



Louisiana Highway Safety Commission News Release **October 25, 2025**

LHSC hosts second annual “1 Million Steps 2 Safety” 5K *Event focused on Pedestrian Safety Month*

Baton Rouge – On October 25, 2025, the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission hosted the second annual “1 Million Steps 2 Safety,” 5K run/walk at the Louisiana State Police Headquarters, located in Baton Rouge.

State Police Superintendent Col. Robert P. Hodges, five-time Olympian Danielle Scott-Arruda, and DOTD Secretary Glenn Ledet were featured guests at the event, which featured over 200 runners, a jambalaya cook-off, and a resource fair for attendees.

The event calls all road users to come together to acknowledge Pedestrian Safety Month, a national highway safety campaign. Participants received a T-shirt and a finisher medal after crossing the finish line at the event. Winners in multiple age categories received additional trophies.

“In Louisiana, pedestrians and drivers share many of the same roadways every day, and Troopers know all too well how quickly lives and communities can be changed when someone isn’t traveling safely,” Colonel Robert P. Hodges, Louisiana State Police Superintendent, said. “The entire Department of Public Safety family is excited to host the second annual 1 Million Steps 2 Safety 5K to bring awareness to this important issue.”

Pedestrian safety is a critical issue for communities across the State of Louisiana. October is Pedestrian Safety Month. According to data from the LSU Center for Analytics & Research in Transportation Safety (CARTS), over 800 pedestrians were killed in Louisiana crashes from 2020-2024. The 1 Million Steps 2 Safety Run/Walk 5K aims to increase safety awareness for pedestrians.

“Hundreds of pedestrians are killed or injured on Louisiana roadways each year,” LHSC Executive Director and Governor’s Representative of Highway Safety Lisa Freeman said. “This event promotes greater awareness of pedestrian safety, and that’s a goal which serves all of us.”

Participants contributed to the larger movement of advocating for safer streets and increased pedestrian safety awareness. By carrying the message of pedestrian safety, participants in LHSC’s 1 Million Steps 2 Safety are saving lives.

Resource fair exhibitors included: Aetna Baton Rouge, Disabled American Veterans, Destination Zero Deaths, East Baton Rouge Parish Library, Louisiana Passenger Safety Task Force, La Voz de la Comunidad Foundation, Operation Lifesaver, Southeastern Louisiana AHEC, Beyond the Badge, and Family Resource Group Foundation.

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Caption 1 (6113): Group Photo of Louisiana State Police and Louisiana Highway Safety Commission staff and leaders who partnered together to make 1 Million Steps 2 Safety a great event.

Caption 2 (6078): Jambalya judges (L–R) Reggi Marion, Col. Robert Hodges, Commissioner Jay O’Quinn, Hillary Moses, and Danielle Scott-Arruda.

Caption 3 (Race Winners): Top finishers in each age category.

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