



Wildlife Alert Reward Program



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- 501(c)(3) organization created in 1979 to encourage citizen involvement in the conservation and protection of Florida's Fish and Wildlife resources by reporting violations.
- Rewards for information leading to the arrest for violations related to: fish and wildlife, boating under the influence, and captive wildlife.
- In 2014, Wildlife Alert Reward Association, Inc and FWC signed a letter of agreement recognizing Wildlife Alert as an FWC Citizen Support Organization



Wildlife Alert Committee

- 13 member committee appointed by the FWC executive director
- Committee meets twice per year
- Establishes reward amount criteria
- Authorizes other disbursement of funds

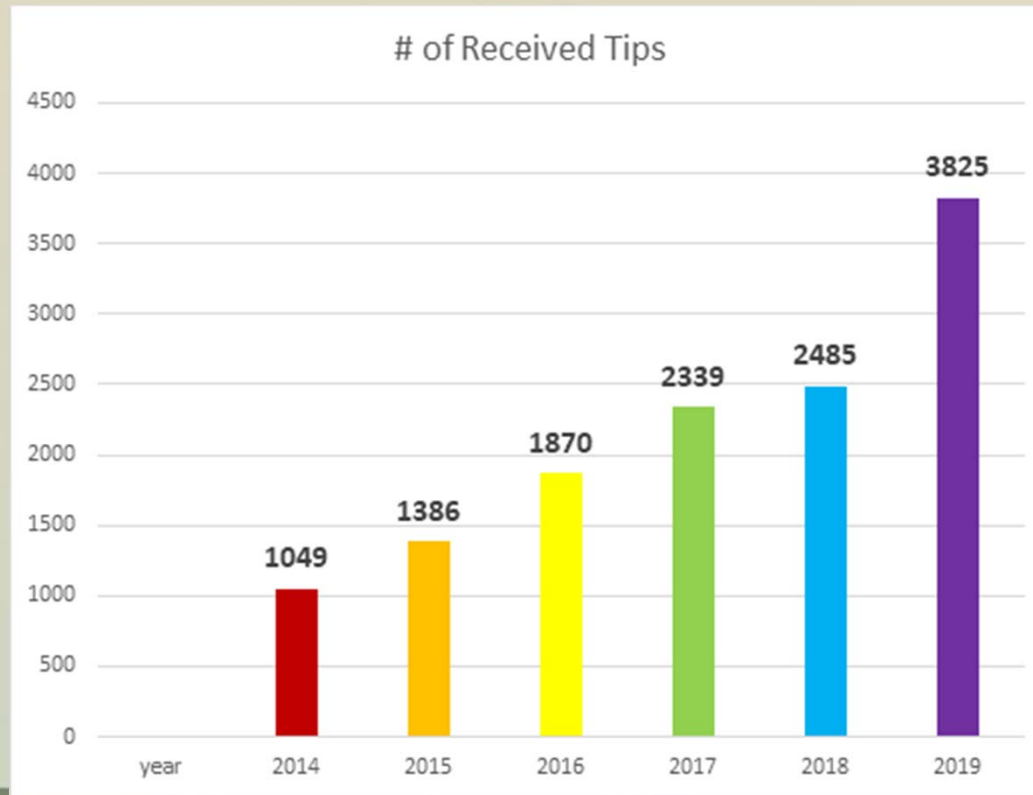


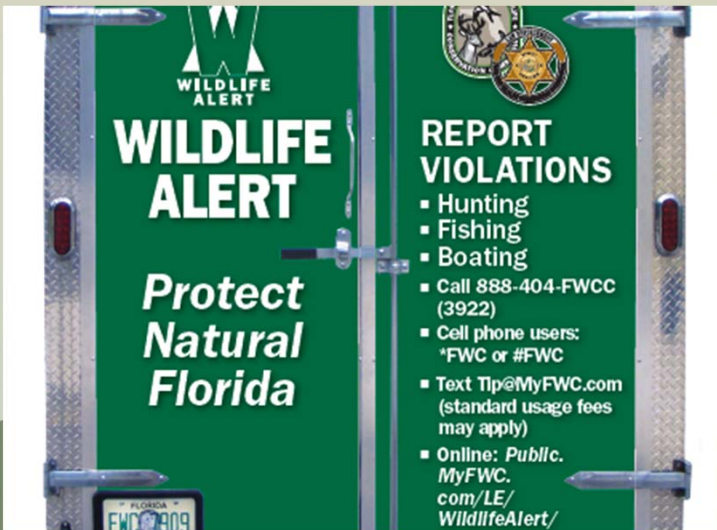
Reporting A Violation

- Suspected violations can be reported online, by phone, or text
 - Toll-free: (888)404-3922
 - Tip@Myfwc.com
 - Online: <http://myfwc.com/contact/wildlife-alert>
 - May remain anonymous
 - Not required to testify in court



Wildlife Alert Tips (2014-2019)





Wildlife Alert Outreach Trailer

Purchased by Wildlife Alert; donated to FWC for outreach events

WLA Process

- A call, text, or email comes in to Regional Communication Center reporting a violation
- The duty officer asks the caller if they would like a reward, if eligible
- Anonymity of complainant protected by statute
- The officer receives the information and makes an arrest
- Reward packet processed and reward sent

