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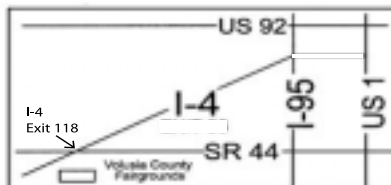
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## *President's Message*

### *Jimmy Les Lesniak*



We are already in the second month of 2009; tax time is around the corner and as the TV commercial says "life comes at you fast". I am going to reflect on the last month and last year. In January ABATE of Florida Southeast Chapter held its Semi-annual Rights Rally. What a great day it was. The weather was perfect; the Roscoe Peterson Band just rocked the house from noon till five. Good food, lots of vendors and more give a ways than I have seen in a long time. I do believe we outdid ourselves.

As you know these rallies help ABATE stay in business so we can work for everyone that rides. The success of our organization depends on participation of hundreds, no thousands of people throughout this state. This article is dedicated to all of the people that made our January event such a success. I cannot tell you how many complaint free hours went into this Rights Rally. As you know ABATE is a voluntary organization and the words mandatory and probate are not a part of our vocabulary. Everyone you saw working at the event did so under their own free will. All the volunteers are working together for our cause. We all do the work to enable all two and three wheelers to ride free. The members of the Southeast Chapter have served this community for almost 30 years and today's members are some of the best. When we have an event that runs as smoothly as this one, a fund raiser that is successful or some interaction with the public where ABATE is well represented, people usually give the credit to the president. I want everyone to know it is the members that do the work. They are the ones that provide the ideas, sit through the meetings, provide the information and do the organizing, the asking and the legwork needed to provide our success. It is the members who make the organization look so good. It is the members who deserve the credit. It is the members who do what it takes to help make South Florida one of the greatest places in the country to ride a motorcycle. Once again I will say "The Members of Southeast Chapter of ABATE are the greatest in the state." I also want to add, it makes me feel proud when members from other clubs and

businesses come to me and offer their time, services and equipment to assist ABATE. To you I am humbly grateful.

One of the more serious moments of our event was the Ringing of the Bell Service. This is the moment that we "the bikers" take, to publicly remember the brothers and sisters lost in the past. If you look at almost every vest worn by bikers, you will see some kind of patch the displays a name with dates. These represent people we have loved who have gone before us. The letters on some of the patches G B N F represent Gone but not Forgotten. Almost all of us have someone we have lost in the past and of course we think about them all of the time. As we go through life, the birthdays, holidays and special occasions are all affected by those who have passed on. While we fondly remember those special persons and we know they only wish us the best, it always tugs at our heart strings because we miss their presence. I was proud to a part of the remembrance service. Many who look at the motorcycle community believe we are not capable of the relationships we have formed over the years. They do not understand the brotherhood or sisterhood that exists between those that live and ride this lifestyle. It is an important thing we do, when we show the world how much we have loved, honored and respected those who have gone before us.

Our legislators are in Tallahassee and Washington D.C. deciding on how to spend our tax money and passing laws to govern us. One thing I want to announce is the withdrawal/death of HB 6908. The Senate version did not pass the Senate. If passed this would have made it possible for your major medical health insurance companies to deny you benefits if you were involved in an accident while riding your motorcycle. If you wish to find out more about the workings of the legislators and what laws and restrictions they might pass, just call me and we can schedule at time to talk. I will try to keep you informed in these articles as best I can, but I am always available for further discussion. Check out our web site at [www.abatese.org](http://www.abatese.org). Until next time ride safe and free.

### *Jimmy Les*





**Ring the Bell for Members Lost**



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## **ABATE of Florida, Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes - Jan. 11, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 10:16am by Sgt. @ Arms Leo the Lion with 51 members in attendance. Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence we started the meeting with a prayer from our chaplain, Tumbleweed.

### **President's Report**

Jimmy thanked all our members for coming and wished them Happy New Year. We had a good month going to the Blessing of the Bikes. Next Sunday 1/18/09 is our Semi-Annual Rights Rally. We need your help, so come out and bring a friend. More information will be given under the Events Report

### **Vice-President's Report**

Jimbo thanked all for coming out today. We have flyers for our event. Please take some and distribute. Door prizes are also needed.

