

Recognize Bicycle Safety Month by Taking Extra Precautions on the Road

With rising pedal-cyclist fatality rates, leading Tampa Bay personal injury attorneys at Carlson, Meissner, Hart & Hayslett, P.A. encourage bicyclists to review precautionary safety measures to stay safe

Clearwater, FL (<u>PRWEB</u>) May 24, 2016 -- The month of May in Florida is a spectacular time for outdoor activities, including cycling, water sports and days at the park. With an increased number of bike riders on the road enjoying the mild weather, drivers should take extra precaution to ensure the safety of pedal-cyclists. The month of <u>May has been deemed bicycle safety month</u> after studies have shown a consistent increase in pedal-cyclist fatalities over the years. This month, take a moment to review the rules of the road and learn how to be a "Roll Model".

The most up-to-date research by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration shows that the greatest percent of pedal-cyclist fatalities in 2013 occurred at non-intersections during the hours of 6:00 pm- 8:59 pm. In 29 percent of the reported crashes, either the driver or the pedal-cyclist was found to have a BAC of .08 g/dL or higher.

Foremost personal injury attorney at the law offices of Carlson, Meissner, Hart & Hayslett, P.A., <u>Casey K.</u> <u>Carlson</u>, remarks, "Our practice believes recognizing <u>bicycle safety awareness</u> month is extremely important in the area we live in. Many families have been negatively affected by an unfortunate accident involving a vehicle and a bicyclist. If you find yourself in need of representation, our firm's experience allows us to handle each case with tenacity and compassion." Carlson has been exclusively representing plaintiffs in personal injury disputes for more than 20 years

Important things to keep in mind as a driver in Florida are to share the road with bicyclists: Be courteous, and allow at least three feet of space. Be especially wary when making left and right handed turns, you may miss a cyclist in your blind spot. As a pedal-cyclist it is important to remember that wearing a properly fitted helmet is the single most effective way to prevent head injuries in the case of an accident. Additionally, as a bicyclist you are considered a vehicle operator and must obey all the rules of the road, including traffic markings, signals, signs, and lane markings.

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