Crossing Guards: Creating Safer School Crossings for All Kids and Families

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Walking is man’s best medicine. Hippocrates

• Do you want to create a safe and active community for all?

• Do you want to encourage safe walking to school for all students in your community?
What makes walking and biking to school more feasible for some students and parents?

“A community must be sure, that this mode of transportation to school is as safe as possible for ALL.”

Dana Crosby
How can you enhance or add crossing guard programs in your community?

The panel consists of:

✓ Program Administrator for the Florida School Crossing Guard Training Program
✓ Florida Crossing Guard Program Coordinators

They are from diverse parts of the state representing widely diverse demographics.
PROGRAM BASIS

Florida Statute 316.75 – School Crossing Guards or “Ramon Turquest Act”

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Boy, 7, killed by truck on way to school

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HALLANDALE — A 7-year-old boy holding his
mother’s hand while heading to the first day of school
on Monday was struck by a truck and killed after he
slipped off a curb onto busy Hallandale Beach
Boulevard.

As he lay on the ground, Ramon Turnquest quietly
answered “yes” when his crying mother, Debra
Brown, asked him whether he could hear her. The sec-
cond grader died a while later at Memorial Hospital in
Hollywood.

Ramon’s brother, Qin, 5, watched from the side-
walk as his mother tried to comfort her oldest child,
witnesses said.

The truck’s driver, Angel Macea, ran to Ramon’s
side with a first-aid kit.

“I don’t think his foot was on the ground yet when

[the truck] hit him,” said Karen Young, who was walking her child
to school a few paces behind Ramon
and his family.

Police said the accident occurred
right after the light turned red. The
crossing guard had signaled the
family to cross Hallandale Beach
Boulevard at Northwest Fourth Av-
enue. Debra Brown was holding Ra-
mon with one hand and Qin with
the other.

Ramon stepped off the curb first
and was struck by Macea’s westbound pickup truck,
which apparently ran through the red light, police
said.

No charges were filed against Macea. An investi-
gation was continuing, said Marcia Sandler, spokes-
woman for the Hallandale Police Department.

Karen Young, who usually walks to school with
Brown and her children, was nearing the curb with her
daughter when she saw the accident.

“He would always be with his mother, he was a nice
little kid,” said Young, who has known Debra Brown,
27, and Ramon’s father, Alineto Turquest, 29, since
they were children.

Qin was examined at Memorial Hospital and re-
leased, hospital officials said. Neither Qin nor
Brown was hurt.

Since the early 1990s, Broward County parents have
pushed for speed zones around schools, including
Hallandale Elementary, which is on Southwest Fourth
Avenue, near Hallandale Beach Boulevard.

The County Commission has designated 25 mph
zones or county roads that schoolchildren must cross
if the roads are within sight of a school. But that rule

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316.75 School crossing guards.--The Department of Transportation shall adopt uniform guidelines for the training of school crossing guards. Each local governmental entity administering a school crossing guard program shall provide a training program for school crossing guards according to the uniform guidelines. Successful completion of the training program shall be required of each school guard except:

(1) A person who received equivalent training during employment as a law enforcement officer.
(2) A person who receives less than $5,000 in annual compensation in a county with a population of less than 75,000.
(3) A student who serves in a school patrol.

School crossing guard training programs may be made available to nonpublic schools upon contract.

History.--s. 2, ch. 92-194; s. 42, ch. 97-190.
Note.--Former s. 234.302.
Florida School Crossing Guard Training Program

Adopt

The Department of Transportation shall adopt uniform guidelines for the training of school crossing guards.

Provide

Provide statewide, “train-the-trainer” certification courses throughout the year covering the state.

Train and certify

Train and certify local school crossing guard trainers in accordance with the Guidelines. Certified trainers in turn train guards for their local agencies. Training resources are provided.
Important Information

The training locations below have been scheduled:
See the training tab for specifics.

**TRAINING 2019**
- Martin County* COMPLETED
- Marion County* COMPLETED
- Bay County* COMPLETED
- Duval County* COMPLETED
- Pinellas County [2 day class]: CLOSED (This class is full. Please inquire about the waiting list.)
- Miami-Dade County* CLOSED [This class is full but ask about the waiting list]
- Hillsborough County* CLOSED [This class is full but ask about the waiting list]
- Alachua County*
- Lee County*
- Seminole County* CLOSED [This class is full but ask about the waiting list]
- Palm Beach County* CLOSED [This class is full but ask about the waiting list]

**TRAINING 2020**
- Pasco County*
- Okaloosa County*
- Duval County*
- Hillsborough County*

*This is a 1 day class that requires successful completion of the Computer Based Training prior to attendance. To assure a seat in the live class, be sure to register for both the live training and the CBT. Registration for the live class is contingent on space availability, and classes 2 days prior to attendance.

