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## **ROAD RANGERS BECOME 'ROAD RESCUERS' FOR DISTRESSED MOTORISTS**

### ***Free roadside assistance offered by Miami-Dade Expressway Authority***

MIAMI, Fla., February 11, 2008 – Motorists driving on one of the Miami-Dade Expressway Authority's five roadways are able to get **free roadside assistance**. Whether you need someone to change your tire, charge a dying battery, or assist in accidents -- MDX's Road Rangers are there to help.



The Road Rangers fleet of 12 new brightly colored trucks patrol MDX roadways day and night...anytime. These dedicated workers serve as the eyes and ears for the roads and conditions, in addition to informing commuters on the best ways to avoid secondary incidents. Motorists in distress can contact the Road Rangers by simply dialing \* **FHP (347)**.

“Since taking over management of the Road Rangers roadside assistance program last summer, MDX has helped over 13,000 motorists,” said Richard Johnson, MDX Program Manager. “On a typical day, our Road Rangers system-wide can tend to as many as 40-50 incidents. This is a great, free service and we want to make sure our community knows about it.”

Road Rangers keep MDX roadways safer by clearing disabled vehicles from travel lanes, securing accident scenes by setting up safety zones, following up with the Florida Highway Patrol, and picking up road debris, such as tree limbs, tires, mattresses, etc.

Motorists in distress often find themselves stranded and in a tough situation with cars zooming pass them at high speeds. This is when a service such as the Road Rangers becomes so crucial.

Ivette Cardoso of Miami can attest to that: “I had just finished my midnight shift, and right after I climbed on the 836 eastbound my tire blew out. I barely got to an unsafe part of the highway's shoulder. My roadside assistance service had expired, and after calling a tow truck service which never returned my call, I called FHP in a near-panic. They told me about the Road Rangers, and soon thereafter they showed up. I was ignorant of the program, and I thank God for them. What a Blessing!”

For additional information on the Road Rangers program, please call 305.637.3277 or visit [www.mdxway.com](http://www.mdxway.com).

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### **About MDX**

MDX is a state sanctioned, locally administered, public agency created in 1994 by the State of Florida and the Board of County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County. MDX is governed by its Board, comprised of 13 volunteer members appointed by the Board of County Commissioners and the Governor of the State of Florida. MDX oversees, operates and maintains five expressways: State Road 836 (the Dolphin Expressway), State Road 112 (the Airport Expressway), State Road 874 (Don Shula Expressway), State Road 878 (Snapper Creek Expressway), and State Road 924 (Gratigny Parkway).

MDX is funded almost entirely by toll revenues and is dedicated to the enhancement of mobility in Miami-Dade County. MDX is also committed to bringing more efficient, market-driven, user-friendly management to its expressways. For more information on MDX or SunPass®, contact MDX at 305.637.3277 or visit the website at [www.mdxway.com](http://www.mdxway.com). For information on SunPass®, please contact 1-888-TOLL-FLA (865-5352).