### **Secretary's Report**

A motion was made to accept the minutes of December meeting as printed in the newsletter. Motion seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Alice read Decembers report. A motion to accept, seconded. All in favor. Motion passed

### **Sergeant at Arms Report**

Leo the Lion thanked all of our members for coming especially the old timers. If it was not for our long time members we would not be where we are today. He also reported on the importance of working together towards one common goal. We have no room for troublemakers. It is extremely important to support our local MC's, SPFC & SFLCOC as they have been great supporters for us.

### **Road Captain's Report**

Jimbo reported right after today's meeting we will be riding over to the Wings of Gold Biker Appreciation Party.

1/17/09 – Load the trailer at the warehouse for our Rights Rally. Meet at the warehouse at 10:00am

1/18/09 - Our Rights Rally. Meet at Wetz Pub at 9:00am for set-up.

1/25/09 – Der Kreiger MC Annual. Meeting at the Eagles at 9:30am, leaving at 11:30am

2/1/09 – Third Tradition MC. Meeting at the Eagles at 1000am, leaving at 12:00pm

2/7/09 – Alternatives MC. Check the hotline for information

2/7/09 – States MC Lake Worth. Check the hotline for information

Always check the hotline for updated information

### **Safety Directors' Report**

Bob reported on the importance of riding safely especially in a group. He then demonstrated with the help of our members the proper procedures for a rolling road block

### **State Reps Report**

There was no state meeting. Next month's State Meeting is in Pensacola hosted by Gulf Coast.

### **Products Report**

Brett reported we are doing well selling our products. But we need to sell more before we can place another order. He has some terrific items on sale, see him after the meeting. We will have all our products at next Sundays Rights rally. If you need anything you do not have to wait for the monthly meeting. Just give him a call. His number is in the newsletter.

**Membership Report** Connie was not present and the report was not available. Val reported 647 members on the state list. If you know of anyone on the list in the newsletter who has not renewed, please get them to renew. Reminder, when filling out the application form, PLEASE WRITE OR PRINT LEGIBALLY.

### **Newsletter Editor**

Suzanne reported we have reduced the size of the newsletter due to a drop in advertising. Since we have 1 of the best advertising rates around and you know of anyone who needs some great exposure, have them call us. We do have a few outstanding invoices, please see her if you can stop at any of them to pick up payment. A personal touch works the best. To help save the chapter on the cost of mailing, if you want to receive your newsletter electronically, please e-mail her. With today's costs, every little bit will help.

If you have any articles, pictures for the newsletter, please have them to her no later than Sunday.

### **Legislative Report**

Old Hippy reported there was not much going on in the legislature. Looks like the new Department of Transportation Ray LaHood is motorcycle friendly. This is great. With budget cuts, traffic fines will be going up a lot. So watch it out there. Enforcement will be increased. Discussed HB 6908.

### **Advertising**

Suzanne reported we need advertisers. No matter where you go to shop ask them for an ad. We have the best advertising rates out there. Also very important is to support our advertisers. Make sure you tell them, you saw their ad in our newsletter.

### **Events Coordinator**

Rick was not present. Jim reported our rights rally will be held on 1/18/09 at Wetz Pub in Sunrise. We will need help in

loading the trailer on 1/17/09 and any time you can give in helping out will be greatly appreciated. We have flyers, please take some and distribute them. A special Thank you to Louis Alvarez of Hermadad MC who printed the flyers for us at no charge.

#### **Social Director's Report**

Karin reported if you want to have your birthday in the newsletter, you must contact her. We do not have a list of everyone birthdays. Last months party was at the VFW. Needless to say it was great. This month's birthdays will be celebrated at Texas Rose on 1/24/09 starting around 7:00pm. Come on out and enjoy.

#### **Quartermaster's Report**

Bob reported everyone enjoyed the food at the Christmas party

#### **Photographer's Report**

Axman was not present. Jimmy Les reported all pictures are up and on our web-site. If you wish to purchase any of the pictures he has taken check out his web-site at [www.axmanpictures.com](http://www.axmanpictures.com).

