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PRESIDENT'S GREETING

By Matthew Tyre

Welcome to all. First off, I want to thank you for your confidence shown by electing me to the office of President of SLEO. It is a great honor and I am very excited to be a part of the NEW PBA. I have been a law enforcement officer since 1975 and I still enjoy my job. On the night of December 1, 2006, in Miami, I took the oath of office before God and many witnesses. I give you my word that I will do my best to SERVE and PROTECT you and your best interest.

Our chapter had to be taken out of trusteeship, and officers and directors elected or appointed. We, as a board, had to hit the ground running to start the year. As of this writing, we still have a few vacancies on the board but they will be filled as soon as possible. We have had an excellent response and positive results with several agencies that had continuing issues from prior years. It is my mission to build a good relationship between the PBA and the agencies we represent.

Build RELATIONSHIPS, Gain SUPPORT, and Move FORWARD!

Now is the time to GET INVOLVED!
Now is the time to JOIN OUR
MEMBERSHIP!!! Now is the time for

your VOICE TO
BE HEARD!!!

I have heard a lot of officers say, "I'll wait and see what they do for me before I join..." WHY??? JOIN US and be a part of it all and then you can say, "WE DID IT TOGETHER!"

Our priorities, as you should know, are PAY, COMPRESSION, and RETENTION. These are issues all agencies are facing and we will strive to make good things happen this year. I can tell you firsthand that we have a very good relationship within the state government, better than I have seen in twenty years. We have a lot of support and we will be moving forward.

Again, I thank you for this opportunity and I look forward to serving you as your President. Please contact me by phone or e-mail if you have a need or I can assist you in any way. The Executive Board, the Board of Directors, and I need to have your input to make things happen.

Thank you!

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Get Your PBA Wearables at: www.BuyPBA.com

Members have been inquiring about how to purchase PBA merchandise such as golf shirts, t-shirts, caps, etc. Well, now you can at www.BuyPBA.com, the official site for all your PBA wearables and merchandise. The website is constantly adding new items, so return often!

You can also order by using the Toll Free Number at 1-888-FL COPS 5 (888-352-6775) Thanks for your support for PBA!



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VICE PRESIDENT'S GREETING

By Chris Kirkland



Hello Members.

My name is **Chris Kirkland**, your newly-elected Vice President of the State Law Enforcement Officers Chapter of the Florida PBA. I am a 19 year veteran with the Department of Agriculture and currently serve as a Sergeant in the Northeast Florida Region. Our goal is to provide excellent representation, dynamic leadership and ensure quality service delivery for each member. To that end, the Executive Board has begun several initiatives which are focused on addressing key issues such as: Pay compression and wages, membership communication, dissemination of information in a timely manner, contractual agreements, working conditions, and increasing membership.

My fellow board members and I are here to serve you and look forward to meeting the challenges and changes facing Florida state law enforcement today. We cannot do this alone however, and I encourage each and every one of you to become involved in this process. Becoming a member is an important step toward being involved and I encourage those who are not members to join today.

Please feel free to contact me if you have concerns or need assistance. My contact number is: (904)-861-7503 or e-mail at kirkland@flpba.org.

Thanks! 🍀

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SECRETARY / TREASURER GREETING

By Michael T. Douglas



Hello Members,

My name is **Michael T. Douglas**, your Secretary/Treasurer for the SLEO Chapter. I have been with the State Fire Marshal's Office for 20 years. I am a Detective/Criminal Investigator assigned to the South Central Region and work out of the Bartow Field Office.

My goals as an executive board member are to serve you, keep members informed and see that the executive board addresses all your concerns and needs.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Cell: 813-294-6078; E-Mail Address : MTDPLNTCTY@AOL.COM.

Thanks! 🍀

DALE DIRECTOR GREETING

By Greg Wardrup



Hello!

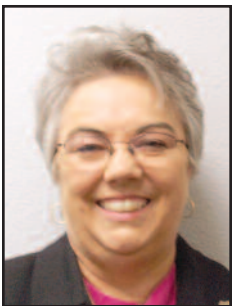
I would like to take this opportunity to say hello to everyone and put my contact information out there for you, if you ever need to call or e-mail me about a Union concern. Home phone# 904-786-5154 E-mail lawofficergreg1984@yahoo.com (all lower case). Also, if you would be interested in becoming a station rep, please let me know.

Thanks! 🍀



ABT DIRECTOR GREETING

By Betty Adazzio



Hello Fellow Agents,

My name is **Betty Adazzio**. I began my career with ABT over 25 years ago in Tampa. Over the years I've been assigned to Ocala, Daytona Beach, Tallahassee and am currently assigned in Jacksonville. With some encouragement from other agents and a couple of supervisors, I have taken on the job as the PBA Director for ABT. It wasn't an easy decision. However, the decision was made for what I hope are the right reasons. I want to be a part of the NEW PBA and have an impact of making things better for all of you.

Working for compression pay, negotiating the contract between the state and PBA, and the best working conditions possible for all state law enforcement officers are just some of issues I want to be a part of. I hope to do a good job, but I'll need your help.

Become a PBA member... the more members we have, the more the legislature will listen to us.

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DEP DIRECTOR GREETING

By Paul Delgado



Hello Members,

I began my career with the DEP Division of Law Enforcement in March of 2000. Since that time I have served in the Bureau of Environmental Investigations in the Northeast District for over six and a half years as a Special Agent. During my time with DEP/DLE I have met and worked with many of the officers of the Florida Park Patrol and most of the agents in BEI. I hope to meet with as many of the members as possible to take our issues forward. Together we can make the DEP/DLE the envy of every law enforcement agency in the state! Please contact me at either of the below listed email addresses if you have an issue you would like to discuss. Thanks and stay safe!

