



# The Lawless Driver

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# What is considered dangerous?

## NHTSA Survey

- Illegally passing school bus (95%)
- Racing another driver (90%)
- Driving thru stop sign or signal (84%)
- Crossing RR grade (82%)
- Driving just under legal alcohol limit (82%)
- Cutting in front of another driver (81%)
- Passing in a no passing zone (80%)

About 2/3 of all drivers admit occasionally speeding.

# Reasons for Breaking the Law

## Reason for speeding

- Late (44%) Keeping up with traffic (12%)

## Reasons for increased aggressiveness

- Rushed (23%) Congestion (22%) Carless Drivers (12%)

## Reasons for DUI

- Don't consider self impaired - Remote chance of being caught

## Underlying reasons for lawless behavior

- Impatient, Impolite, Selfish – Me First!

# Operation Hardhat



- History of covert efforts
- Value of “Branding”
- Undercover trooper
- Focus on work zone speed
- Motors
- Favorable media coverage and public opinion

# 4 on 4

- Multi-Agency Effort
- Four Day Sustained (24 hours)
- 6 Counties
- Focus on Speed and Aggressive Driving
- Fixed wing and helicopters
- Unmarked Cars
- Motors



# Operation Safe Ride



- Began in 2004
- 2-Day Enforcement Efforts
- Focus based on public input
- All personnel participate
- Twice per year (Feb/Nov)
- 2008 Dovetail with Florida's aggressive driving campaign

# Marauder Detail

- Tampa and Miami
- 1 week sustained efforts
- Focus aggressive driving
- 20 unmarked Mercury Marauder
- Unique public/private partnership
- Equipped with video and speed measurement
- Continues daily throughout the state



# Stop Red Light Running



- Multi-agency effort
- Statewide focus in 2007
- 20% of fatalities at intersections
- Increase in fines 2006
- Automated Enforcement

# Impaired Driving

- Operation Roundup
- DUI Vehicle Seizure
- Low Manpower Checkpoint Operations
- Officer Recognition



# Other Notable Efforts

- \*FHP
- Multi-agency Details
- Corridor Operations
- Partnerships with Courts
- Earned Media