#### **Web-Master's Report**

Tank reported we are up and running. He now has a new assistant "Ricky Mouse" who has offered to help keep up with the web-site. Thank you Ricky...

#### **Trash master's Report**

Aaron was out and about giving out flyers for our Rights Rally. Jimmy Les reported we will be setting up another collection date in February. We will keep you posted with meeting time and date. We need your help, so please come on out. Check the hotline for updated information.

#### **Old Business**

Jimmy Les reported need to get new tires for our trailer. We have a number of estimates and Sneaky Pete has offered to purchase one for the chapter. A motion was made, seconded to purchase the new tires and rims. All in favor, motion passed. Ricky Mouse donated \$50.00 towards the purchase. George Torrence has donated a lug wrench and highway emergency kit to the chapter. Thank you George, Ricky Mouse and Sneaky Pete. We only have 18 tickets left for the ABATE motorcycle drawing. First prize is a 2009 Harley-Davidson FXD Super Dynaglide. Everything is paid, taxes, title, and plates. You name it.

#### **New Business**

With the State meeting falling on our monthly meeting date, a motion was made, seconded to move our February meeting from 2/15/09 to 2/22/09. All in favor, motion passed.

#### **Good of the Order**

Once again our 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Sgt. at Arms, BARS was recognized for all his hard work in the organizing of the warehouse. Thank you BARS. So come on out of 1/17/09 to help load the trailer for our Rights Rally, it will not take long to load it and will not be an all day event. Jimmy Les reported last month that Wal-Mart had 4 pallets of bicycles which were returned or had slight damage to them. They asked if he knew of any organization that could use them. Through the school where Jimmy works the bikes were donated to the Miami Motorcycle Association who repaired the bikes and provided them to the Phil Peterson's South bicycle drive. Jimmy Les was contacted again by Wal-Mart that they had another 4 pallets of bikes. They were fixed and distributed to needy children.

Thanks to our Motorcycle community who works together and can do great things.

Meeting adjourned at 11:44 am.

These minutes summarized and

Respectfully submitted  
*Paul A. Melcer*  
Secretary



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# 14th ANNUAL FREEDOM RIGHTS RALLY

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## Old Hippy's Corner

By now the new President, his Cabinet and Congress is now in place. As for motorcyclists, it was a decent Federal election. All of MRF's current bill sponsors and caucus leaders were re-elected and nearly all of supporters were re-elected. From what I have heard about President Obama, during his time in the US Senate, he did vote against an amendment in 2005 that would have reinstated the national universal mandatory helmet law, and he also had a favorable rapport with the ABATE of IL when he served in IL Senate from 1997-2004. His choice for Secretary of Transportation is the retiring seven-term Republican congressman from Peoria, Ray LaHood. Now according to a lawyer that I know, (who is also is a firm Obama backer), he has stated this was a good choice, but after looking at his record on what he has done in the past in Transportation, I'm not sold on this one yet. We need to keep a close look out on Ray LHOOD and Obama. The upcoming administration has made statements to the effect that funds could be withdrawn from states that do not comply with policy. That this could (and has) come to be is nothing new to those of us in the motorcycle rights movement. Many have lived through and fought off helmet laws borne out such actions. It is no more than federal blackmail and I, for one, do not like the tone this sets.

The funds they are talking about are the millions of dollars that the state gets for transportation. This is called TEA-21, (Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century). It was enacted in 1998 and was suppose to be for only 6 years, but congress has continued to fund it every year. This programs funds surface transportation programs for highways, highway safety, and transit, which brings Millions of Dollars into the state for highways, bridges and development cost for these projects, which the States do not want to lose. Remember the issues when they wanted the 55MPH speed limit?

They withheld highway funds from states that did not comply with the limit.

The subject of "CHANGE" has been Obama's call and also he has brought this into his administration, which reminds me of a German Proverb: "To CHANGE and to Change for the better are two different things". It is in our best interest to keep our ears and eyes open to which one of the two changes we are going to get, by letting our government officials know that we are watching them closely.

