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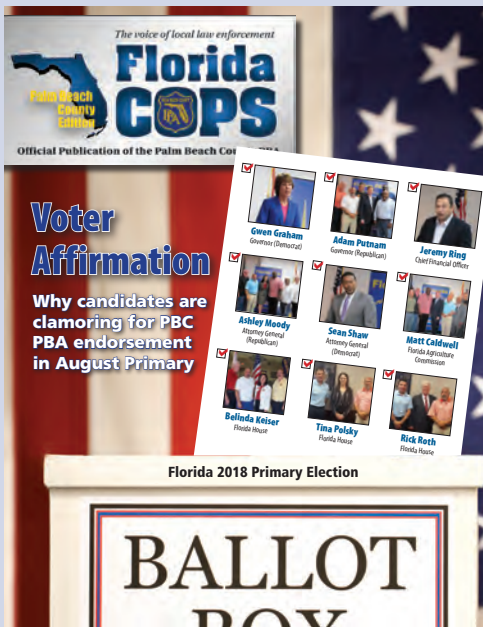
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The candidates that the Palm Beach County PBA has endorsed for the Aug. 28 Primary Election each have unique qualifications, and they each promise to be a strong voice for law enforcement. In presenting their views on the issues and discussing the importance of the PBA endorsement, these candidates have confirmed that they have the backs of all PBA members.



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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Endorsement reinforcement



**JOHN
KAZANJIAN**

Check out the websites of candidates running for the top state offices in the August 28 Primary Election. Like the candidates for county and municipal office, some show our logo after securing our endorsement for the primary.

As we continue our screenings of candidates seeking the PBA endorsement, a common thread appears to connect these politicians: They are coming to us to bid for our support, presenting plans about how they support our agenda, how they will address our issues and how they have our backs.

We brought in candidates for governor, attorney general, agricultural commission, chief financial officer, the Florida Senate and House of Representatives, county commissioners and various local offices. Most of them came in with a presentation about why our endorsement was important to them and what they would be able to do for us if we gave them our support.

We also put them through our interrogation, asking right off the bat about their platform on pension reform and how to pursue one of our vital agenda items: getting back our COLA. We wanted to hear any and all plans about what they would do to help our members who have been on the job for just a few years to have a cost-of-living adjustment in their pensions when they retire. We also wanted to hear about their perspectives on the Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights in Florida and other criminal justice-related issues on our agenda.

I can tell you that with overwhelming consensus, if not unanimous feeling, that all the candidates have listened to our agenda. And the ones we have endorsed have committed themselves to support police and corrections officers.

There were good Democratic and Republican candidates for many offices, especially governor and attorney general. But you know we don't pick by party – we support those who support our agenda, the ones who have our back. If you go to their websites, you will see that we are endorsing candidates who are getting support from law enforcement throughout the state.

You can read the list of our endorsements for the August primary on page 16. Now that we have backed our candidates, we all must work to get them elected. That, of course, comes down to all members getting out and voting for our endorsed candidates. We won't get COLA back or be able to pursue any other objectives to make our careers and our lives better without getting these candidates, who have pledged their allegiance to the PBA, elected.

My sense is that the political candidates have plugged into what 95 percent of the people in the U.S. are saying about police officers. Whether it's here in Florida or out in Oregon, poll after poll shows that the people like their police officers.

They see us serving the community in ways that never make the headlines. Our recent annual scholarship awards are an example. On June 14, we gave out nearly \$150,000 in college scholarships. Each one of the kids received \$1,000 for their first year, and they are guaranteed at least \$500 for the second, third and fourth years of college.

President Elect



Palm Beach County PBA President John Kazanjian was elected president of the Florida State PBA at its annual meeting on June 9. Kaz and members of the new executive board will be sworn into office in October. A full report on the new State PBA leadership will be featured in a future issue of *Florida Cops Magazine*.

You would be amazed at some of these students coming through whom we get the privilege to interview. They are going to West Point, Annapolis, Harvard, MIT and so many other great schools. They are going on to accomplish great things after they finish school. One of our former scholarship kids is Devon Travis, the second baseman for the Toronto Blue Jays. His father is a retired PBSO deputy.

Pretty soon, we will be giving out more than \$200,000, which means we will have to work harder on our fundraising. But we will rise to the challenge.

In another tribute, I want to send my thanks out to members of the State PBA Board who are retiring from service above and beyond the call of duty. Senior Vice President Dick Brickman of the Broward County PBA, Secretary Mike Clifton of the Dade County PBA and Treasurer Ernie George of our Palm Beach County PBA will all be leaving when the new state executive board is sworn in this October.

They will surely be missed; however, we are not saying farewell. We will be calling on them often for their expertise, knowledge and dedication. I am honored to be taking over as State PBA President, and I am looking forward to working with all the new board members.

As always, stay safe. ♥

Kaz

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Some answers and insight about Supreme Court decision on payment of union dues



**LOU
PENQUE**
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The U.S. Supreme Court issued a landmark ruling in *Janus v. AFCME* that overturns 40 years of precedent and ends compelled union dues for public employees. This decision will not affect us in Florida as we are one of 28 right-to-work states. We cannot be forced to pay agency fees, also known as union dues. Some members have questioned me about this issue, and I hope this will provide some answers.

Politically speaking, I can see arguments on both sides, and I remain neutral regarding the court's decision because I currently work for a successful union that already follows this directive. The Supreme Court opinion, written by Justice Alito, holds that it violates the First Amendment rights of workers when the state compels them to pay union fees against their will. Workers can already opt-out of paying for expressly political union activities. But for the past 40 years, all workers have been compelled to pay agency dues to cover collective bargaining, except for those employees residing in one of the 28 right-to-work states.

The court concluded that "because the compelled subsidization of private speech seriously impinges on First Amendment rights, it cannot be casually allowed." Compelling individuals to support political speech they oppose violates any basic understanding of the First Amendment. To argue otherwise requires serious wrestling with First Amendment jurisprudence.

That hasn't stopped parties from wrestling as hard as they can. Compelled union dues have traditionally been justified on two grounds. First, agency fees help preserve labor peace. And second, agency fees prevent workers from free-riding off union services and sending unions into insolvency. When the court first heard these arguments in 1977, it assumed without evidence that they were true. The arguments are still used to argue that unions will not be able to function without compelled agency fees.

The comments from elected officials below will allow you to get a sense of the political divide on this decision. These are from an article in the *Daily Herald* in Illinois, where the *Janus* case originated.

Illinois Governor Bruce Rauner, Republican:

"This ruling is pro-worker and pro-taxpayer. State employees — union and nonunion — do tremendous work for the people of Illinois. This ruling is a great victory for our democracy, our public employees, and the taxpayers who count on us to bargain on their behalf."

U.S. Rep. Jan Schakowsky, Democrat

"Martin Luther King Jr. knew that collective bargaining was

worth fighting for, which is why he stood arm-in-arm with the Memphis sanitation workers during their strike 50 years ago. Today, collective bargaining for public sector workers is more necessary than ever — look no further than the wildcat teacher strikes from West Virginia to Arizona. It's a shame the court has chosen to side with billionaires and corporations over teachers, firefighters, social workers and emergency medical technicians."

U.S. Senator Tammy Duckworth, Democrat

"As income inequality rises and middle-class wages lag behind, we need to do everything we can to make it easier for working Americans to join a union and negotiate for fair wages and a better workplace. Unfortunately, this decision by the Supreme Court will do the opposite, overturning decades of precedent to make it harder for unions to effectively protect and support working people trying to achieve their own American dream. I'm disappointed that the court sided with the anti-union activists and well-funded corporations who want to chip away at workers' rights."

U.S. Rep. Brad Schneider, Democrat

"Unions helped build our nation's middle class, and the ruling fits a pattern of attacks to undermine labor and working families, and weaken workers' right to negotiate for better pay, working conditions, medical benefits, retirement benefits and paid leave. This is a sad day for hardworking Americans including teachers, firefighters, police officers, civil servants, and more — good people who serve our public every day."

U.S. Rep. Bill Foster, Democrat

"I am deeply concerned that this decision will weaken our strong labor unions that have historically given our workers a safer work environment, fair wages and collective bargaining rights against unfair working conditions. They hold a special place in our country's history. Our country was built on the hard work that so many Americans invested in our factories and offices. I'll continue to fight for labor unions so we can build a strong middle class and make sure that workers have the collective bargaining rights they deserve."

U.S. Rep. Mike Bost, Republican

"As a former union firefighter and the grandson of a United Mine Workers representative, labor is in my blood. Unions have played an instrumental role in strengthening the hand of America's working men and women for generations. It is only right that workers who receive higher pay, benefits and workplace protections contribute their fair share of the costs. While this position may not always be popular in my party, for me it's one that rises above politics." ♥

A criminal charge can affect your career



LARRY FAGAN

In the wake of arbitrating cases when an Internal Affairs complaint stems from an original criminal charge, a lot can be gleaned from today's political climate.

