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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

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"77th Annual Bike Week & Motorcycle Safety"

Bike Week begins **Friday, March 9th** and runs through **Sunday, March 18th**.

The Flagler Beach Police Department will be enforcing both hazardous moving violations and non-moving violations. Hazardous moving violations include, but are not limited to:

- Careless Driving,
- Aggressive Careless Driving,
- Reckless Driving,
- Excessive Speed,
- Racing on a highway (drag racing) and,
- Driving Under the Influence (DUI).

The following State Statutes, paraphrased below, are in effect in the State of Florida:

316.2095 - Footrests, handholds, and handlebars:

- Footrests must be provided for a passenger on a motorcycle, unless it is equipped with a sidecar or enclosed cab.
- Handlebars or handgrips cannot be higher than the top of the shoulders of the person operating the motorcycle while properly seated upon the motorcycle.

316.211 - Equipment for motorcycles:

- An eye protective device must be worn by the operator of the motorcycle.

316.294 – Mirrors:

- Every vehicle and motorcycle, operated singly or when towing any other vehicle, must have a rear view mirror that allows the driver a rear view of the highway for a minimum distance of 200 feet.

316.304 - Wearing of headsets:

- No motorcycle operator can wear a headset, headphone, or other listening device. The exception is a hearing aid or instrument for the improvement of defective human hearing.

316.405 Motorcycle headlights to be turned on:

- Headlights must be on at all times while the motorcycle or motor-driven cycle is being driven on public streets or highways.

The goal for this year's **Bike Week** event is the safety of our visitors and residents through compliance with the laws of the State of Florida. Please remember that reducing your speed, especially after dark, allows for a longer reaction/braking time, and also helps reduce noise.

Special Note: The speed limit on SRA1A between South 12th Street and South 18th Street is 25 MPH. This area of SRA1A was affected by Hurricane Matthew and Officers will be proactively monitoring speeds via radar during **Bike Week**. Compliance with the posted speed limit is the goal.

We hope this year's **Bike Week** provides our visitors, residents and businesses with many happy memories. Thank you in advance for helping make this year's event a safe one for all.

This information is being provided in advance of the event to educate visitors and residents on Florida motorcycle related laws. If you have any questions regarding **Bike Week**, please feel free to contact Chief Matt Doughney at (386) 517-2020.

