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TO: All Enforcement Agencies

SUBJECT: New Symbol of Access on Plates and Redesigned Motorcycle Plates

The Department of Motor Vehicles is implementing the following changes regarding vehicle plates:

- Plates that are issued to people with disabilities will have the new Symbol of Access. The new symbol depicts a figure of a person leaning forward in a wheelchair portraying a sense of movement. DMV began issuing custom plates with the new symbol on January 1, 2016. Standard plates with the new symbol will be issued as the inventory of plates with the previous symbol is depleted in each DMV office. Plates with the previous symbol that are in use remain valid, so there will be a mix of plates with the previous symbol and with the new symbol in use simultaneously.
- Motorcycle plates have been redesigned. The location of the registration sticker has been moved to the top center of the plate. DMV began issuing custom motorcycle plates with the new design on January 1, 2016. Standard motorcycle plates with the new design will be issued as the inventory of plates with the previous design has been depleted in each DMV office. Plates with the previous design that are in use remain valid, so there will be a mix of plates with the previous design and with the new design in use simultaneously.

Samples of the new plates are attached for reference.

Please share this information with appropriate staff, including all road patrol enforcement. Thank you.

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Attachment