The criminal matters must be disposed of long before even discussing going to arbitration for your job. And disposed of, for purposes of your job and your certificate, is better either with the State dismissing (*nolle prosequere*) the criminal matter, or by your going to trial and being found not guilty.

Even an arrest itself on a felony (or one of the enumerated misdemeanors), could be enough to seriously affect your job and/or your certification, as it is your "moral character" that becomes the issue. Pursuant to the Florida Administrative Code, section 11B-27.0011 Moral Character:

(4) For the purposes of the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission's implementation of any of the penalties specified in Section 943.1395(6) or (7), F.S., a certified officer's failure to maintain good moral character required by Section 943.13(7), F.S., is defined as:

(a) The perpetration by an officer of an act that would constitute any felony offense, whether criminally prosecuted or not.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in Section 943.13(4), F.S., a plea of guilty or a verdict of guilty after a criminal trial for any of the following misdemeanor or criminal offenses, notwithstanding any suspension of sentence or withholding of adjudication, or the perpetration by an officer of an act that would constitute any of the following misdemeanor or criminal offenses whether criminally prosecuted or not:

1. Sections 316.193, 327.35, 365.16(1)(c), (d), 414.39, 741.31, 784.011, 784.03, 784.047, 784.048, 784.05, 784.046(15), 790.01, 790.10, 790.15, 790.27, 794.027, 796.07, 800.02, 800.03, 806.101, 806.13, 810.08, 810.14, 812.014, 812.015, 812.14, 817.235, 817.49, 817.563, 817.565, 817.61, 817.64, 827.04, 828.12, 831.30, 831.31(1)(b), 832.05, 837.012, 837.05, 837.055, 837.06, 839.13, 839.20, 843.02, 843.03, 843.06, 843.085, 847.011, 856.021, 870.01, 893.13, 893.147, 901.36, 914.22, 934.03, 944.35, 944.37 and 944.39, F.S.

2. Any principal, accessory, attempt, solicitation or conspiracy, pursuant to Chapter 777, F.S., which, had the crime been committed or completed, would have been a felony offense; or

3. The perpetration of an act in any jurisdiction other than the State of Florida, which, if committed in the State of Florida, would constitute any offense listed in this rule section.

(c) The perpetration by an officer of acts or conduct that constitute the following offenses:

1. Excessive use of force, defined as a use of force on a person by any officer that is not justified under Section 776.05 or 776.07, F.S., or a use of force on an inmate or prisoner by any correctional officer that would not be authorized under Section 944.35(1)(a), F.S.

2. Misuse of official position, defined by Section 112.313(6), F.S.

3. Having an unprofessional relationship with an inmate, detainee, probationer or parolee or community controllee. An unprofessional relationship is defined as:

a. Having written or oral communication with an inmate, de-

tainee, probationer or parolee or community controllee that is intended to facilitate conduct prohibited by this rule section; or

b. Engaging in physical contact not required in the performance of official duties, and is defined as kissing, fondling of the genital area, buttocks or breasts, massaging or similar touching, holding hands, any other physical contact normally associated with the demonstration of affection or sexual misconduct as applied to all certifications, which is defined in Section 944.35(3), F.S.

c. Engaging in a romantic association with an inmate, detainee, probationer, parolee or community controllee. "Romantic association" is defined as the exchange of telephone calls, pictures, letters, greeting cards or any other form of oral or written communication, which expresses feelings or thoughts of affection or the desire to engage in a romantic relationship whether emotional or physical. This subsection shall not apply to an officer who is legally married to an inmate, detainee, probationer or parolee or community controllee in the community, nor does it apply to any officer who has no knowledge, or reason to believe, that the person with whom the officer has engaged in a romantic association is an inmate, detainee, probationer or parolee or community controllee.

4. Sexual harassment pursuant to and consistent with decisions interpreting 29 C.F.R. 1604.11, including unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature, when the harassment involves physical contact or misuse of official position and when:

a. Submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of an individual's employment; or

b. Submission to or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used as the basis for employment decisions affecting such individual; or

c. Such conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive working environment.

5. Engaging in oral, anal or vaginal penetration by, or union with, the sexual organ of another person or engaging in anal or vaginal penetration by any other object while on duty, or at any time the officer is acting under the color of authority as a Commission-certified criminal justice officer, and not done for a bona fide medical purpose or in the lawful performance of the officer's duty.

6. False statements during the employment application process.

7. Conduct that subverts or attempts to subvert the State Officer Certification Examination process pursuant to Rule 11B-30.009, F.A.C.

8. Conduct that subverts or attempts to subvert the Basic Abilities Test process pursuant to subsection 11B-35.0011(1), F.A.C.

9. Conduct that subverts or attempts to subvert the examination process for Commission-approved training at a Commission-certified training school or an employing agency promotional examination process which shall include the following:

a. Removing from the examination room any of the examination materials.

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i. Impersonating an examinee.

j. Having an impersonator take the examination on one's behalf.

k. Disrupting the test administration.

l. Revealing the test questions or other information that would compromise the integrity of the examination.

10. Any overt, conspicuous or public act of a sexual or simulated sexual nature which is likely to be observed by others.

11. Any willful and offensive exposure or exhibition of his or her sexual organs in public or on the private premises of another or so near thereto as to likely be seen except in any place provided or set apart for that purpose.

12. Willful failure of the agency administrator to comply with Chapter 943, F.S., as it pertains to the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission or Commission rules.

13. Intentional abuse of a Temporary Employment Authorization, pursuant to Section 943.131(1), F.S.

14. Misuse of Electronic Database. Willfully and knowingly accessing an electronic database within the trust of an officer, by using said database to access restricted information for an illegitimate or personal purpose with bad intent. Bad intent may be evidenced by:

a. A pattern of misuse that demonstrates improper accesses or violations.

b. If the violation occurred after the officer received agency or Commission discipline for improperly accessing a computer database, or after the officer received formal training on the database(s) that includes provisions on the improper use of said database(s).

c. The existence of a current or past non-amicable or otherwise contentious relationship between the officer and the subject of the query, or when the purpose of the query is to identify person(s) linked or associated to said relationship.

d. Pre-textual queries based on age, race, sex, gender or other personal identifying characteristics.

e. Any additional action taken by the officer as a result of the information obtained from the query, for example, retaining, copying or reproducing the information obtained from the query, or disseminating information not listed as confidential or exempt in Chapter 119, F.S., obtained as a result of the query.

(d) A certified officer's unlawful injection, ingestion, inhalation or other introduction of any controlled substance, as defined in Section 893.03, F.S., into his or her body as evidenced by a drug test in accordance with Section 112.0455, 440.102 or 944.474, F.S.


(5) A certified officer's failure to maintain good moral character as defined in subsection (4) of this rule section by committing a violation involving perjury or false statement in a court proceeding, shall not include a statement which was recanted.

If the violation involving perjury or false statement is alleged to have occurred in the performance of regularly required work duties or the course of an administrative or disciplinary investigation, a certified officer's failure to maintain good moral character as defined in subsection (4) of this rule section shall not include a statement in which the officer making the statement conceded such statement to be false prior to the employing agency's conclusion of the internal affairs investigation in which the false statement related to a material fact or within 10 calendar days of making the false statement, whichever occurs first. For purposes of this subsection, the employing agency's internal affairs investigation shall be deemed to be at a conclusion upon the investigator's execution of the statement required by Section 112.533(1)(a)2., F.S.

Knowing this list well can save your career. Even receiving a withhold of adjudication to a criminal charge may be irrelevant to keeping your job and your certificate, as well as accepting a pre-trial intervention or diversion program offered by the prosecutor.

If you find yourself charged with a crime, a not-guilty verdict in your criminal trial could go a long way toward convincing an arbitrator (and/or the CJSTC) that you were falsely charged, yet it still may not be enough. In the current political climate, we have seen that arbitrators are reluctant to return a law enforcement officer to work if there was even an allegation of criminal conduct.

While your liberty should come first, accepting a plea to a criminal charge could end your law enforcement career. Make sure you understand the multiple ramifications your criminal charge could have on your future. Successfully arbitrating criminal charges that resulted in a termination are (at least for now) becoming increasingly more difficult. ♥



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-John Kazanjian

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Voter Education

Candidates discuss the importance of the PBA endorsement for the August Primary Election



Ashley Moody, Republican candidate for Attorney General.



Sean Shaw, Democratic candidate for Attorney General.



Belinda Keiser, State Representative District 25.



Matt Caldwell, candidate for Agriculture Commissioner.