E-mail: delgado@flpba.org or
depbard@yahoo.com 🍀



DFS FIRE MARSHAL DIRECTOR GREETING

By James P. Pirson

Dear Members,

My name is **James Pirson**. I am the Director for the Fire and Arson Detectives with the PBA. I have been employed with the State Fire Marshal's Office, Bureau of Fire and Arson Investigations for 13 years. The entire time I have been with the state has been in Polk County, in the South Central region. Throughout my career with the Bureau I have seen a lot of good and bad. I believe it is time for all of us, working together with the PBA board, to increase membership and have a voice of the needs of the state law enforcement members. I am looking forward to representing and being a voice for the detectives of the State Fire Marshal's Office, Bureau of Fire & Arson Investigations.

Thanks!

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FWC DIRECTOR GREETING

By Jeff Gier

Hello Members,

I began my career with the Florida Game & Fresh Water Fish Commission in 1987. I was first assigned to Lake Okeechobee in a water patrol position. I worked there for 10 years. In 1996, I was Officer of the Year for GFC and, in 1997, I promoted to Lieutenant in Volusia County. In 2004, I demoted to take a K-9 assignment in Volusia County.

There are two main issues that I want to work to improve: 1) Pay Compression and 2) retirement benefits. Our health insurance costs after retirement have got to come down.

I am looking forward to serving as your FWC Agency Director. Please feel free to contact me when ever issues or concerns arise. I really want your help to understand your issues and promise to work hard to bring them to resolution. I am currently contacting people who would like to be Field Representatives in each region—if you would like to help serve your fellow officers please contact me.

I need help and support from you. We can work together and make things better or we can sit back to watch and see what happens and then complain when we do not get what we want or need! This is the new Florida PBA, together we can make it great and accomplish much... are you willing to take control of your future?

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Your Newly Elected SLEO Chapter Executive Board Members and Directors Meeting at PBA.

Proud, Professional and PBA!



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

By Matt Puckett, Florida PBA Deputy Executive Director

The 2007 Florida Legislative Session begins on March 6th. The leadership of the SLEO Chapter, along with leadership from the Florida PBA, has maintained continuous discussions with **Governor Charlie Crist, Senate President Ken Pruitt, and Speaker of the House Marco Rubio** on the funding needed for this year's pay raise.

The results: so far, so good.

The Governor's budget recommendation fully funded our pay requests. If the legislature sticks with his recommendation, each state law enforcement officer would receive a 5% across the board pay raise plus \$500 per year of service for a maximum of \$5,000. So if you have ten or more years of service, you'll receive a \$5,000 increase on top of the 5%. Remember this pay package is phase one of a multiple year plan.

We will keep you informed of the issues as we move along. 🇺🇸

SLEO Board and Directors at the Capitol with...



Senator Victor Crist



Senator Arthenia Joyner



Senator Mike Haridopolos



Commissioner of Agriculture Charles Bronson

Florida PBA Board Meeting Highlights



Florida PBA President John Rivera addresses the Board of Directors and Executive Officers of the Charters and Chapters throughout Florida on December 2, 2006.



Florida PBA Executive Director David Murrell discusses overall status of the Florida PBA. All is good!



Florida PBA Director of Organizational Services Jim Wiggins brings everyone up-to-date on the continued growth of the Florida PBA, now over 35,000!



Florida PBA Deputy Executive Director Matt Puckett lists and explains the PBA legislative agenda for 2007.



Newly elected SLEO Chapter President Matt Tyre (center) at the Florida PBA Board Meeting.



David Murrell briefs Matt Tyre on the upcoming legislative goals for the SLEO Chapter.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Have you moved recently, or are in the process of moving? If so, we need your new address! Please notify the PBA office of your change of address so that you won't miss any important mailings. If you would like to get updates by email, please include your email address, or email a request to: liz@flpba.org

Name: _____ Social Security Number:* _____

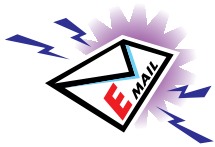
New Address: _____

Telephone Number: (Home) _____ (Work) _____ (Cell) _____

E-Mail Address _____

(*Your Social Security Number helps us identify you correctly in case of similar names.)

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PBA HEART FUND DEATH AND DISABILITY PLAN



In an effort to help the families of law enforcement officers who are killed or disabled in the line of duty, Florida Police Benevolent Association (PBA) has established a charitable arm which is called the PBA Heart Fund. Because the PBA Heart Fund is a 501(c)(3) organization, contributions are tax deductible. Monies donated to the Heart Fund are used to provide death benefits to the families of officers killed in the line of duty and disability benefits to officers who are permanently disabled because of an in-line-of-duty disability.

Aside from individuals who may want to donate with the tax deduction in mind*, political campaigns may dispose of surplus funds (after the campaign is over) by donating some or all of the surplus to the PBA Heart Fund [s. 106.141 (4) (a) 2., Florida Statutes]. And, of course, other entities (e.g. not-for-profit corporations) may also donate to this cause. The address is:

Florida PBA Heart Fund
300 East Brevard Street
Tallahassee, FL 32301

More information about the Heart Fund may be obtained
by calling Florida PBA at 1-800-733-3722.

*Receipt for donations will be provided upon request.



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Non PBA Members at your agency!**

PBA “SUPPORT LAW ENFORCEMENT” TAG SELLING FAST!

You can get your very own Florida PBA “Support Law Enforcement” Tag at your county tag office. You may purchase the plate with random numbers and letters or create a personalized tag for your vehicle(s). Over 20,500 have been purchased so far!

The proceeds of this tag will be deposited into a charitable fund—Florida PBA Heart Fund—for the Association’s members (see page 7). The great thing about the contributions made to the Heart Fund, they are tax-deductible! 🍀

