



## ALERT TODAY FLORIDA MEDIA RELEASE

Date: *11/16/2020*

Location: *Port Richey Florida*

When: *11/23/2020*

What: *High Visibility Enforcement to Improve Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety*

Pasco County ranks in the top **25** counties in the state for traffic crashes resulting in serious and fatal injuries to pedestrians and bicyclists.

To protect the safety of these most vulnerable road users, the Port Richey Police Department will conduct High Visibility Enforcement Details (HVE) during the period of *11/23/2020* and *2/15/2021* in several locations along U.S.19 in Port Richey. This area is over-represented in traffic crashes resulting in serious and fatal injuries to pedestrians and bicyclists.

HVE details are funded through a contract with the University of North Florida in partnership with the Florida Department of Transportation's focused initiative to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety.

The goal of this enforcement effort is to increase awareness of and compliance with traffic laws that protect the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists.

Enforcement efforts will focus primarily on education to drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists. *However*, violations may result in warnings or citations depending on the circumstances. Bicycle lights and safety literature will be disseminated to those person(s) contacted as part of educational awareness.

### *Remember:*

Drivers, obey speed limits, never drive impaired, and always watch for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Bicyclists obey traffic laws, ride in the direction of traffic, and use lights when riding at night.

Pedestrians, cross in crosswalks or at intersections, obey pedestrian signals, and make sure you are visible to drivers when walking at night.