■ BY MITCHELL KRUGEL

When she walked across the Roosevelt Bridge in Stuart a few weeks ago in June to bring awareness to the ongoing water issue in the state, Belinda Keiser strutted the stuff that prompted a resounding endorsement from the Palm Beach County PBA as a candidate for the Florida House of Representatives. Keiser also canvassed door to door with members in Palm Beach County District 25 to further exemplify what attracts the PBA's support.

Clearly, the PBC PBA has focused on supporting candidates for the Aug. 28 Primary Election who walk the walk.

"I think what they want is someone who is going to make sure that when decisions are made in Tallahassee, the day-to-day concerns of police officers and how those decisions are going to affect the safety of officers and their abilities to do their job are taken into consideration," voices Judge Ashley

Moody, the PBA-endorsed Republican candidate for attorney general in the primary.

"We need to make sure the attorney general and officers are speaking to legislators in a unified voice, particularly about the right to unionize," adds State Representative Sean Shaw, who garnered the PBA endorsement for AG in the Democratic primary.

Or as Keiser testifies about the issue PBA members care about so intensely – protecting the pension:

"We made a promise we must keep, and we need elected officials who will keep that promise," she declares. "Getting things done will be the difference. You have to walk the walk."

With as big a slate of endorsements as the PBA has ever made, the union is set to build on the political voice it has developed through a nearly 90-percent success rate getting its

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Palm Beach County PBA Endorsements

Aug. 28 Primary Election

Candidate

Gwen Graham
Adam Putnam
Ashley Moody
Sean Shaw
Matt Caldwell
Jeremy Ring
Brian Mast
Ted Deutch
Bobby Powell, Jr.
David Silvers
Matt Willhite
Joe Casello
Emily Slosberg
Ted Booras
Belinda Keiser
Tina Polsky
Rick Roth
Blair Ciklin
Nick Blount
Troy McDonald
Joseph Anderson
Melissa McKinlay
Stacey Hetherington
Niki Norton
Robert Weinroth
Gregg Weiss
Scott Kerner
Marybel Coleman
Robert Meadows
Michael McAuliffe
Karen Brill
Debra Robinson
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State Senate
State Representative District 87
State Representative District 86
State Representative District 90
State Representative, District 91
County Court Judge Group 2
State Representative District 25
State Representative District 81
State Representative District 85
Commissioner for Port of Palm Beach Group 4
Stuart City Commission Group 1
Stuart City Commission Group 3
Port of Palm Beach Group 5
Commission District 6
Commission District 2
Commission District 4
Commission District 4
Commission District 2
15th Judicial Circuit Group 13
Circuit Judge 15th Judicial Circuit Group 18
Circuit Judge 19th Judicial Circuit Group 19
Circuit Judge 15th Judicial Circuit Group 25
School Board District 3
School Board District 7
School Board District 4
School Board District 6



Gwen Graham, Democratic candidate for governor.



Adam Putnam, Republican candidate for governor.



Tina Polsky, State Representative District 81.

supported candidates elected the past four years. From having the electoral capital to endorse both Republican and Democratic candidates for governor and attorney general to pledging support for agriculture commissioner, multiple state Senate and House candidates and county commissioners and judges, the August primary will be another opportunity for the PBA to show these candidates who insist they have law enforcement's back that its members have theirs when they get out to vote.

Voting for the endorsed candidates will be an important step toward easing on down the road to pension reform, support for collective bargaining rights, increasing salaries and resources and other issues important to bettering the lives of law enforcement officers. And it's an opportunity to understand how coveted and meaningful the PBA endorsement has become.

"Having the PBA endorsement demonstrates to the voters that I am the trusted candidate to seriously address the concerns of the law enforcement community," vows Matt Caldwell, the endorsed Republican candidate for Agriculture Commissioner.

Or as Marybel Reinoso Coleman, the PBA-endorsed candidate for Circuit Court Judge in Group 18, asserts about the PBC PBA endorsement: "Their support means that they trust and know I would be a judge who is fair, efficient, knowledgeable and able to make crucial decisions on a timely basis."

Voter declaration

The PBA's elaborate and exhaustive screening techniques

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Rick Roth, State Rep District 85.



David Silvers, State Rep District 87.



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have generated highly qualified slates of endorsed candidates for the past several years. The councils, courts and county commissions – not to mention the Senate and the House – are filled with elected officials who have bulked up their votes with PBA members.

But the crop for the August primary features qualifications, credibility and pedigree even beyond the successes of the past. Consider that this group includes:

- An attorney general candidate in Moody married to a DEA agent who used to be a police officer in Largo, Florida;
- Another AG candidate in Shaw whose father was the first African-American Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court;
- A candidate for the House in Keiser who founded a university that annually educates 20,000 students and whose mother, six siblings and grandfather were rescued by American soldiers after being forced out of the Philippines and left to die at sea;
- A candidate for the House in Tina Polsky whose qualifications include repeated success bringing parties who are “thousands of miles apart” to agreement serving as a mediator;
- A seventh-generation Floridian in Caldwell, who has served in the House since 2010 and currently chairs its Government Accountability Committee;
- A candidate for the circuit court in Coleman, who began developing her “passion for the laws and freedoms provided under our constitution” when she immigrated to the U.S. from Cuba in 1971.

Leander Shaw told his son Sean that when he served on the

Supreme Court, one of the most important endorsements he coveted came from the PBA. That’s a perspective, of course, that all candidates who earned the endorsement for the primary brought to the screenings.

The vetting revealed repeated confirmation that endorsed candidates will consult PBA reps whenever an appointment was being considered, and that they would provide advocacy in Tallahassee whenever it was needed, particularly for the right to collectively bargain.

Candidates had to check those boxes, and they had to convey a sense of the value of the endorsement Shaw learned from his father.

“Having the backing of our law enforcement officers provides a great validator for my campaign,” he specifies. “If those who are protecting Floridians think I’m the best person for the job, then the PBA is one of the most important endorsements there is.”

To get the benefit of the PBA’s ability to organize and help a candidate get out the vote, some of the endorsed candidates went through a grueling prep session as Keiser did. Keiser had Campaign Manager Jon Miller, a former probation officer, challenge her with an intense Q-and-A about how to advocate for collective bargaining and keep the pension promise. Such was the effort needed to qualify at the PBA interview.

“You had the leadership asking questions to determine if I had the skills and the commitment to fight for and carry forward the goals that they have stood for since 1972,” Keiser recalls. “It means that we will have the kind of state we want to live in and have a better future.”

During the interviews, the PBA was impressed by candidates with the experience and the caliber of Caldwell, whose Government Accountability Committee had oversight of government operations such as pensions and elections. But it was comments like one from Polsky that showed the sincerity of the candidacy.

“If they see that endorsement, it lends credence for a lot of other people,” she states. “Even if they don’t know me, because of that endorsement, they know what I stand for.”

Voter adoration

The screening room – the conference room just to the right walking into the main entrance of PBC PBA headquarters – channeled a bit of “The Voice” when vetting candidates. With President John Kazanjian, Executive Director Ernie George, Vice President Rick McAfee, Secretary Kevin Igo, Treasurer Lou Penque and Sergeant-at-Arms Greg Allen conducting much of the judging, the PBC PBA screened for candidates who would be a voice for law enforcement in Tallahassee and in communities throughout the state.

They certainly heard all endorsed candidates express disbelief and dissatisfaction about how the media has caused a significant loss of morale among law enforcement officers with what they termed negative or even biased reporting. And they heard repeated statements about how the state is only as strong as its commitment to the women and men and integrity of institutions that enforce the rule of law.

Ultimately, however, candidates needed to lend a voice to show they took this personally. And they heard that with verses like this from Moody: “As the daughter and granddaughter of judges and the wife of a law enforcement officer, support for the rule of law and the men and women of law enforcement is a way of life for me. It is not a campaign slogan. So to have the support of those I will work with over the next eight

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years is personally meaningful.”

The PBA continues to endorse those with a responsive voice like David Silvers, who has the union backing for his third consecutive state representative election in District 87. He emphasized how the voice is important not only for policy issues but for public perception as well.

“If there is any legislation that comes to the floor, I do contact Kaz,” Silvers confirms. “When legislation can affect your livelihood, you have to have a relationship with those who are affecting the legislation.”

With endorsing for any election, there is also a search for a voice of change. If Polsky can win her Democratic primary in District 81, she will earn a seat in the House (no Republican candidates are running) and her mediation experience can be the type of representation law enforcement needs. She is one of those candidates seeking to bring both sides together as Polsky has done her entire legal career.

“The ability to be persuasive, be a strong voice and work with both sides to come up with a solution,” she explains. “One of the reasons I want to get in is to see more of a blue wave and have more say in the House and the Senate. We will see more opportunity to get to the issues we want. We can do more and get more accomplished.”

At the end of the screening day, the voices that resonated for the PBA sounded much like Keiser, who has spring-boarded off PBA support to gain a presence in the 25th District.

