



# Marion County Tax Collector Newsletter



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## CDL Medical Certifications

Due to recent regulatory changes, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations require all Commercial Driver License holders in Florida to certify with the Department of Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles or a Tax Collector's office in one of four categories prior to issuance or renewal of a CDL.

### What this means to you?

- ◆ You must certify in one of these four categories:
  - a. **Non-Excepted Interstate**—I operate or expect to operate in interstate commerce and am required to maintain federal medical certification.
  - b. **Excepted Interstate**—I operate or expect to operate in interstate commerce, but engage exclusively in operations that qualify me for exception from the requirement to maintain federal medical certification.
  - c. **Non-Excepted Intrastate**—I operate or expect to operate only in intrastate commerce and am required to meet state of Florida medical certification requirements.
  - d. **Excepted Intrastate**—I operate or expect to operate only in intrastate commerce, but engage exclusively in operations that qualify me for exception from state of Florida medical certification requirements.
- ◆ Provide proof of valid medical certification, if required to carry a medical card.

### How do you certify?

You can go to **[www.flhsmv.gov](http://www.flhsmv.gov)** to self-certify or you may come into any of our offices to certify in person.

CDL holders can no longer claim exemption from medical certification requirements because they are not currently operating in non-excepted interstate or intrastate commerce. If not specifically included in category B or D above, they must maintain their medical certification or downgrade to a non-commercial license.

Please call our office at 352-368-8200 if you have any further questions regarding your medical certification. Our office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

How will you leave your mark on the world?

*Save lives. Say "Yes". Register today.*



[www.DonateLifeFlorida.org](http://www.DonateLifeFlorida.org)

## How to Report an Unsafe Driver

Anyone can report a driver who may be unsafe to operate a motor vehicle as a result of a medical condition. **The report is kept strictly confidential under Florida Law.** To get a Medical Reporting Form, call 850-617-3814, e-mail [medical@flhsmv.gov](mailto:medical@flhsmv.gov) or go to [www.flhsmv.gov/forms/72190.pdf](http://www.flhsmv.gov/forms/72190.pdf).

Reporting a medically unsafe driver may be difficult, especially if the driver is a loved one. However, removing unsafe drivers from the road is often necessary for their safety as well as the welfare of others. Your actions may prevent a motor vehicle crash and save lives.

**Remember, reporting an unsafe driver is confidential. Your identity is protected under Florida Law.**



## Government Day in The Villages

You are cordially invited to join us on Government Day in The Villages. Government Day will be held on Saturday, November 2, 2013, held from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Colony Cottage Recreation Center located at 510 Colony Boulevard, The Villages.

This event was created by The Villages Community Development Districts to educate new residents (new residents to The Villages and new residents to Florida) about the services that local agencies and local government entities have to offer.

The Marion County Tax Collector will have a booth set up for your convenience. We will be discussing various topics that may interest you including drivers license changes and requirements. We will also have various demonstrations, including some demonstrations about drivers license security features.

We look forward to serving you and answering any questions you may have!

## Drivers Handbooks

Please visit [www.floridadmbooklet.com](http://www.floridadmbooklet.com) to download or view the latest version of the Florida Drivers License handbooks as well as the CDL and motorcycle handbooks. They are available in English and Spanish.

Check this website out for helpful links, helpful resources and other links that may interest you.

## [www.mariontax.com](http://www.mariontax.com)

Do you want to view any previous newsletters? Do you need to print out a receipt for taxes that you paid? Do you want to receive your tax ball notice electronically? Not sure what you need for your drivers license renewal? Have questions about your tag renewal? Do you need more information about your hunting and fishing license?

These are all items that can be found on our website...and so much more! Go to [www.mariontax.com](http://www.mariontax.com) and browse our website for helpful tips and lots of good information!

## Food 4 Kids

A BIG thank you to everyone who participated in our recent BUNCO game held at the Elks Lodge. As a result of the fantastic turnout we were able to donate \$3000.00 to Interfaith Emergency Services to purchase backpacks for the Food 4 Kids program!

