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To protect, promote & improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county & community efforts.



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THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH RECOGNIZES TRAUMA SURVIVORS DAY

TALLAHASSEE—This week the Florida Department of Health and Florida's 27 verified trauma centers recognize Trauma Survivors Day as an opportunity to celebrate Florida's injury survivors.

"As a public-private partnership, Florida's trauma system concentrates resources to help injured patients from point of injury and care through rehabilitation and recovery," said State Surgeon General and Secretary of Health Dr. John Armstrong. "Connecting severely injured patients to Florida's verified trauma centers through emergency medical services and from non-trauma acute care hospitals significantly improves the chances of injury survival and recovery."

Injury is the leading cause of death nationally for children and adults under the age of 44. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), treatment of a severely injured patient at a verified trauma center significantly improves the patient's survival.

In 2014, nearly 51,000 Floridians and visitors received trauma care at one of the state's 27 verified trauma centers. Ninety-six percent of trauma patients treated in Florida's trauma centers survived to hospital discharge. The most frequent causes of injury were accidental falls (39 percent), motor vehicle crashes (30 percent) and intentionally inflicted injury (11 percent).

This month, Florida's trauma system partners are holding events across the state to celebrate Florida's trauma survivors and promote injury prevention through community education.

The Florida Department of Health remains committed to an inclusive and sustainable trauma system that is focused on the safe, effective and efficient care of injured patients and their families in Florida. For more information on Florida's trauma system, please visit www.floridahealth.gov/licensing-and-regulation/trauma-system/index.html.

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