“I’ve spent my professional life being a strong, passionate advocate for public safety, economic development, healthcare and education issues,” she stipulates. “I believe in accountability and getting things done. I am not a career politician.”

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Dear friends and colleagues,

I am writing to ask for your support in the Aug. 28 Primary Election. My wife, Marybel Reinoso Coleman, is running for Circuit Court Judge in Group 18. For those who do not know me, I have been a law enforcement officer in Palm Beach County since 1985, and I am currently a major with PBSO.

I met Marybel when she was a prosecutor assigned to the Crimes against Children/Sex Crimes Division in the late 1990s. I was a detective working those cases. I was immediately impressed with her compassion, dedication and relentless preparation in the pursuit of justice. A few years later, we started dating. We have been married for 15 years.

Marybel has been an attorney in Palm Beach County for more than 25 years and has handled cases in every division of the Circuit Court, which she now seeks to serve. She acquired a passion for the law and justice at an early age, and she has recognized how fortunate we are as a country to have inherent freedoms – freedoms her parents did not have living in Cuba and desired for their daughter. Marybel was brought to this country at age 4 so that she could follow her dreams.

Marybel was raised in Palm Beach County, graduated from Lake Worth High School, Florida Atlantic University and attended Mercer University Law School. Marybel has represented many law enforcement officers throughout the years, whether they were victims of crimes or involved in a divorce or custody dispute. Marybel understands the demands placed on all first responders, support staff and the families that stand behind them.

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Major, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office



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Voter revelation

Certainly, the PBA has endorsed candidates who have the union's back, who are highly qualified to govern and who want to be a voice representing law enforcement. And all of that sets the table to get out the vote. More succinctly, none of that will matter much if members don't get out and vote for the endorsed candidates in the Aug. 28 primary.

The final tipping point to secure a voting bloc no doubt is where candidates stand on the issues. And how they have walked the walk to stand up for the issues.

So if actions speak louder than words, the PBA plugged into action like Keiser's work to bring a resolution for an amendment to Section 4, Article 4 of the Florida Constitution to the ballot in August that creates a state office for domestic security and counter terrorism.

And the PBA is invested in candidates like Caldwell, who is running for an office that has its own law enforcement service and, as a member of the Florida cabinet, oversees many of the state law enforcement agencies. His perspective echoed the action the PBA has endorsed most fervently.

"No matter where they come from or where they serve, they deserve fair compensation, guaranteed receipt of promised benefits and, most importantly, the respect of elected officials who ought to lift them up as examples for our communities," Caldwell champions.

When members go to the polls, know that the PBA-endorsed candidates have fought for:

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- Expanding death benefits for officers' surviving family members.
- An objective standard for public employee compensation in Florida, including regional variations and annual adjustments that will guarantee that wages for corrections officers and first responders remain competitive with the private market while lessening the political weight to the decision.
- Standing up to legislators who have been very negative when it comes to labor unions.

If a candidate has a record of fighting for these rights, then she or he has become worthy of a PBA endorsement. If they walk the walk, they will remain true to a philosophy Shaw probably heard from his dad.

"The brave men and women who keep our communities safe are the definition of the public," he declares. "We must dedicate our resources to fortify our law enforcement officers." 🍷

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Family Favorite

The Palm Beach County PBA unites for the 11th Annual Police Officers' Ball

■ STORY AND PHOTOS BY AMBER RAMUNDO

A time to honor. A place to celebrate. An occasion to recognize and give thanks. The 11th Annual Palm Beach County PBA Police Officers' Ball once again had it all, as members from 24 agencies, multiple dignitaries and countless law enforcement supporters came together to show the strength of the PBC PBA family bond.

The family foundation of the event was established early in the evening when President John Kazanjian's cousin from Boston, Grace DeLoe, opened the awards ceremony with a striking performance of the "Star-Spangled Banner." That followed the presentation of colors by a combined law enforcement honor guard and pipes and drums corps.

Kazanjian then took a moment to recognize a PBC PBA executive board member, whom he referred to as a big brother. In addition to congratulating Executive Director Ernie George on becoming the first PBA member to be inducted into the Florida Law Enforcement Officers Hall of Fame in May, Kazanjian gifted George with a plaque that expressed the PBA's gratitude and pride for the impact that George has made.

"Ernie, you're like my big brother. You have taught me a lot," Kazanjian expressed. "You are an asset to the PBA, and your knowledge is unbelievable."

Before the evening of awards, dinner and endless dancing continued, Kazanjian made sure to remind the hundreds that gathered of the cause that drives this celebratory event (in addition to numerous others) each year: the PBA Charity Fund. He was proud to report the fund's success in raising close to \$3.5 million, which continues to support PBA scholarships and members and their families. The money raised through sponsorships and ticket sales for the Police Officers' Ball helped the PBA to distribute nearly \$150,000 in scholarships to children of PBA members this year.

From aiding the families of law enforcement officers to recognizing those members who have become as close as family gets through years of dedicated service to the PBA, Palm Beach County Sheriff Ric Bradshaw also took a moment at the podium to assure the many who knew him in the crowd of his decision to run for sheriff once more.

"I did some soul searching before I made this decision. But to say how proud I am of law enforcement in the county is an understatement," Bradshaw remarked. "I have to be the one to stand up for law enforcement in this county and back (members) up every single time that I can. I will be your voice. I will stand up for you, because somebody has got to do that because of what you do every day to risk your life for the people of this county. Yes, I'm going to do it again, folks."



PBC PBA President John Kazanjian presents opening remarks before the Officer of the Year awards are presented at the 11th annual PBC PBA Police Officers' Ball.



A combined PBC PBA Honor Guard and Pipes and Drums band leads the presentation of colors.



Ric Bradshaw voices his dedication to the PBA in announcing he will run for another term as Palm Beach County Sheriff.



PBC PBA Executive Director and Florida Law Enforcement Hall of Famer Ernie George receives thanks for years of contribution to the PBA.

The traditions of the Police Officers' Ball continued when Master of Ceremonies Allan Ortman cued up the PBC PBA fallen officers tribute video, which included a montage of courageous first responses in addition to showing the names and photos of each of the PBC PBA members who have been killed in the line of duty.

"Every year, this event has taken the time to honor those who gave the ultimate sacrifice, no matter how long ago their tour of duty ended," Ortman explained. "They should, and will always be, remembered by the PBA and all of us in this room. I am very proud to say it's been six years since they've added a name to that list."

Ortman then perpetuated the theme of the evening by introducing a performer with family ties. Marc Stone, the



Matt Stone, the son of a PBC PBA member, entertains the audience with a set of oldies songs, including Elvis Presley's "Blue Suede Shoes."

14-year-old son of a Palm Beach County Sheriffs' Office Detective, turned up the volume on the evening with the familiar beat of rockin' some oldies, including an Elvis tune and a rendition of "Johnny B. Goode" that included some Chuck Berry-like duck-walking and had the audience clapping along.

The voice and rhythm of Stone set the stage for the exemplary performances that would be honored, recognized and celebrated that night, as videos of 2017 "Officer of the Month" responses played on the big screens. Five of the brave responses that received Officer of the Month recognition in 2017 were selected for Officer of the Year awards. Incidents of great bravery, determination and going above and beyond the call of duty recognized the work of multiple PBSO deputies, detectives and even a K9, who was honored amongst the night's other heroes. 🍷

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OFFICERS OF THE YEAR

A dog's purpose

K9 Casper's heroics part of PBSO deputies' award-winning response

■ BY MITCHELL KRUGEL

■ PHOTOS BY AMBER RAMUNDO

When the Police Officers' Ball needed an influx of drama, bravery and heroic inspiration, it walked PBSO K9 Officer Casper. On all fours, which a year ago seemed in jeopardy after Casper took a round that appeared intended for his partner, Deputy Sheriff John Sylvester.

Casper's valor culminated a response with Sylvester and fellow deputies Charles Hardy, Todd Romagnoli and Nicholas Lentini that ended a threat from a repeat violent offender who fired on them, and earned them Palm Beach County PBA 2017 Officers of the Year honors. Palm Beach County Sheriff Ric Bradshaw stepped up to put the Officer of the Year medal on Casper, and the 500-plus in the grand ballroom at the PGA National Resort stopped clapping and cheering for a moment seemingly to wipe away a tear.

"Our K9s will give their lives for us," praised Hardy, also a K9 officer who was on backup for this response and did not have his partner out as a result. "They are members of our family."

Sylvester confirmed as much by showing photos after the Ball of his youngest daughter, Madeleine, filling Casper's water bowl as she does every morning before she puts him in the patrol car to go on duty. So when Casper walked across the dance floor to thundering applause, it appeared to be an opportunity to celebrate just how much K9s mean to policing.

"Best way to explain, it's like another one of my kids," Sylvester added. "When the rounds came, it was meant for a group of us. Unfortunately, Casper was the one who took the round."

