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TO: All Enforcement Agencies

SUBJECT: Personalized Historical License Plates

Effective immediately, the Department of Motor Vehicles will provide customers registering historical motor vehicles and motorcycles with the option to personalize their historical license plate. Previously, all historical vehicles were issued plates that began or ended with the letters "HX" or "HM", which may have helped identify the vehicles as historical. However, historical license plates should still be easily identifiable because both standard and personalized historical plates will continue to feature the word "HISTORICAL" below the plate number. Sample images of a standard and personalized historical license plate are attached.

As a reminder, historical license plates are only issued to a vehicle manufactured more than 25 years prior to the current calendar year, and any other model, year and type vehicle which has unique characteristics and which is determined by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to be of historical, classical or exhibition value. A motor vehicle registered as an historical motor vehicle can only be operated upon the public highways as an exhibition piece or collector's item and can only be used for participation in club activities, exhibits, tours, parades, occasional transportation and similar uses. It cannot be used for general daily transportation.

Please share this information with appropriate staff. Thank you.

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Attachment



Historical Passenger Standard



Historical Passenger Personalized



Historical Motorcycle Standard



Historical Motorcycle Personalized