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Florida Department of Transportation honored at the 2018 National Hurricane Conference

*Russell Allen, FDOT's ITS Program Development Engineer,
Awarded for Outstanding Achievement in Public Awareness*

Russell Allen, the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Program Development Engineer for the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), was recently honored during the **2018 National Hurricane Conference** with an **Outstanding Achievement Award** in the **Public Awareness** category. The



award recognizes outstanding and innovative achievement in any hurricane-related activity that serves as a model for others.

"It is such a tremendous honor to be recognized by the National Hurricane Conference," says Russell Allen. "FDOT's efforts have provided travelers with vital traffic and travel information for every day commutes as well as disaster situations such as hurricanes. It is our mission to safely move people and goods throughout Florida and continue to provide residents and visitors with real-time travel information along our roadways, despite the conditions."

Russell Allen has been the ITS Program Development Engineer in FDOT's State Traffic Engineering and Operations Office, Transportation Systems Management and Operations (TSM&O) Division since 2014. During the past year, Russell has led development of multiple statewide initiatives including the enhancements to FDOT's Next Generation State-of-the-Art Florida 511 Advanced Traveler Information System, which helped a record 6.5 million people evacuate Florida in response to Hurricane Irma, and then safely return.

The Florida 511 (FL511) Traveler Information System from the Florida Department of Transportation is the state's official source for real-time traffic and travel information. The FL511 app, website, twitter feeds and toll free number provides information on Florida's interstates, toll roads and other major metropolitan roadways, allowing drivers to avoid unnecessary delays, as well as receive updates on crashes, congestion, construction and more. For more information, please visit www.FL511.com.

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