



LEL BOLO

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Getting to Know the Liaisons ... The Series



In the December 2012, issue of the *LEL Bolo*, we told you about the ongoing cross training of the LEL Team. Each of the six liaisons are not only responsible for their territory, but are also tasked with managing projects, overseeing data reports to NHTSA, and coordinating the many Challenges and Campaigns that run annually. In an effort to provide you, our customer, with the best possible service with no interruptions in the event of an emergency or unanticipated absence of one of the team, our mission in 2013 is to streamline the process behind the scenes in regards to cross training the entire staff. Part of this initiative is for you all to get to know each of the six LELs a little better. Every issue of this publication in 2013 will highlight a member of the team for you.

This month's spotlight is on LEL Charles Kane, who is responsible for the Southeast region of Florida. Charlie's territory covers nine counties that are home to over fifty-law enforcement agencies. His terrain takes him from the shores of the Atlantic Ocean into the heartland of Florida and from the Palm Beaches to Walt Disney World!

Charlie is one of the most widely known LELs in Florida. Having been in the program now for over seven years, he has been tasked with covering many regions of the state while the program and its current regional boundaries were evolving. He is the coordinator of the highly successful Click It or Ticket Florida Challenge and is the "go to" guy when it comes to all things related to the www.floridalel.org website and the coveted Challenge Points Reward Catalog!



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Prior to joining Florida's Law Enforcement Liaison Team, Charlie spent 22 years with the Lake Worth Police Department where he rose to the rank of Lieutenant. He was also a member of the United States Army where he specialized in the demolition of Atomic Munitions in Texas and Italy.

Outside of law enforcement, anyone who knows Charlie will attest that his true love and passion in this world is his wife Lynette, and children Michael and Marissa. Charlie is an avid outdoorsman and can be found on weekends in the water with his family or cruising Florida's coastal back roads on his Harley Davidson or Victory motorcycles.

While Charlie's work file at the Florida LEL Program is full of accolades and letters of thanks and recognition, the highest honor that he ever received was while working at the Lake Worth Police Department. It was here that he was awarded their top honor as a Medal of Valor recipient. While on patrol, Charlie had been dispatched to a suspicious incident call that upon arrival, there really did not appear to be anything to it. However, anyone who knows Charlie knows that he never takes short cuts and always goes above and beyond in every task he is assigned. This particular day was no different and as he continued to investigate the matter further, Charlie found a baby boy that has been wrapped in a plastic garbage bag and was being discarded with the day's trash. That baby boy survived and is alive and well today thanks solely to Charlie and his spirit of quality workmanship and pride in our career. This young man is grateful and thankful for Charlie, and so is the Florida LEL team!



Mr. & Mrs. Charles Kane enjoying time together in the Conch Republic



Florida Motor Unit Challenge

The 2013 Florida Motor Unit Challenge is just around the corner. During this two month challenge in November and December, motor units from across Florida will compete to increase their enforcement efforts and decrease serious and fatal crashes within their jurisdiction. This year's Challenge will award the top twenty motor units with traffic law enforcement equipment and the top ten motor units will have a chance to crank the grand prize, a fully equipped 2014 police motorcycle. Stay tuned for more information from your Law Enforcement Liaison.



Florida Click It or Ticket Challenge

The Florida Click It or Ticket Challenge is getting ready to start in an effort to raise safety belt compliance and reduce occupant protection related injuries and fatalities. This Challenge will consist of three two-week waves between November 2013 - May 2014. The first wave will begin on November 18, 2013, and will end on December 1, 2013. The top three agencies in each category will receive traffic law enforcement equipment and the first place agency will have a chance to turn the key for a fully equipped 2014 police vehicle. Stay tuned for more information from your LEL!



Florida Law Enforcement Challenge

There is still plenty of time to maximize your efforts in enforcement, officer recognition, and training in 2013. Every point counts in this year's Florida Law Enforcement Challenge, so take this opportunity to pick your LEL's brain about where your agency can improve its chances in placing in this Challenge. During last year's FLEC, there was less than 1 1/2 points separating some winners in various categories. The top three agencies in each category will receive traffic law enforcement equipment and the first place agency will have a chance to turn the key for a fully equipped 2014 police vehicle.

Halloween DUI Enforcement Campaign

The next in a series of DUI campaigns will be 2013 Halloween Impaired Driving Crackdown. Visit <http://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/Halloween> for all your Halloween DUI related materials, press releases, and other creepy stuff to keep the ghost and goblins at bay this season!



2013 Holiday Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over

The December 2013 Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over media work kit is now available for this campaign that will begin on December 13, 2013 and run through January 1, 2014. Take the opportunity to tap into the NHTSA resources to provide a safer driving environment this holiday season. For more information visit: <http://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/CAMPAIGNS/Drunk+Driving/Drive+Sober+or+Get+Pulled+Over/Holiday+Season>

Daily Fatality Report

Year-to-Date Traffic Fatality report as of October 1, 2013, based on preliminary data supplied by the Florida Department of Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles.



One Team. One Goal. Save Lives.