Early on the morning of May 12, 2017, PBSO received a report that Phillip O'Shea, a known felon with outstanding warrants in North Carolina and Florida for a slew of armed robberies, was at it again at a local pub. As he was fleeing the scene of the robbery, PBSO deputies



PBSO Deputy John Sylvester enters the PBC PBA Police Officer's Ball with his partner, K9 Casper.

identified O'Shea. A pursuit ensued.

O'Shea wrecked his car and bailed out, which led to a foot chase. That's when he first fired on PBSO officers. He then managed to elude his pursuers by swimming through a canal and carjacking a citizen.

Later that afternoon, a large-scale manhunt went out after O'Shea, with Sylvester and Casper leading the way and Hardy, Romagnoli and Lentini following right behind. When they located O'Shea, he was locked down in the stolen vehicle.

"I had a cover position on the subject while he barricaded himself in the vehicle," Lentini recounted. "I was relying on what I could see through the driver's side window. He had the gun to his head."

All officers from the award-winning team credited supervisors on the scene for the plan that left O'Shea no outs. He eventually emerged from the car, firing. Harding was able to get off a round from his shotgun to end the threat.

"It all came down to teamwork," Romagnoli explained. "We all have been in the unit for the same amount of time,

and we all know each other pretty good. A lot of the training we've had over the years in situations like this, especially involving fugitives and vehicles, came into play. I think the tactics that day and the way we were set up made the difference."

Added Harding: "We work well together, so we are able to respond to each other and know exactly what the other person is going to do. You hope it doesn't get to this, but at least you're trained, and you know how to do it."

Once the incident was over, the officers checked to make sure everybody was alright. That's when Sylvester found that Casper had been hit in the left hind hip by a bullet perhaps meant for his partner.

"I was a little upset. A little rage," he confided. "But I kept my composure, got him in the car and took him to the vet."

By early June, Casper was on his way to a full recovery and back on the job shortly thereafter. Fortunately, the bullet missed the bone, which veterinarians



From left, PBC PBA Vice President Rick McAfee, PBSO Deputies Todd Romagnoli, Nicholas Lentini, Charles Hardy and John Sylvester, K9 Casper, PBC PBA President John Kazanjian and Palm Beach County Sheriff Ric Bradshaw.

said made his recovery faster and far less complex. On Nov. 15, 2017, the U.S. Marshals awarded Casper a Purple Heart.

At the scene, and after the scene, Sylvester leaned on his fellow officers,

which he said got him through.

"I couldn't ask to be with a better group of guys," he stated. "Knowing they were going to handle business, that was the best part." ❤️



Palm Beach County Sheriff Ric Bradshaw places the Officer of the Year medal on Casper.

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OFFICER OF THE YEAR: FIRST RUNNER-UP

Justice served... the second time around

A determined Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office detective recognized for cold case success

■ BY AMBER RAMUNDO

Sheila Keen-Warren might have thought she had gotten away with murder. After all, 27 years had passed since the infamous Wellington clown killing. Who would be left wondering about the true culprit underneath the face paint, orange wig and red nose — the one who pulled out a pistol and shot and killed Marlene Warren on May 26, 1990?

Sheila may have thought the case was closed. But the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Cold Case Unit had different intentions. And as the high-profile clown killer attempted to live her life under the radar in Virginia, PBSO Detective Paige McCann was resubmitting DNA evidence and chasing down witnesses in search of answers. By August 2017, McCann had presented her case to a grand jury and obtained an indictment for a first-degree murder committed nearly three decades earlier.

The creepy clown murder isn't the only unsolved case that McCann has brought to overdue justice while working on the PBSO Cold Case Unit. The PBSO veteran has been on the job for more than 25 years, but when the special detective unit was established in 2005, McCann made it her duty to work for the victims and their families who have been left with unanswered grief, disturbance and heartache for too long.

"Someone has to speak for the victims," McCann clarified. "Nobody deserves to die."

This year, McCann doubled the average cold case clearance rate by reopening and clearing four cases this year. She couldn't have done it alone, though. While investigating the clown killing, PBSO used a grant to form a task force with members of the state attorney's office and the FBI. Not to mention the other detectives on the Cold Case Unit, in addition to her supervisor and the PBSO sheriff, who all made it possible for McCann to take on each case with full force, providing the guidance, flexibility and resources necessary along the way.

But McCann especially noticed that it was the work of the original detectives on each case that increased the odds of solvability while renewing the investigation years, even decades, later.

"The detective during the initial investigation did an outstanding job documenting and preserving the evidence," McCann noted in reference to the clown killing, where properly preserved hair samples found in the suspect's vehicle made it possible for McCann to resubmit the evidence for DNA testing. "If it wasn't for correct preserving and documenting, we would have never been able to move forward."

Seeking out witnesses and family members of those involved in each case sent McCann on a multistate manhunt for information and interviews in Tennessee, Georgia, Indiana, Mis-



Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Detective Paige McCann accepts the award for first runner-up at the PBC PBA Police Officers' Ball

issippi, and of course all across the state of Florida. She even traveled to New York City to be featured on the popular crime documentary series "On the Case with Paula Zahn" as the expert detective in the 1987 Dana Fader murder.

Each case brought its own turning points and sets of challenges to overcome, but the emotional connection that McCann felt with the victims motivated her to dig deeper for evidence and confessions.

"Just giving the victims' families any hope or any sense of relief knowing that the person responsible for their loved ones' murder is going to be held accountable," McCann began. "That's what I always think about."

In one of McCann's proudest victories, the detective helped a woman prove that her mother, who was believed to have committed suicide, was really killed by her father. After years of growing up with uncertainty, the girl finally was given the answer she so desperately needed when McCann got her 80-year-old father to plead guilty to the murder.

With each case closed, McCann was reminded of the service to the victims that fuels her passion for the job. And as the technology in DNA testing continues to develop, McCann is confident that the opportunities for determined cold case detectives like herself to clear unsolved crimes will only grow.

"These cases take a toll on you. They're obviously really important and you work hard on them," she insisted. "I hope that the [initial detectives] are relieved that all of their hard work wasn't for nothing. It did pay off in the long run." ♥

OFFICER OF THE YEAR: SECOND RUNNER-UP

Saving Grace

PBSO agent rescues criminal who tried to take him out

■ BY MITCHELL KRUGEL

■ PHOTO BY AMBER RAMUNDO

Pursuit of an offender with a violent felony outstanding warrant suddenly shattered with the blockhead ramming his vehicle into PBSO Agent John Tatum's patrol car. When the chase quickly re-engaged, Tatum showed how far law enforcement officers will go to get their man.

The perp, who had been under surveillance because of the warrant for robbery with a firearm and aggravated battery with a firearm, saw Tatum, and the chase was on. Then, the bad guy put his car in drive, floored it into the patrol car and fled the scene. Continuing at high speed, the attempt to evade catapulted his vehicle into a nearby catchment pond.

Like jumping into a nearby phone booth, Tatum turned from apprehension posture to rescue action. And moments later he saved the offender, who was on the verge of drowning.

"That flipping of the switch is creating your experience," recalled Tatum, whose ability to change direction in a split second earned second runner-up in the Palm Beach County PBA Officer of the Year awards announced at the annual Police Officers' Ball on June 9. At the tipping point of his action – the ram-jam of his patrol car that could have left Tatum severely injured, or worse – didn't need a second thought.

"We don't take it personally," he continued. "It's a job that we do. We love to do it. He got seven years for that incident and everything else he did leading up to that, so it was good."

As Tatum caught his breath following the awards ceremony, he paused to relate an important aspect of the incident. Another man had been in the car with the offender. Tatum swam back out to try and find him, going under numerous times to look. Fire Rescue ultimately found the man after he had drowned.

"One guy unfortunately didn't make it," added Tatum, a comment that no doubt emphasizes how much it means to law enforcement officers to save a life.

Tatum deflected much of the credit for the heroic response to his teammates in PBSO's Violent Crimes Division, where he has served for the past four of his 10 years on the job. Think of this unit as one of several PBSO TAC teams that can be required to have a Rangers or SEALs mentality in response.

"We have a great group of officers. We all train together, we all work together, we all eat together," Tatum described. "You know having a great group of guys makes the job easier."

The team adds one member per year. A couple of hundred officers interview for that opening in the unit. Being a certified Waterborne/Maritime Tactical Operator not only enabled Tatum to tread into water 15 feet deep to make the rescue, but



it also accentuated the particular set of skills this type of policing involves.

"You know, what I do now is why I became a cop," he continued. "You go out to the worst of the worst. You get to put somebody in jail of that caliber, so you really feel like you did something."

Tatum noted that the incident started out like a majority of the PBSO Violent Crimes cases. Leading up to the spur-of-the-moment reaction, agents had been on the suspect for a while. They tracked him to an establishment, where they waited outside to apprehend him.