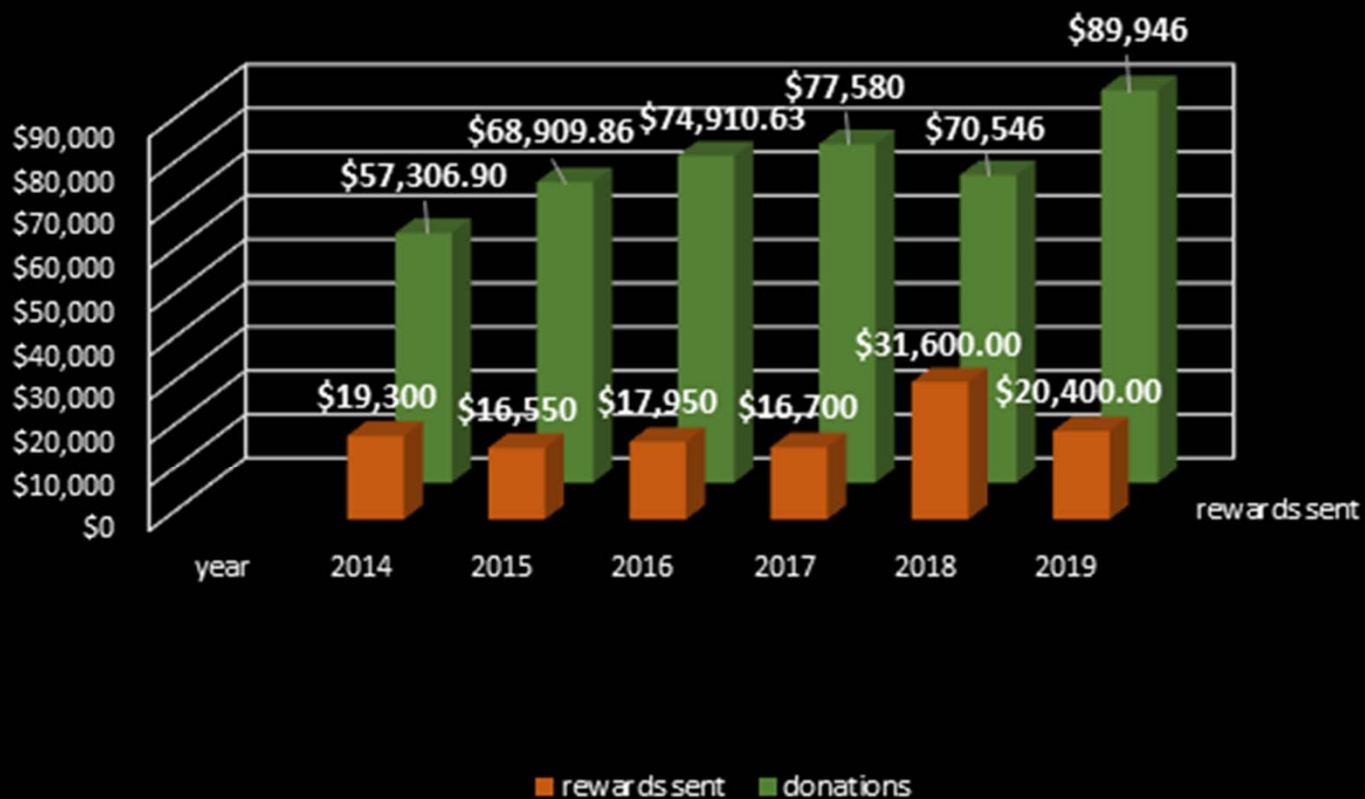


Donations/Fines

- Private citizens and organizations may make charitable donations to Wildlife Alert
- In 2019 FS 379.223 was modified to allow judges to require donation to WA as part of sentence
- Historically, judges have ordered donations to Wildlife Alert as part of the sentence in a criminal case.
 - Typically between \$100-200, but may be as low as \$50 or as high as \$300 (occasionally higher)



Donations/ Rewards



Rewards

- Reward amounts are based on the type of violation
- Range from \$100 to \$1,000
- Based upon 379.401 violation levels



Rewards:

<p>Level I Violations \$100.00 Reward</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hunting/Fishing/Trapping without a license • No quota permit or hunting zone assignment violation • Possession of captive wildlife without the required free permit
<p>Level II Violations \$300.00 Reward</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over bag limit of small game or fish • Taking small game or any saltwater finfish, shellfish, or crustaceans during closed season, by illegal method, or from closed areas during closed season or in closed areas • Feeding or enticement of alligators or crocodiles • No Retail Saltwater Products license • Molesting endangered/threatened species • Taking protected wildlife species (i.e. migratory birds) • Possession of captive wildlife without the required fee permit
<p>Level III Violations \$500.00 Reward</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Illegal sale or possession of alligators • Unlawful taking of a quantity of saltwater species or taking with prohibited gear • Unlawful possession, transportation, or sale of commercial quantities of game fish, salt-water species, or fresh water fish • Illegal take and possession of deer or wild turkey • Falsification of applicant information for possession of captive wildlife
<p>Level IV Violations \$600.00 Reward</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trap robbing (lobster, stone crab, etc) • Boating under the influence (BUI) • Taking/killing an endangered/threatened species • Unlawfully killing, injuring, possessing, or capturing of alligators or other crocodylians or their eggs
<p>Felony Violations (extreme cases) up to \$1,000.00 Reward</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial trafficking of wildlife (except panfish) • Organized black-market taking and sale of protected species • Knowingly violating rules and regulations related to The Florida Aquatic Weed Control Act or aquatic plant management







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