**How do I register someone for the Live Training?**
Click on the Training Tab. Select 1-day training. Scroll to the bottom where you will see Register for a Training Event. Fill in the required information and hit SUBMIT. This will automatically send an email to the Program Administrator to add them to the class.

**Computer Based Training (CBT)**
This will allow you to save time and money by streamlining the process for your staff to become certified Florida School Crossing Guard Trainers. Successful completion of the CBT makes one eligible to attend a 1 day live training/practical session, (instead of the traditional 2 day class).

**How do I register someone for the Computer Based Training?**
Click on the Training Tab and it allows you to register a prospective crossing guard trainer for the online course. **NOTE: If you are registering yourself, please do not use your administrator email address. Use an alternative email address.**

**What happens once you register someone?**
They are sent an email with instructions and a password to log into the CBT. They may work at their own pace and stop and start as needed. Once they complete all...
Florida School Crossing Guard Training Program

Florida School Crossing Guard Program: Comprehensive Training

- Part One: Background & History
- Part Two: Uniform Elements & Required Equipment
- Part Three: Crossing Techniques, Communications & Signaling
- Part Four: School Zone & Crossing Area Inspections
- Part Five: Traffic and Other Hazards at School Crossings
- Part Six: Summary - Primary Responsibilities

Click the links to access the videos

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Links

Download a PDF reader

- Brochure: The Crossing Guard Profession: Everything You Need to Know
- Video: Florida School Crossing Guard Committed to Student Safety
- Survey 2018 Results
- PSA: Protect the Children
- Program Coordinator Guide Video
- Crossing Guard Placement Ideas and Information (pdf, 1.85 Mb)
- The FSCG Program Idea Booklet (pdf, 7 Mb)
- MP4 recording/2016 Guidelines Critical Updates Webinar
- PowerPoint Presentation, Update Summary 2016 Florida School Crossing Guard Training Program Guidelines (pdf, 361 Kb)
- AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety
- Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices
- National Center for Safe Routes to School
- National Highway and Transportation Safety Administration – Crash Statistics
- Florida Safe Routes to School Program
- Florida Statutes

Missing or Broken Links? Email the State Administrator.
Elements of Outstanding Crossing Guard Programs

- Community Partnerships
- Funding
- Commitment to Training & Safety
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Partnerships Create Success

The relationships you make are important

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Success must haves...

Education

- Citizen on Patrol
- Community Events
- In the field
Success must haves...

Programs

- Safety programs in schools
- Bicycle helmet distribution
- Safety in school zones
- Bicycle Rodeos
Grant Opportunities

Provides for extra income to your annual budget

- Bicycle Helmets
- Bike & Walk to School Events
- Supplies needed to flourish
- Educational materials

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Partnerships Create Success

- Amscot
- Best Foot Forward
- Farmers Insurance
- Fed Ex
- Harley-Davidson
- Ped Bike
- Safe Kids
- Safe Routes to School
- Walmart

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Involvement

Making Connections

- Leadership teams
- Annual Statewide Safety Campaigns
- National and International Safety Campaigns

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Networking...

Embrace those around you

- Appreciate
- Engage
- Accept
- Encourage
- Empower

Creating Safer School Crossings
Agency information:

- 634 Post Allocations = 334 PBSO Guards & 200 Contract Allocations*

- 4 Deputies, 12 Field Supervisors, 23 Trainers

- Growing communities! Palm Beach County has a population of 1,470,338 and growing!
Commitment to Safety

- Evaluating hazards
- Public requests
- Area surveys
- Guard strengths
Commitment to training

6 observed shifts:

Day 1
• “Shadow Phase”

Day 2
• 1st day of evaluation-instruction, remediation and grading

Day 3
• 2nd day of evaluation-instruction, remediation and grading

Day 4
• Solo Observation
DON’T BE THAT GUARD!

PSA

Florida School Crossing Guard Training Program:

Committed to safeguarding our students’ journeys to school
FLORIDA SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS

Our first concern is the safety of students.

Thank you!