The last thing they probably expected in this pursuit was a violent offender screaming for help from the middle of a pond. But looking back, Tatum realized there was a reason he was ready to switch into lifesaving mode.

"You never know what's going to happen, so you always have to be on your toes," Tatum reasoned. "You can't ever be complacent. And you should rely on your teammates." ♥

OFFICER OF THE YEAR: THIRD RUNNER-UP

Lifesavers on duty

Three Palm Beach County deputy sheriffs rewarded for their instinctive dive that saved a life

■ STORY AND PHOTO BY AMBER RAMUNDO

Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Deputy Tina Izzarone's memories of John Prince Park in Lake Worth consisted of long, relaxing days picnicking and waterskiing on Lake Osborne. That would all change, though, on July 1, 2017, when a 911 call for a suicidal female sent Izzarone speeding to the familiar setting where she grew up. This time, though, she was there to help save a life.

"I was at that lake the weekend before, (water) skiing with my friends," Izzarone explained. "People are here every day, especially on the weekends."

Tyler Eves was working a detail job at the park when he first heard the call come through. He immediately dropped what he was doing to respond. It didn't take long for him to identify the victim, who was sitting in a parked vehicle on the edge of the lake with the windows up, doors locked and music blaring.

Jeffrey Van Reeth was already on scene, trying to talk the disturbed female out of executing her plan to take her own life.

"Jeff is talking to her on the passenger side," Eves recalled. "I'm trying to talk to her on the driver's side, and she's just not communicating with us."

It was clear that the victim's mind was already made up. Izzarone arrived on the scene just as Van Reeth made the instinctual decision to use his baton to break through the passenger window. Immediately, the driver pressed down on the gas pedal, jolting the vehicle forward into the lake.

There wasn't a question of what the officers would have to do next, as the obstacle between them and saving a life was a massive 378-acre body of water.

"You a good swimmer?" Eves recalled Van Reeth asking before the three officers jumped into the lake.

"None of us hesitated," Eves noted. "We just took our gear off and went right in."

The vehicle was already about 25 feet from the shoreline by the time the officers reached it. Unable to stand, the officers treaded water next to the vehicle, which was rapidly filling with water. The doors were still locked, and Van Reeth had no choice but to climb through the broken passenger window to remove the victim from the car before it became fully submerged in the lake.

Once the officers looked back at the shoreline, they realized that they had drifted quite a distance into the middle of the lake. With the weight of their nylon uniform pants dragging them down, in addition to the victim who was not attempting to stay afloat, the officers knew that the only way for everyone to make it back safely would be to take turns and work together to keep the victim above water.

"They don't teach us that," Izzarone stressed. "There is no swimming training with us. She pulled each of us down at least once. I was coughing up water."



Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office members Tina Izzarone (left) and Tyler Eves are awarded third runners-up for their lifesaving response made with Jeffery Van Reeth.

Soon after the officers and the victim made it back to land unharmed, exhaustion set in. All four involved, including the victim, immediately lay flat on the ground, out of breath and in complete shock about what just happened. At that point, the vehicle, which was on shore just minutes ago, had sunk out of sight to the bottom of Lake Osborne.

"When it was all done, I was sitting on the shoreline for 10 to 15 minutes trying to recuperate," Eves recounted.

The officers may not have been lifeguard-certified, but they were able to quickly adapt to the situation in a way that saved a life and allowed each of them to walk away from the incident unharmed.

"It's instinct," Eves said. "It wasn't a matter of if we were going into the lake that day, it was, 'How quickly can we get in the lake?'"

Under the Baker Act, the victim was transported to the hospital by a fire rescue squad. If it weren't for the brave and selfless response of the three officers on scene, the outcome of this incident could have been fatal.

"I'm just glad we were able to help her," stressed Izzarone. "I've never had to deal with depression in my family or anything like that, so it's hard for me to grasp how someone would be so upset that they'd want to do that. But if I can help them, that's what I want to do." ♥

OFFICER OF THE YEAR: FOURTH RUNNER-UP

Special Delivery

Sanchez goes above and beyond the call of patrol to help a woman give birth

Palm Beach Gardens Police Officer Jonathan Sanchez was on patrol when he was dispatched to help a woman in severe pain. When he arrived, he heard the woman screaming.

Sanchez found the woman on the ground in the bathroom – she was in the midst of labor. Officer Sanchez attended to the woman and helped deliver baby Riley. His quick reaction and instinctive response beyond his regular patrol duties enabled Sanchez to bring a baby into the world.

His actions were so outstanding that he received Officer of the Year fourth runner-up recognition, the first time in 11 years that the PBC PBA has awarded a distinction beyond first-, second- and third runner-up at the Police Officers' Ball. ♥



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A man of auction

Pete Tartaglione works tirelessly to put together silent auctions for the Ball and other PBA events

■ BY MITCHELL KRUGEL

■ PHOTOS BY AMBER RAMUNDO

Memorabilia, mementos, jewelry and assorted gifts fill the foyer outside the ballroom at PGA National Resort. With all the precious goods and gems on display, the hallway looks like a combination of Upper Deck Sports, Macy's, Bid Daddy's and Antique Row.

Here was the handiwork of longtime Palm Beach County PBA member Pete Tartaglione: table upon table of pictures autographed by sports stars and celebrities; autographed baseballs and footballs; baskets full of premium brands of liquor and other gifts; bracelets, necklaces and pendants; rounds of golf and other items up for bid in the silent auction accompanying the annual Police Officers' Ball.

Pete works year round to collect accoutrements for the auction that raises thousands of dollars for PBC PBA charities, and especially the scholarship fund. It is a labor of his passion for the memorabilia world in which Tartaglione has become a player, a labor of love to give back to his fellow members and to see to every detail of these auctions that have become a mainstay at all the PBC PBA events.

"What we used to do with our silent auctions was productive to a degree, but I felt like it needed a little bit more," explains Tartaglione, who became a unit rep when he began working for PBSO in 2006 after being on the job in New York for many years. "So I said to (President) John (Kazanjan), 'Let me go out there and use my connections to get some donations. I feel like I've accomplished something because I know where the money is going. That's why it means so much to me.'"

Pete – everybody in and around the PBA knows him by his first name and what that name stands for – ran his first auction for the Police Officers' Ball seven years ago. He has expanded to doing similar fundraising at the PBA's Cars of Dreams event each January and the Kaitlin Kazanjan Golf Tournament each March.

The Ball is the biggest one, bringing in approximately \$20,000 in each of the past two years. For Pete, the effort has become personal. Both of his daughters were PBA scholarship recipients, and, well, it was the inspiration from his beloved wife Ann of 36 years, who passed away a few years ago, that gave Pete the initial push.

"She said, you know, 'Go for it. Enjoy yourself,'" he recalls. "Listen, I go see my kids in Tampa, and this is what I spend my time on. You have to have something to look forward to."

Truth be told, Pete never really has a chance to look forward to it because he works on the silent auctions and fundraising all year long. He taps into one of his great passions to procure a good chunk of the sports memorabilia: being a lifelong New York Yankees fan. Like most of the auctions, the 2018 Ball fea-



Pete Tartaglione brings his personal touch and relentless effort to running the silent auctions at PBC PBA events, which often feature memorabilia up for bid from his lifelong love of the New York Yankees.

tured a table of autographed photos of Reggie Jackson, Yogi Berra, Whitey Ford, Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig together and, of course, Derek Jeter.

His connections to procure these and other memorabilia – autographed footballs by NFL greats Dan Marino and Jim Kelly, a table of autographed bats and baseballs and photos autographed by stars from all sports – include ball players who have become friends. He met former Yankees player and manager Lou Piniella through his golf tournament in Tampa. Another of his good friends is Hall of Fame catcher Johnny Bench, a Palm Beach County resident who has helped the PBA raise money and support causes in the community.

"I call him and say, 'Johnny, I need this, this and this and so on,'" Pete says. "I try to get things that will sell. I have been trying to balance out the items more. Sometimes, I will get something I know somebody is looking for. I will walk them over to it



A year ago, Pete brought in jewelry items, which have helped raise additional funds for the PBA.

and say, 'I have something special for you.'

Some members wondered whether the auction had become too sports-centric, so a year ago Pete called on Adrienne Glickman to bring in jewelry items that she stocks through her company that does charity auctions.

Pete also has other connections who donate golf equipment, autographed photos by Marilyn Monroe and Jack Nicholson, rounds of golf for foursomes, spa packages and bottles of liquor. He even got Palm Beach County Sheriff Ric Bradshaw to make a "Sheriff for a Day" piece in the auction.



Auction items include autographed bats and baseballs, autographed celebrity photos, gift baskets and premium brands of liquor.

