Road Rangers Provide Safety and Service

With hundreds of thousands of drivers rolling along Central Florida’s highways and major roadways every day, traffic incidents are bound to happen.

But what happens in the moments right after engine trouble or a flat tire can mean the difference between a minor inconvenience for one driver and a major traffic backup for thousands of others.

Fortunately, some of the most heavily traveled roads in Central Florida receive help from the dauntless safety and service patrols known as the Road Rangers. With their well-stocked roadside-assistance trucks, the Road Rangers are problem solvers, troubleshooters, and occasional lifesavers, shielding incident scenes and stranded motorists from dangerous highway traffic. They can render a number of services for free, including changing a tire, providing gas, making minor mechanical repairs, and moving a disabled vehicle to a safe spot. By quickly getting motorists and their disabled vehicles out of harm’s way, Road Rangers help keep traffic flowing and minimize the risk of setting off a chain of crashes.

Moreover, Road Rangers are just a phone call away at *347 (*FHP). In Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District Five, those calls for assistance and the subsequent directing of Road Rangers to motorists in need are handled by the Florida Highway Patrol dispatchers at the Regional Transportation Management Center.

Move Over—It’s the Law

If you see a Road Ranger or other emergency personnel responding to an incident, remember to obey Florida’s Move Over law. When safe, move over a lane. If it is impossible to change lanes safely, then drivers must slow down to 20 mph below the posted highway speed.
Call *FHP (‘347) when:

- You need roadside assistance
- You are experiencing or witnessing a hazardous situation
- You want to report impaired drivers, traffic crashes, stranded or disabled motorists, or any suspicious incidents on Florida roadways

In case of a medical or other emergency, call 911.

In FDOT District Five, Road Rangers patrol along I-4, I-75, I-95, Florida’s Turnpike, and the Central Florida Expressway system, which includes State Roads 408, 414, 417, 429, 451, and 528.

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- FDOT Road Rangers
- Florida’s Turnpike/Central Florida Expressway Authority Road Rangers

For roadside assistance, call *FHP (‘347) from your mobile phone.

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