

From Your Deputy Executive Director



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The State Officers Rally

Who: All officers, represented by the FDLE Special Agents Association, State Correctional Officers Chapter, Florida Highway Patrol Chapter, Florida Correctional Probation Officers Chapter and the State Law Enforcement Officers Chapter, are invited to attend.

When: Tuesday, March 10, at 10:00 a.m.

Where: Waller Park Plaza (backside of the Capitol in front of the Dolphins).

Why: To call for No More Reductions to Public Safety Staffing.

With Florida's economy suffering its worst downturn in a generation, the Board of Directors for each statewide chapter agreed it was time to send a unified message to the Florida Legislature. **The Message: No More Reductions to Staffing.**

The economic situation has continued to take its toll on staffing levels with even more vacant positions eliminated in the January's Special Session. In fact, if **Governor Charlie Crist** had not restored \$7.1 million dollars to the Department of Corrections, potentially 118 correctional probation officers would have lost their jobs. Unfortunately, 66 probation officers had already been let go because of cuts in the previous round of reductions from last spring. Given past practice and the current situation, this is a critical event that will hopefully stave off any more staffing reductions. We need your help to deliver the message.

The Florida PBA encourages everyone to contact their local PBA representative to make arrangements to attend.

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A Widow's Awakening

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~ Chief Rick Hanson, Calgary Police Service

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~ Elayne Boosler