Pete makes the gift baskets that include the premium bottles and other items himself. He makes up all the bid sheets himself. He mans the table at the auction, selling tickets to premium merchandise being raffled off, including a Glock 43 this year. And he is the last one to leave at the end of night after making sure that all the winning bids are collected.

"I get a little anal about it," Pete notes. "I don't like anybody interfering with it, because if something is wrong, it's my fault. There's a lot of time and effort getting it done, running here, there and everywhere. But I don't mind. It's a labor of love." ♥



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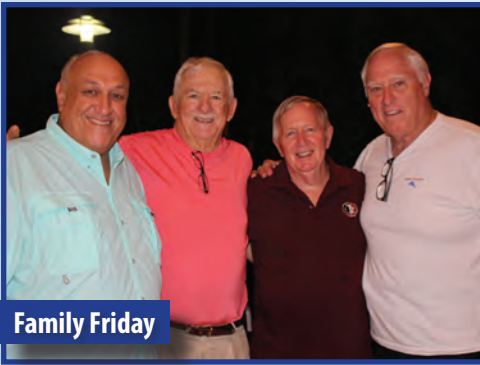


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A Week to Remember

Jupiter officers find a special feeling from attending Police Week

■ BY MITCHELL KRUGEL

Four officers from the Jupiter Police Department Honor Guard slowly moved through the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial during National Police Week 2018 as if they were trying to read all 21,000 names of sisters and brothers lost in the line of duty inscribed on its walls. And trying to revel in every letter, patch and artifact placed at the wall to honor those fallen officers.

On this Monday afternoon, May 14, Jupiter officers Mark Bujnowski, Kevin Schwebs, James Albano and Christopher Fandrey toured the Memorial in formation. Despite the blistering sunshine and humidity climbing the charts, they were in full dress uniforms. No official event was being held on this afternoon, but their presence at the Memorial seemed to personify what makes visiting the walls and attending National Police Week so magnetic, so exhilarating.

“If you look around at all the patches and badges from all over the world, essentially, it is pretty impressive,” appraised Bujnowski, who has been with the Jupiter Honor Guard for 10 years and made his 15th trip to Police Week this year. “That in itself is amazing, let alone coming here and giving tribute to fallen officers. It really is inspiring.”

The Jupiter PD Honor Guard began making official trips to attend National Police Week after Officer Bruce Edwin St. Laurent was lost on Sept. 9, 2012. St. Laurent was part of the motorcade escorting President Barack Obama. He was hit by a pickup truck on the I-95 ramp at 45th Street.

Each year, the department budgets to send up to half of its honor guard team to Police Week. The officers escort family members of fallen officers to the Candlelight Vigil at the National Mall, when the names of officers lost in the line of duty from the previous year are read and candles are raised in their honor. And they hold their own individual vigils for St. Laurent and Jupiter Major Edward Kaye Don Humphrey, who died from a heart attack suffered during a vehicle pursuit on Sept. 8, 1995.

“We just come here to represent the Jupiter Police Department, Major Humphrey and Officer St. Laurent and memorialize them forever,” commented Albano, who has been with the department for 10 years and the honor guard for three years.

Albano made his first visit to Police Week this year and had the chance to witness what makes law enforcement officers want to come back again and again. Being at the Candlelight Vigil – the first big event of the week, which attracted nearly 30,000 people from all over the world to the National Mall and culminates with the roll call of fallen officers – left him with an indelible image. That vision can change an officer’s life, or at least his perspective on the job.

“When they read the 300 names of the fallen officers and



From left, Jupiter Police Department Honor Guard members Mark Bujnowski, Kevin Schwebs, James Albano and Christopher Fandrey at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial during National Police Week in Washington D.C.

then watching everybody hold up candles with the Capitol in the backdrop was a very sobering moment, knowing that so many people put their lives on the line,” Albano observed. “It’s humbling because you don’t realize how strong the brother and sisterhood is until you’re with the entire world.”

The opportunity to come together with officers from around the world to show support for those who made the ultimate sacrifice is what has prompted Schwebs to return to Washington D.C. He was there in 2013 when St. Laurent’s name was added to the Memorial wall, and he came back to Jupiter with an experience that has made a lasting impact on being a police officer and everyday policing.

“It re-energizes you,” explained Schwebs, an original member of the Jupiter Honor Guard. “You come here to pay homage and respect to fallen officers. Then, you go back to serve and protect, and it gives you that little oomph.”

The Jupiter Honor Guard members came to National Police Week to remember fallen sisters and brothers, and especially Officer St. Laurent and Major Humphrey. But they found personal experiences that made the trip so worthwhile and compelled them to return.

During his first tour of the Memorial this year, Fandrey found the names of officers inscribed on the wall who worked at his grandfather’s agency in Suffolk County, New York. He, too, experienced a feeling that will be with him for the rest of his life.

“To see the wall, this is overwhelming,” Fandrey related. “I’m speechless being out here, honestly. The whole time I’ve been here, I’ve been speechless.” ♥



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Spotlighting female officers shining on the job

She's all that

By Amber Ramundo

Name any attribute that makes a cop successful and Rachel Saunders has got it: dedication to the job, leadership, credibility, fairness – not to mention overall ability to handle just about any detail.

What about the characteristics of a good person? Kindness, mentorship and wanting the best for others? Yeah, Saunders has got all that going for her, too.

It's safe to say that this Delray Beach Police Department (DBPD) veteran who has moved up the ranks to become captain has got it all.

Anyone who works with her agrees. Officers who have patrolled the streets with Saunders since she was hired in 1995, like Delray Beach PBA Unit Rep Vinnie Gray, insist that, "She's never been afraid to get her hands dirty." Or female officers who have found a role model in Saunders, like Stephanie Kearney, note, "She was the first female officer that I thought to myself, 'I want to be just like her one day.'"

Saunders proved early on in her career that her story would be different, and that gender would be irrelevant when she put on the uniform. The indicator "for a female" would never need to apply.

"I really don't differentiate," she stresses. "I see officers as officers. I don't see female and male."

And so DBPD officers like Darrell Hunter are proud to share that his mentor in law enforcement is female. When Hunter describes his role model who excels on so many levels, he simply says about Saunders: She's got it.

"We talk about people getting 'it' – the overall picture on why we're here and the importance of what we do. She's got that," Hunter explains. "You can't really define what 'it' is, but she has 'it.'"

Taking her shot

Saunders' it factor might be difficult to fully define, especially within the limits of this space. But it is easily displayed through mileposts in a career that has impacted those within the ranks

and so many within the community.

It might have to do with her strive for perfection, a mindset that started even before Saunders came on the job. Her natural athletic ability shined while playing basketball at Pineville High School in the small, desolate town where she grew up in West Virginia. Her skills on the court caused college recruiters to take notice of the small-town star who earned a basketball scholarship to Ford Atlantic University in Boca Raton.

But she didn't only aspire to excel in sports. This became clear after college, when Saunders joined the U.S. Army Reserve and climbed, crunched and planked her way to become the top physical fitness recruit out of 281 in boot camp.

Saunders continued going above and beyond when becoming a law enforcement officer. At the police academy, she was named class leader, which, in hindsight, foreshadowed the career ahead.

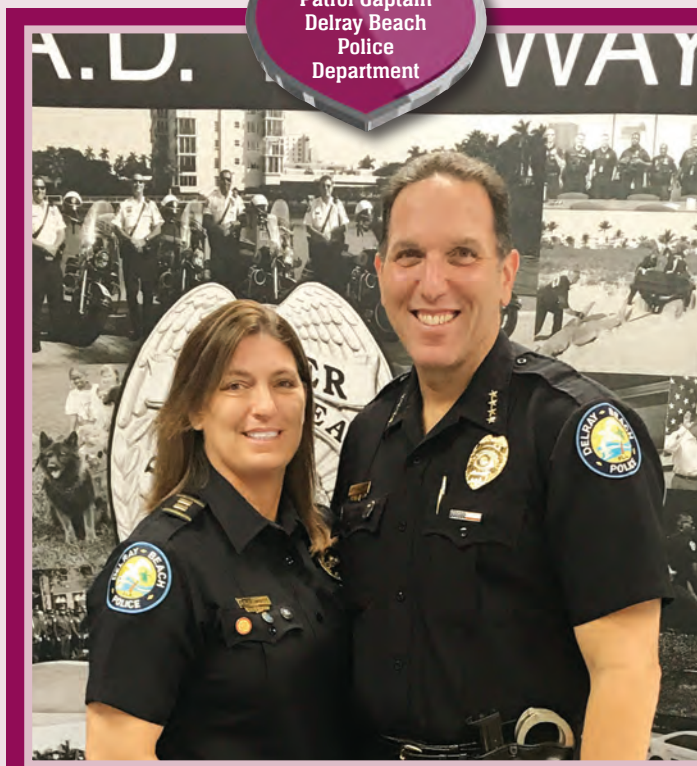
"I take what I do very seriously," Saunders asserts. "I don't want to let anyone down. I do my best not only for me, but those who depend on me."