"The only bulwark of continuing liberty is a government strong enough to protect the interest of the people, and a people strong enough and well informed to maintain its sovereign control over the government"  
Franklin D. Roosevelt

With the short falls the State has in funding they are trying to raise the needed cash any way they can. Higher speeding fines and addition taxes on tobacco is just an example of some of the proposed ways. Lucky they have not thought (so far) about what Canada has for Motorcycle License. They have a tiered system, and it is expensive to ride a big bike there-something to a tune of \$600/year just for you license! Ouch!

We need to point out to people that do not understand, Motorcycles are a valuable resource for America.

Motorcycles reduce traffic congestion  
Motorcycles contribute to the economy (lots\$\$)  
Motorcycles use less gasoline  
Motorcycles cause less wear to roadways  
Motorcycles are also a recreational resource

With the New Year and a new Administration ahead of us, I want to leave you with a couple of quotes:

"The United States is a nation of laws: badly written and randomly enforced" - Frank Zappa (1940-1993)

"Even when laws have been written down, they ought not always to remain unaltered" - Aristotle (384-322 BC)

Remember!

There are those who make things happen; those who watch things happen: and those who don't know what the heck happened. With that said ...Get involved!!

Join a Motorcycle Rights Organization!

Whether it be the States MRO (ABATE), or the federal MRO,

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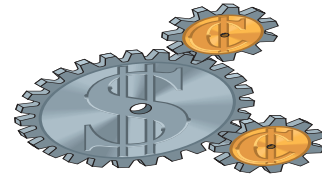
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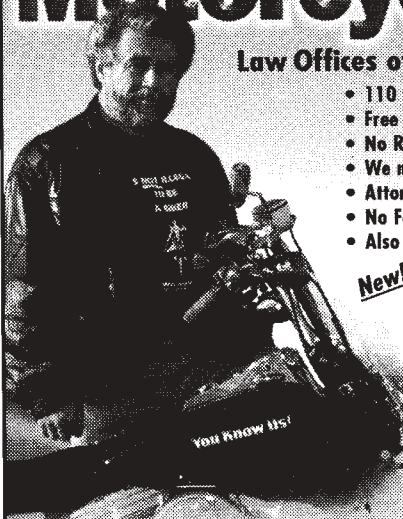
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**January's Birthday Party** at the Texas Rose Saloon in conjunction with the "Thank You " Party for those of you who helped at our event, had 40 of you in attendance. We had great music, food and cake thanks to Rob and Rachel, thanks also for letting us "take over" his establishment.

**February's Birthday Party** will be at Big Dawgs, in the shopping center on the corner of Palm Ave and Johnson St, on Feb 21 and we'll meet at the same time as always between 7-8 pm. I hope to see you there and have a wonderful Birthday!

- Alfredo "Pig Farmer" Pena
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- Martin "Tank" Essenburg
- Jose "Hoser" Juarbe
- Hans Lankutis
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**JANUARY**  
 4 - States MC 14th Annual Blessing of the Bikes  
 \*11 - *Wings of Gold MC Appreciation Day*  
 18 - SE ABATE Semi-Annual Rights Rally  
 \*25 - *Der Krueger MC Annual*  
 31 - *Alternative Ft. Laud. MC Annual (moved to Nov 1st)*

**FEBRUARY**  
 \*1 - *Third Tradition Annual*  
 7 - *Alternative WPB Party*  
 \*8 - *States MC Lake Worth Annual*  
 \*15 - *AOA MC Ft. Laud. Valentines Day Annual*  
 \*21 - *Wheels of Man MC Deerfield 36th Annual (4PM)*  
 21 & 22 Harley-Davidson of Miami's 55th Anniversary

**MARCH**  
 Feb 27-March 8, 68th Annual Daytona Bike Week  
 1 - Aging and Disability Resource Center Party  
 8 - BBRA 2nd Annual Smiles Charity Ride  
 \*18 - *Kelties MC Annual*  
 \*22 - *Pizarro Brothers Annual*  
 \*28 - *Outcast MC Annual*  
 \*29 - *States MC Pompano Annual*

