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Pasco Tax Collector & Staff Recognized as Top Fundraiser for AAA Traffic Safety Foundation

Pasco County Tax Collector Mike Fasano accepted an award on behalf of the Pasco County Tax Collector Staff from **Michele Harris, Director of Traffic Safety Culture** with the AAA Auto Club Group Traffic Safety Foundation. During the 2014 Safe Summer Campaign the Pasco County Tax Collector's Office was named "Top Fundraiser" for its summer driving safety campaign.

"**Pasco County Tax Collector Mike Fasano** and his staff have done an outstanding job bringing awareness to important traffic safety issues while working to keep Pasco residents safer behind the wheel," said **Michele Harris**, of the AAA's Auto Club Group Traffic Safety Foundation. "Whether we're providing safety seats to children in need or teaching teens to avoid distracted driving, the funds raised in our Safe Summer Campaign are saving lives."

"The Traffic Safety Foundation and the Tax Collector naturally go hand-in-hand," states **Tax Collector Mike Fasano**. "Our two agencies deal with driving and driver safety. It was a pleasure to work with the Foundation last year to help raise the funds they need to take the message of driving and road safety to as many Floridians as possible. Since so many people drive, have kids that ride bikes or children that use car seats, the various services provided by the Foundation touched just about every person who came into our office during the campaign. I am hopeful that we will one day be able to work with the Foundation again to help make the roads of Pasco County and the entire Tampa Bay area a safer place."

Tax Collector Fasano accepted the award from **Michele Harris** at the West Pasco Government Center on April 16, 2015. The presentation was made in front of a

group of senior citizens who had signed up for the AAA's mature driver safety program, which was taught by senior instructor **Patti Armstrong**.