with four levels of participation. Each law enforcement agency can select the level of participation that fits its manpower availability. The Law Enforcement Liaison Program will collect monthly reports filed by the participating agencies, determine what participation level each agency has met at the end of the calendar year, and provide access to an online equipment catalog. Agencies can select DUI enforcement equipment based on the participation points that they have earned directly from the online catalog.

Saturation Patrol

A saturation patrol is an operation in which several officers are assigned to DUI enforcement duties within a defined area of the agency's jurisdiction where alcohol related crashes occur. The selection of the enforcement area must be data driven and identified as a high crash area. A saturation patrol must meet the minimum staffing guidelines:

Minimum of one officer assigned for agencies with less than 20 sworn officers.

Minimum of two officers assigned for agencies with fewer than 50 sworn officers.

Minimum of three officers assigned for agencies with 50-100 sworn officers.

Minimum of four officers assigned for agencies with more than 100 sworn officers.

A saturation patrol shall operate for a minimum of four hours between 7 pm to 4 am, unless all officers assigned to the operation are processing DUI arrests at the same time. A press release shall be sent to local media at least two days prior to the saturation patrol to promote public awareness of the enforcement activity. Press releases may be made for multiple notices of saturation patrols. Agencies will not be credited for more than one saturation patrol per day. A day is defined as between the hours of 7pm to 4 am.

DUI Checkpoint

A DUI Checkpoint is defined as a roadblock in which motorists are stopped and checked for signs of impairment. A detailed operational plan, which includes the pattern used for stopping motorists, must be developed for the event as required by the Florida Supreme Court in Jones v. State. The operational plan must be written by the agency that is conducting the checkpoint. A pre-checkpoint briefing must be held prior to the event with all personnel working the checkpoint in attendance. DUI checkpoints can involve as few as five sworn officers and low manpower checkpoints are encouraged. A press release shall be sent to local media at least two days prior to meet the notice requirement in Jones v. State. To receive credit towards sustained enforcement, checkpoints must be conducted between 7 pm - 4 am on a Friday, Saturday, or Sunday and may be conducted on major holidays. Agencies can request waivers to hold checkpoints during the week in conjunction with special events. Waivers must be requested in writing and will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Request for a waiver must be received two weeks prior to the enforcement event.

The Sustained Enforcement Program has been modified for 2009. The number of levels of participation has been changed from eight to four. The system used to determine the participation levels has also changed. Participating agencies will earn points for their participation in DUI enforcement activities as follows:

Conduct/Host DUI checkpoint: 100 points

Saturation Patrol: 20 points

Attend Checkpoint hosted by other agency: 10 points

Platinum 6000 DUI Enforcement Activity Points Earned

Gold 4000 DUI Enforcement Activity Points Earned

Silver 2000 DUI Enforcement Activity Points Earned

Bronze 1000 DUI Enforcement Activity Points Earned

Please note that DUI enforcement activity points earned are not the same as incentive points awarded in the four award levels listed below. DUI enforcement activity points are only used to determine the level of participation in DUI enforcement activities.

Each law enforcement agency participating in the program will earn points based on its level of participation during the calendar year 2009.

Participating agencies will be able to select enforcement equipment from an online catalogue published by the Florida DUI Sustained Enforcement Program as compensation for its participation. A point value will be assigned to each piece of equipment, and the agency can select one or more items totaling no more than the maximum value of the participation level they achieved.

Platinum Level Award \$15,000

Gold Level Award \$10,000

Silver Level Award \$5,000

Bronze Level Award \$2,500

In addition to the regular program rewards, all agencies that qualify at the Bronze or Silver levels will be eligible for a random drawing for a laser speed measuring device. All agencies that qualify at the Platinum or Gold levels will be eligible for a random drawing for one fully equipped vehicle to be used exclusively for DUI enforcement by the winning agency.

Eligible Counties

Historically High Counties:

Brevard

Broward

Duval

Miami-Dade

Palm Beach

Counties over 200,000 Population:

Escambia

Hillsborough

Lee

Leon

Manatee

Orange

Pasco

Pinellas

Polk

Volusia

Counties 50,000 to 199,999 Population:

Bay

Columbia

Hernando

Indian River

Monroe
Okaloosa
Putnam
Santa Rosa
St. Johns
Walton

Counties under 49,999 Population:

Gadsden
Dixie
Okeechobee
Levy
Taylor
Hendry
DeSoto
Franklin
Glades
Hardee