**APRIL**  
 \*5 - *AOA MC West Palm Annual*  
 4 & 5 - Peterson's South Anniversary Weekend  
 11 - Hermandad MC Party  
 \*12 - *CMA Annual*  
 18 - Mystic Seven MC & Mojo's Birthday Party  
 \*19 - *Wings of Gold MC Ft. Laud Stars & Stripex Annual*  
 24, 25, 26 - Leesberg Bikofest

**MAY**  
 \*3 - *Southern MC Annual*  
 16 - Wings of Gold MC Ft. St. Lucie Party  
 17 - USMVMC West Palm Party  
 24 - SE ABATE Memorial Day Party  
 \*31 - *Soldiers for Jesus MC West Palm Beach Annual*

**JUNE**  
 \*7 - *AOA MC Treasure Coast Annual*  
 \*13 - *New Attitudes MC Annual*  
 \*14 - *Wings of Gold MC West Palm Annual*  
 21 - Peterson's North Shore Fathers Day Event  
 21 - Alternative Epilepsy Run & Party  
 27 - Palm Beach ABATE Annual Event  
 \*28 - *Wings of Gold MC Miami Annual*

**JULY**  
 5 - USMVMC South Broward Party  
 12 - States MC Lake Worth Party  
 18 - Wheels of Man MC Chili Cook-Off & Party  
 19 - AOA MC West Palm Party  
 \*26 - *Black Pistons MC Ft. Laud. Annual*

**AUGUST**  
 5-9 69th Annual Sturgis Bike Week  
 14, 15, 16, - 14th International South Florida Tattoo Expo  
 16 - AOA MC 42nd Anniversary Party  
 \*23 - *Wings of Gold MC Fort Saint Lucie Annual*  
 30 - US Military Vets MC Pompano Party

**SEPTEMBER**  
 12 - Outcast MC Party  
 13 - States Pompano MC 16th Key West Tuneup Party  
 18-20 - Phil Peterson's 37th Annual Key West Poker Run  
 27 - Southern MC Teddy Bear Run & Party

**OCTOBER**  
 \*4 - *Mystic Seven MC Annual*  
 11 - AOA MC Treasure Coast Party  
 15-18 - Daytona Bikeshowfest  
 25 - SE ABATE 29th Annual Motorcyclists Rights Rally  
 31 - Wheels of Man MC 36th Annual Halloween Party

**NOVEMBER**  
 \*1 - *Alternative Ft. Laud. MC Annual*  
 \*8 - *USMVMC National 22nd Annual*  
 14 - Soldiers for Jesus MC West Palm Beach Party  
 15 - Wings of Gold MC Palm Beach Party  
 22 - CMA Memorial Event  
 29 - Kelties MC Miami Party  
 29 - Heaven Cycles 32nd Anniversary Party

**DECEMBER**  
 \*6 - *22nd Annual SFPC Christmas Toys in the Sun Run*  
 12 - Drawing for the Toy Run bike at H-D of Miami  
 13 - ABATE West Palm Beach Party  
 19 - SFLCOC Christmas Dinner Party  
 20 - Calvary Chapel 10th Annual Christmas Service

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8 States Lake Worth Annual	9	10	11	12	13	14 State Meeting
15 AOA FTL MC Valentines Day	16	17	18	19	20	21 ABATE B' day Party WOM Annual  HD Miami 55th Anniversary
22 ABATE BOD & Chapter MTG  HD Miami 55th Anniversary	23	24	25	26	27	28 USMVMC Homestead

## Mar-09

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Daytona Bike Week Aging Resource Center Benefit	2	3	4	5	6	7 Daytona Bike Week
8 BBRA Big Smiles Benefit Daytona Bike Week	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 ABATE BOD & Chapter MTG Keltics Annual	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 Fiasco Bro. Annual	23	24	25	26	27	28 Outcasts Annual
29 State Pompano Annual	30	31				

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## Graydon Wheeler MRF Member Representative (reprinted with permission)

There you are, one of the majorities of motorcycle riders in this country that does not belong to a motorcycle rights organization. But that's okay. There are enough people out there that are willing to sacrifice their time and money in order for you to enjoy your ride in freedom. Heck, some of your best friends belong to such a group; they're at a meeting right now. But it's too nice a day to be inside listening to someone gripe about what the politicians are doing to us. And your one vote, one voice wouldn't make a difference anyway, would it?

