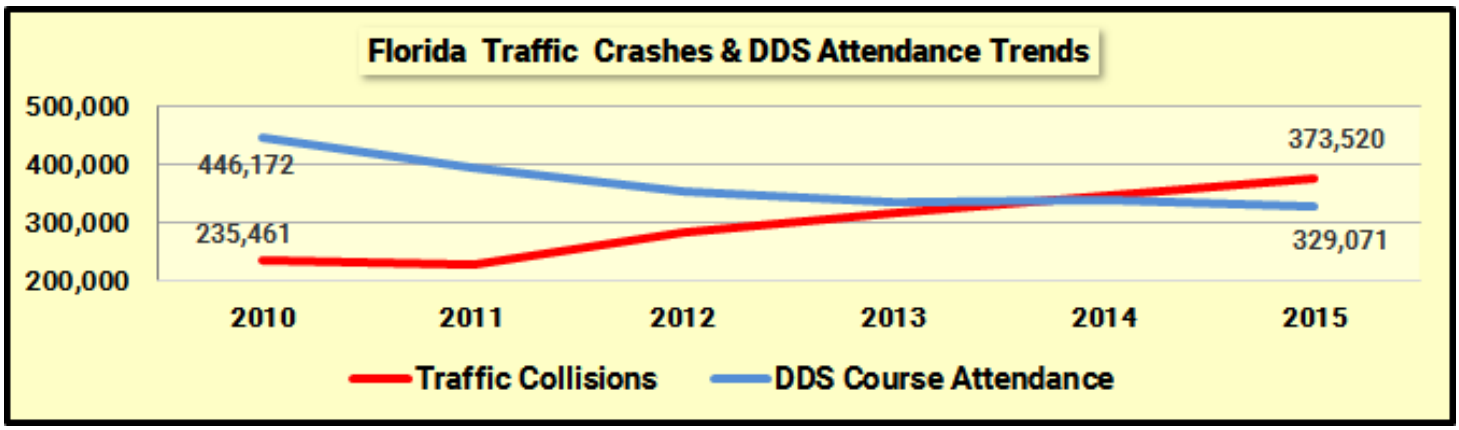
An Automobile Collision Occurs in Florida Every 84 Seconds
Total Estimated Economic Impact in 2015 was $18.1B *

* Source -- NHTSA

There were 373,520 automobile crashes in 2015, the highest number on record in Florida. Fatalities were at an 8 year high. Injuries and Property Damage collisions were the highest on record. As the number of collisions have increased every year since 2011, Driver Improvement Education attendance has significantly decreased each year.

In the last 4 Years, Florida has experienced less students completing educational courses, more auto collisions and higher injury rates. In 2014, just 24% of eligible offenders completed the 4-Hour Basic Refresher Class or 12-Hour Advanced Course through Election, Court Order or DMV Notice as required under FS 322.0261(4).

For 4 Consecutive Years
Collision Rates Have Increased — Education Attendance Has Declined



Source - DHSMV & Florida Integrated Report Exchange System (FIRES)

Florida Legislature Removed Financial Incentives for Education

Since 2009, Florida no longer incentivizes traffic offenders with a fine reduction when they "Elect" to attend a Defensive Driver Course. Last year:

- Students Electing the Educational Option decreased 28% over 2010 and 51% since 2007.

Court Ordered Defensive Driver Course Attendance Declines

- Offenders assigned a Defensive Driver Course by the courts has fallen 38% since 2010 and over 57% since 2007. In court, less than 4% of offenders are ordered to attend a Driver Safety Class when adjudicated Guilty or when Points are not assessed (adjudication withheld).
- Repeat offenders assigned the 12 Hour ADI to help modify their behavior has declined 39%.

Driver Education Courses Are Effective — When Used

The Florida DHSMV Five Year Effectiveness Report to the Legislature in 2014 continues to show that Driver Improvement Courses are effective when used. Graduates had fewer collisions and violations than the aggregate population over the next 18 months.

Education is the Best Prevention