



THIS WEEK IN TALLAHASSEE

FROM THE VOICE OF FLORIDA'S LAW ENFORCEMENT

Governor DeSantis' Budget Proposal Prioritizes Law Enforcement

Governor Ron DeSantis has released his proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year, showcasing a strong commitment to Florida's law enforcement community. **The \$115.6 billion budget** plan includes significant pay increases for state law enforcement officers.

Key Budget Allocations

- **\$23 million** allocated to continue the successful **Law Enforcement Recruitment Bonus Program**.
- This initiative offers **signing bonuses of up to \$5,000** for first-time law enforcement officers in Florida.
- Funding will benefit various state and local agencies, strengthening Florida's law enforcement workforce.

While this budget proposal is a crucial step forward, it must still navigate the legislative process before becoming final.

Florida PBA Legislative Efforts

The Florida PBA legislative team continues to **actively engage with lawmakers** and appear before committees, advocating **for corrections and probation officers** to be included in any potential salary increases within the budget.

Notable Advocacy Efforts

- **Corrections President James Baiardi** and **Florida PBA Secretary Steve Slade** had an unexpected **meeting with former Governor Jeb Bush** at the Capitol.
- Governor Bush shared his support, noting that **the first bill he signed as Governor was sponsored by the Florida PBA**.

As the legislative session progresses, **Florida PBA** remains committed to ensuring **all law enforcement officers** receive the recognition and support they deserve.