



## News Release

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### **TREASURE ISLAND POLICE JOINS F.D.O.T. AND STATEWIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT FOR THE NATIONAL STOP ON RED WEEK.**

**TREASURE ISLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT** – The Treasure Island Police Department will join the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and law enforcement agencies across Florida and the nation to raise awareness of the dangers of running red lights during National Stop on Red Week, August 4 to 11.

“Unfortunately, Florida ranks near the top of the list of states for intersection crashes and a third of those are caused by running red lights,” said Randall Smith, Traffic Safety Administrator for FDOT. “There are all kinds of excuses, such as ‘the light was still yellow’ or ‘I couldn’t stop the car in time.’ But there is no excuse for running a red light.”

Research indicates that nearly all of us are afraid of being hit by a motorist running a red light and yet half of us admit we’ve run one ourselves. According to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, in 2005, the last year for which statistics are available, there were 96 fatalities and 6300 injuries in Florida as a result of people running red lights.

The Treasure Island Police Department joins the Florida Department of Transportation to remind motorists of several important rules to remember when approaching an intersection:

- Slow down and prepare to stop when a light turns yellow.
- Yield to pedestrians. They have the right of way regardless of whether the intersection is marked or unmarked.
- Proceed through intersections with caution even after the light turns green. Remember to drive defensively.
- Come to a complete stop before turning right on red. It’s the law.
- Yield to vehicles making a u-turn when turning right on red.

The Treasure Island Police Department will step up enforcement of red light violations during this national campaign. In addition, officers will be on the look-out for safety belt, child restraint, speeding, D.U.I.’s and aggressive driver violations.

**Please remember, it’s not the threat of a ticket that should make a difference. Rather, it is the life that you and others might save.**