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**“But wait!”, you say to yourself, “that can't happen here.”**

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Gone are the days of building whatever, whenever and showing off your creation. The rules have tightened up, and may get tighter.

So you get on your bike and go for a ride down the road that is designated as a high- way where motorcycles are allowed. Motorcycles are allowed?

**“But wait!”, you say to yourself, “that can't happen here.”**

A number of states and several countries around the world are using private capital to design, build and operate highways, recovering the investment through tolls charged to users. Since 1988, 12 states and Puerto Rico have authorized public- private partnerships for highway projects, and two new toll ways of this type opened to traffic in 1995. Around the country there are restrictions on commercial vehicles on certain roadways, and with this relatively new system of road owner- ship/maintenance, who's to say whether or not other types of vehicles will be subject to bans and restrictions?

So you get on your bike and go for a ride down the road that is designated as a high- way where motorcycles are allowed at the prescribed time of day. Prescribed time of day? “A curfew?

**“But wait!”, you say to yourself, “that can't happen here.”**

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So you get on your bike and go for a ride down the road that is designated as a high- way where motorcycles are allowed at the prescribed time of day wearing your government-mandated helmet, eye protection, highly-reflective jacket, pants, boots and gloves. Government-mandated gear? The government's telling us what we can and can't wear?

**“But wait!”, you say to yourself, “that can't happen here.”**

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protective equipment”. This is the rule, not the exception. And there are those in positions of authority and influence that think these rules should apply to ALL riders.

So you get on your bike and go for a ride down the road that is designated as a high- way where motorcycles are allowed at the prescribed time of day wearing your government-mandated helmet, eye protection, highly-reflective jacket, pants, boots and gloves. And you ask yourself,

**“How the hell did it get this far? What the hell happened?”**

And you catch a glimpse of yourself in your mirror as you are out riding while others who belong to motorcycle rights organizations are attending meetings, because you believed that your one vote, one voice wouldn’t make a difference, and you see the answer.

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In any given traffic stop, with a few notable exceptions, the below rules will help protect your civil rights and improve your chances of driving away safely—so you don't have to be a legal expert to say and do the right thing

### **1) Keep Your Private Items Out of View**

This is common sense: Always keep any private items that you don't want others to see out of sight. Legally speaking, police do not need a search warrant in order to confiscate any illegal items that are in plain view.

### **2) Be Courteous & Non-Confrontational**

If you are pulled over, the first thing you should do is turn your car off, turn the dome light on (if it's nighttime), roll down the window, and keep your hands on the steering wheel.

Don't immediately reach into your glove compartment for your license and registration. Officers want to be able to see your hands for their own safety. Wait until the officer asks to see your paperwork before retrieving your documents.

The first thing you should say to the officer is, "Hello officer. Can you tell me why I am being pulled over?" The officer may give you a hard time or say, "Why do you think I pulled you over?" Tell the officer you don't know. Most importantly, do not apologize after you get stopped, because that can be considered an admission of guilt and could be used against you later in court.

Show your identification if it's requested. Be respectful and non-confrontational. Refer to the police as "Sir," "Ma'am," or "Officer." Remain calm and quiet while the officer is reviewing your documents. If the officer writes you a ticket, accept it quietly and never complain. Listen to any instruction on paying the fine or contesting the ticket, and drive away slowly.

### **3) Just Say "No" to Warrantless Searches**

Warning: If a police officer asks your permission to search, you are under no obligation to consent. The only reason he's asking you is because he doesn't have enough evidence to search without your consent. If you consent to a search request you give up one of the most important constitutional rights you have—your Fourth Amendment protection against unreasonable searches and seizures.

