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PennDOT's State Farm Safety Patrol Assists Thousands of Drivers

Harrisburg, PA – Through the end of September, more than 16,600 motorists were assisted by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's (PennDOT) State Farm Safety Patrol, the agency announced today.

"These patrols offer a valuable service for drivers in need, while also helping to reduce congestion and potential safety hazards," said PennDOT Secretary Leslie S. Richards. "Our partnership with State Farm allows us to continue this service while reducing costs."

The patrol, for which nearly 11 percent of the cost is offset by a Public-Private Partnership (P3) sponsorship with State Farm®, is a roving safety patrol offering free motorist assistance on select expressways in the Harrisburg, Lehigh Valley, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh regions. The patrol assists motorists with towing, jump starts, flat tire repair and more on all or portions of heavily traveled roads during the business week:

- Allegheny County: Interstates 79, 279 and 376;
- Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia counties: Interstates 76, 476 and 676, U.S. 1, U.S. 30, U.S. 202, U.S. 422, Route 63 and Route 309;
- Cumberland, Dauphin and York counties: Interstates 81 and 83, and Route 581; and
- Lehigh and Northampton counties: Interstate 78, U.S. 22, Route 33 and Route 309.

The sponsorship with State Farm Insurance helps PennDOT offset the roughly \$4 million annual cost to operate the service. In 2014, the patrols assisted 22,281 motorists.

Following is a breakdown of the number of assists in each service patrol region through the end of September and in all of 2014:

- Allegheny County: 1,663 assists through September, 2,265 in 2014;
- Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia counties: 11,375 assists through September, 13,943 in 2014;
- Cumberland, Dauphin and York counties: 2,558 assists through September, 3,938 in 2014; and
- Lehigh and Northampton counties: 1,070 assists through September, 2,135 in 2014.

Motorists who are assisted by the patrol can share their stories on social media using the hashtag #AssistPatrol and can complete a survey at www.AssistPatrol.com.

To learn more about Pennsylvania's P3 program for transportation, visit www.P3forPA.pa.gov.

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