Chief Linda Stump-Kurnick and the University of Florida Police Department (UFPD) are proud to announce the addition of two all-electric, Zero Motorcycles to our emergency vehicle fleet. The addition of the two motorcycles will be used to supplement campus patrols, during special university events and respond to emergency calls for service. The UFPD is the first university police department in Florida and the 2nd overall police department, out of 387 police departments in Florida, to implement these Zero Motorcycles.

It is the UFPD’s vision to be a national model in the field of campus law enforcement by providing innovative police services. The UFPD accomplishes this vision by implementing technological products, such as the Zero Motorcycles, to keep the campus safe, help reduce emissions into our environment and save taxpayer money. The Zero Motorcycles cost less than $.01 per mile to operate, have practically zero maintenance costs and zero emissions. With many obstacles on our large, busy campus, the Zero Police Motorcycles allow officers to quickly access areas that were previously off limits due to the size of patrol cars. Each motorcycle is fully equipped with police lights and sirens, as well as saddlebags to carry gear and emergency medical equipment. Much like bicycles, these motorcycles will allow the department to respond to calls more quickly and efficiently.

Matthew Williams, Director of the UF Office of Sustainability and Energy Integration, stated “UF’s goal is to have electric vehicles make up 10% of the campus fleet over the next 10 years. The Zero motorcycles that UFPD purchased are the most creative way to incorporate electric vehicles into everyday operations that we’ve seen. Extremely quiet, versatile, powerful, and with no direct emissions – these motorcycles really illustrate that electric vehicles now are a serious solution for high performance work and sustainability.”

Kevin Hartman, Zero Motorcycles Fleet Sales Director, stated “Police agencies expect their fleet of motorcycles to be reliable and perform in the line of duty, and Zero Motorcycles is committed to providing motorcycles that exceed those expectations while providing all the benefits of being 100% electric. We continue to gain the support of law enforcement around the world and are very excited that the University of Florida Police Department will be using our motorcycles.”
Over the next year, the UFPD will test the Zero Motorcycles under different circumstances to evaluate the durability of them in a campus environment and in a conscious effort to create a more sustainable environment.

The UFPD will be showcasing our Zero Motorcycles to the media and public at the UF Office of Sustainability, 2016 Campus Earth Day Celebration on Wednesday, April 6 from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm on the Plaza of the Americas.

For questions regarding information contained in this release, please contact Officer Wayne Clark at (352) 273-3304 or Major Brad Barber at (352) 273-3309. If after hours, please call (352) 392-1111 (# UFPD (#8373) and ask to speak to a Patrol Supervisor. I can also be reached via e-mail at: wclark34@ufl.edu or see the UFPD webpage at www.police.ufl.edu. For more information on the Zero Motorcycles brand, please visit: www.zeromotorcycles.com.

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