A majority of avoidable police searches occur because citizens naively waive their Fourth Amendment rights by consenting to warrantless searches. As a general rule, if a person consents to a warrantless search, the search automatically becomes reasonable and therefore legal. Consequently, whatever an officer finds during such a search can be used to convict the person.

Don't expect a police officer to tell you about your right not to consent. Police officers are not required by law to inform you of your rights before asking you to consent to a search. In addition, police officers are trained to use their authority to get people to consent to a search, and most people are predisposed to comply with any request a police officer makes. For example, the average motorist stopped by a police officer who asks them, "Would you mind if I search your vehicle, please?" will probably consent to the officer's search without realizing that they have every right to deny the officer's request.

If, for any reason you don't want the officer digging through your belongings, you should refuse to consent by saying something like, "Officer, I know you want to do your job, but I do not consent to any searches of my private property." If the officer still proceeds to search you and finds illegal contraband, your attorney can argue that the contraband was discovered through an illegal search and hence should be thrown out of court.

You should never hesitate to assert your constitutional rights. Just say "no!"

### **4) Determine if You Can Leave**

You have the right to terminate an encounter with a police officer unless you are being detained under police custody or have been arrested. The general rule is that you don't have to answer any questions that the police ask you. This rule comes from the Fifth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which protects you against self-incrimination. If you cannot tell if you are allowed to leave, say to the officer, "I have to be on my way. Am I free to go?"

If the officer says "Yes," tell him to have a nice day, and leave immediately. If the officer's answer is ambiguous, or if he asks you another unrelated question, persist by asking "am I being detained, or can I go now?" If the officer says "No," you are being detained, and you may be placed under arrest. If this is the case, reassert your rights as outlined above, and follow Rules #5 and #6.

### **5) Do Not Answer Questions without Your Attorney Present**

There is no reason to worry that your failure to answer the officer's questions will later be used against you. The truth is just the opposite: Anything you say can, and probably will, be used against you.

In just about any case imaginable, a person is best off not answering any questions about his involvement in anything illegal. Assert your Fifth and Sixth Amendment rights by saying these exact words: "Officer, I have nothing to say until I speak with a lawyer."

\*Remember- If you do choose to answer any of the officer's questions, always be honest. Police are not easily tricked and will often become hostile if they feel disrespected. If you feel

It is best not to answer truthfully, then don't say anything at all.

5) Do Not Physically Resist

If the police proceed to detain, search, or arrest you despite your wishes—do not physically resist. You may state clearly but non-confrontationally: “Officer, I am not resisting arrest and I do not consent to any searches.” Or you may assert your rights by simply saying nothing until you can speak with an attorney.

**History of the Fourth Amendment**

The Fourth Amendment: Unreasonable Searches and Seizures

“The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures shall not be violated, and no warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation and particularly describing the place to be searched and the persons or things to be seized.”

The Fourth Amendment protection against “unreasonable searches and seizures” was adopted as a protection against the widespread invasions of privacy experienced by American colonists at the hands of the British Government. So-called “writs of assistance” gave royal officers broad discretion to conduct searches of the homes of private citizens, primarily

as a way of discovering violations of strict British customs laws. This practice led to a unique awareness among our Founding Fathers of the threat to individual liberty and privacy that is created by unchecked government search powers. Today, the Fourth Amendment has lost its preferred status among our cherished Bill of Rights Protections. In recent decades, growing concerns regarding crime and public safety in America have forced our Courts to balance the privacy rights contained in the Constitution with the ever-expanding needs of law-enforcement officers whose duty it is to investigate and arrest dangerous criminals. The Supreme Court’s rulings in Fourth Amendment cases demonstrate the challenge involved in reconciling these competing ideals. Ultimately, the Constitution’s prohibition against unreasonable searches and seizures has been trimmed-down in recent years and tailored to suit the needs of modern law enforcement as we wage war against drugs and terrorism. For this reason, it is important for conscientious citizens to be familiar with the lawful parameters of police authority to conduct searches, as well as the legal doctrines by which that authority is limited.

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**To** provide a lobbyist to represent ABATE of Florida, Inc. on the state and national level.

**To** promote voter registration and motivate members to write their legislators.

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