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The first annual University of Florida Student Government Scooter Safety Week will start this Monday.

Members of student government will be tabling in Turlington Plaza Monday-Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to increase awareness about scooter safety and cautious driving. This year's theme is focused around the importance of wearing helmets while scooting with the theme "helmet hair is hot."

The event was spearheaded by Carter Long after her friend was severely injured in a scooter accident. After working with other student senators to pass a resolution about scooter safety, she partnered up with Nightlife Navigators to start Scooter Safety Week.

During tabling, they will be giving out stickers, buttons, t-shirts and coupons for scooter maintenance and safety equipment from Campus Scooter, Solano Cycle and New Scooters 4 Less. The three businesses also donated 20 new helmets which will be raffled off during tabling.

A representative from the UF Police Department will be out tabling with them Monday. Students and staff from Gatorwell will also be tabling Tuesday and Wednesday.

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SG plans to continue the educational initiative throughout the year. According to Burt, SG is working with Professor Maria Coady, who lost her son in a motorcycle accident in 2014, to develop a required online training for students before getting a motorcycle/scooter parking pass on campus.

Scooter Safety Week is sponsored by the Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic Council, Gatorwell and UF Police Department

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d2RXPknuTQ>

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