

State of Florida

“Stop Sign Policy Memorandum of Agreement”

Placement of Temporary Stop Signs for Public Safety

This Stop Sign Policy Memorandum of Agreement by and between the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) establishes a means for FHP and FDOT personnel to place temporary stop signs at non-functioning intersections due to damage and/or power outages after an emergency event in order to provide reinforcement of Section 316.1235, *Florida Statutes*, and to enhance public safety.

Whereas: Public safety is the highest priority and must be maintained, especially after an emergency event. The quality of life in the State of Florida is heavily dependent upon the free movement of people, vehicles and commerce. The FHP and FDOT share the responsibility for achieving and maintaining order when necessary to make this free movement possible. Agencies have the responsibility to do whatever is reasonable to reduce the risk to the public and emergency responders after a major emergency event.

Be it resolved: First, the FHP and FDOT are to designate the use of an alternate power source at non-functioning signalized intersections where there is a power outage, but no traffic signal damage has occurred. Secondly, they shall designate the use of temporary stop signs on the State Highway System to assist in managing and controlling traffic at signalized intersections that cannot function due to signal damage and/or power outage after an emergency event.

Florida Highway Patrol Responsibilities

Members of the FHP who respond to non-functioning intersections due to damage or power outage shall be aware of the FDOT Stop Sign Policy and Implementation Plan and shall assist in establishing the proper intersection control. If it is necessary for the FHP personnel to manually operate the intersection, they shall ensure that the temporary stop signs are bagged to avoid public confusion and shall remove the bagging once manual operations is no longer needed.

Florida Department of Transportation Responsibilities

The FDOT is responsible for applying the FDOT Stop Sign Policy in accordance with the developed Implementation Plan to establish proper intersection control. The FDOT in each District shall establish a list of high-priority intersections that will be used for placement of temporary stop signs as necessary, and shall develop a plan for the storage, distribution, deployment, and recovery of the temporary stop signs.

Therefore, it is agreed as follows: The FHP and the FDOT will work together to ensure the proper application of the Stop Sign Policy and that any deployments of temporary stop signs follow the Implementation Plan.

It is further agreed: The FHP and FDOT will actively solicit and enlist other state, county, and local agencies or political subdivisions to endorse and become a party to the Stop Sign Policy for the State of Florida.

In witness whereof, each party hereto has caused this document to be executed in its name and on its behalf by its duly authorized Chief Executive.

By: _____
Denver Stutler, P.E.
Secretary
Florida Department of Transportation

By: _____
Col. Christopher Knight
Director
Florida Highway Patrol

Date: _____

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