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## REIN IN RECKLESS DRIVING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Immediate Release

**MARION COUNTY, Fla.** (Nov. 18, 2011) – For many, the arrival of the winter holiday season is filled with the excitement of well-deserved vacations and family gatherings. But building those holiday memories can sometimes come at the expense of much stress and many hours on the road.

The Marion County Office of the County Engineer encourages motorists to make the most of their holiday travel plans this year by only chasing after road safety and following these tips:

- **Inspect your vehicle and have a plan.** Before heading out on a trip, ensure your car is working properly. Prepare driving directions and buckle up before starting the car.
- **Don't overload.** Observe the maximum weight specified by your car manufacturer and ensure all packed goods are properly secured inside the vehicle.
- **Avoid distractions.** If you must make or answer a phone call or text message, pull over to a rest area and only continue on your trip when done.
- **Obey speed limits.** Most rollovers occur at high speeds as a result of sudden steering maneuvers.
- **Keep a safe distance.** Leave yourself enough space from the car in front of you to avoid sudden stops or getting boxed in.
- **Watch for reckless drivers.** Be more vigilant than usual, avoid confrontations and always aim to protect yourself, your passengers and your vehicle first.

For more information, contact the Marion County Office of the County Engineer at 352-671-8686.

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