By the time Saunders was hired at DBPD in 1995, her confidence made it so that she hardly noticed gender on the job. Of course, she could see the male-to-female ratio within the profession, but she never let the distinction of being a woman limit her as a cop.

"You might hear a bit of a different story from me," Sanders warns. "I've never looked at myself as a female in law enforcement. I've always looked at myself as a police officer. I just did my job."

Gender-proof

Saunders' ability to rise above gender on the job is definitely part of "it." It's what caused her to take a fearless approach on the streets while working with the narcotics unit and SWAT team for many years. It didn't matter the scale of danger or the size of the person committing the crime. Saunders fulfilled her



Rachel Saunders and Delray Beach Chief of Police Jeffrey Goldman advocate for the Delray Beach Police Department "L.E.A.D. the Way" program.



Stephanie Kearney (left) with her longtime role model in law enforcement, Rachel Saunders.



Rachel Saunders (right) leads a community effort to pick out clothes for the less fortunate to wear to job interviews.

duties without limits, like the time she came to Gray's rescue by launching at the back of a large man who was high on drugs and brawling with the officer.

"Being female definitely didn't hinder her at all," Gray confirms. "She had just as much guts and glory as any of the other officers."

For Saunders, most of the glory on the job comes from helping people. She has a reputation in a community devastated by a heroin crisis as somebody who wants to see abusers get clean. After years of helping people get to rehab and giving them the resources necessary to continue a meaningful life, Saunders has seen the impact she's made by receiving calls from individuals thanking her for saving their lives and being recognized on the street by former drug abusers who have turned their lives around.

"I think that means more to me than anything I have accomplished," Saunders confides. "That's what makes the job meaningful, knowing that I can impact and help people. Whether it's a drug user, a victim, a child or now helping our young officers."

As captain of the patrol division Saunders, may not differentiate between male and female officers in her command. But her expertise on the job and knack for forming a bond with each officer has naturally made Saunders a role model for all women in the DBPD ranks.

Kearney knew that she wanted to strive to achieve the "it" factor just like Saunders when she was assigned to road patrol in 2005. At the time, Saunders was her sergeant and went out of her way to help Kearney make her first drug bust.

"She took me down a back ally and said, 'You see that lady over there? She's got dope on her,'" Kearney recalls about being a rookie riding through Delray Beach with Sanders to get to know the city.

That was the start of Saunders mentoring Kearney, and the many lessons have left an impression as she continues as a DBPD training officer.

"Don't settle for second best. If you're going to take the test, be first on the list," Kearney notes as the high standards Saunders sets for all officers. "If you want something, give it 100 percent. Don't expect somebody to give it to you."

Saunders practices what she preaches. She achieved near-per-

fect scores on the sergeant and lieutenant promotional tests. And it was always clear to DBPD supervisors that she had "it."

Unstoppable

Delray Beach Police Department Assistant Chief Maria Olsen's definition of Saunders' it factor includes passion, vision and the ability to lead. As Saunders continued to prove herself as captain by meeting with officers and taking their feedback to find ways to improve the department, Olsen suggested that she begin to plan for her future by enrolling in an intense leadership course that is required to ascend to assistant chief or chief of an agency.

"As a leader myself, I'm always looking for who I should be grooming for the next level," Olsen explains. "(Saunders) has built a career based on credibility. She wasn't afraid to take the hard jobs and get in the trenches with the other officers. As a woman, that speaks volumes to me."

In February 2018, Saunders followed Olsen's advice and enrolled in the Administrative Officer's Course at the Southern Police Institute at the University of Louisville. Once again, Saunders proved her expertise and completed the three-month course by making the Dean's List.

But even as Saunders continues to advance through her career with high marks and notable impact, she reiterates that she's still a cop's cop, always looking to do right by the badge and better the community.

"I very much honor our badge and expect officers to do their best for the people who are out there and believe in us," she adds. "I've had a lot of really great role models, and for me to know that I could be that for someone else is a great feeling."

There's no doubt that Saunders is a role model as an exemplary officer, a perfectionist, a visionary and, yes, even a female. But her story is not about the "she" factor, it's about the "it" factor that makes Saunders an unstoppable force and an exemplary law enforcement officer.

"I'm an officer first. I'm a woman second," Olsen shares as the mindset on the job she sees in Saunders. "Rachel's like, 'Don't look at me because I'm a girl. Look at me because I happen to be willing to do the same things you do. And I'm really good at it.'" ♥

PBC PBA Scholarships

And the winners are...

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All applicants are guaranteed at least \$1,000 for the first

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For 2018, the top scholarship winners are:

PBC PBA Scholarship

- 1st Place: Alexia Marcellino \$2,500
- 2nd Place: Keirra Lamm \$2,000
- 3rd Place: Vincent Gray \$1,500

Kaitlin A. Kazanjian Memorial Scholarship

- 1st Place: Alina Gale \$2,500
- 2nd Place: Connor Murray \$2,000
- 3rd Place: Craig Caris \$1,500

Brian Chappell Memorial Scholarship

- 1st Place: Abigail Kalil \$2,500
- 2nd Place: Xavier Favors \$2,000



Abigail Kalil, winner of The Brian Chappell Memorial Scholarship.



PBSO Deputy Sean Murray accepts the second-place award for the Kaitlin A. Kazanjian Memorial Scholarship for his son, Connor.



Vincent Gray earned the PBC PBA Scholarship third-place award.



Craig Caris accepts the third-place award for the Kaitlin A. Kazanjian Memorial Scholarship.

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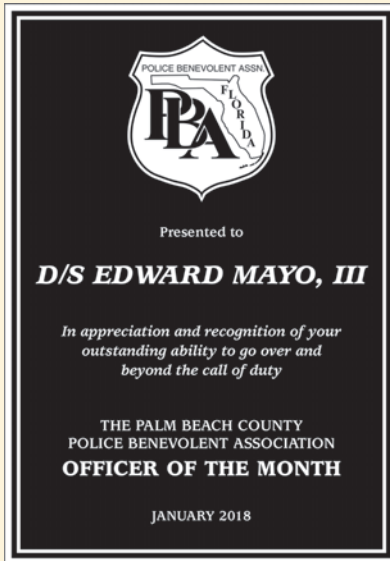
January 2018

PBSO Deputy Sheriff Edward Mayo III

Police were called after several men were seen trying to open car door handles. The suspects got into a car and drove past the perimeter at a high rate of speed, hit a curb and then continued.

Deputy Sheriff Edward Mayo initiated a traffic stop, and the driver stopped. The suspects opened the doors in an attempt to flee on foot, but they quickly changed their minds when Mayo yelled that the K9 would be released if they ran. All five suspects were taken into custody, and stolen items were recovered.

Mayo's quick thinking and experience concluded this incident quickly and successfully.



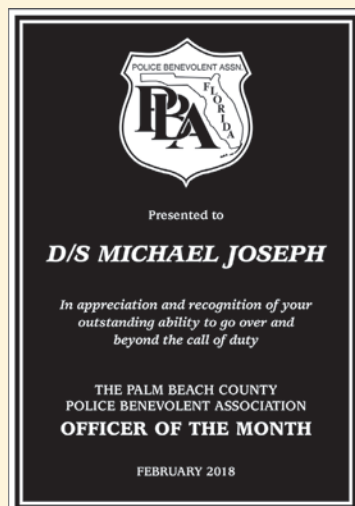
February 2018

MCSO Deputy Sheriff Michael Joseph

Deputy Sheriff Michael Joseph was off duty at Publix when an elderly woman yelled out that her purse had been stolen. She pointed to the culprit as he ran off. Joseph sprang into action — in his flip-flops, rolling his ankle in the process.

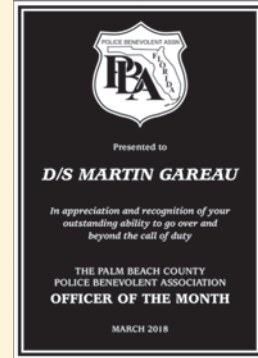
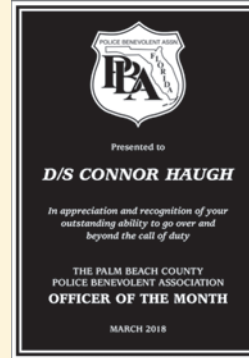
Joseph identified himself as a MCSO deputy, but the suspect fought, punched and pulled away. After several physical struggles, Joseph was able to overcome the suspect and hold him until on-duty deputies arrived. The purse and all of its contents were returned to the victim.

Joseph did not hesitate to respond to the victim's call for help and relentlessly pursue the bad guy, even while off duty.



March 2018

PBSO Deputy Sheriffs Connor Haugh and Martin Gareau



Deputy Sheriffs Connor Haugh and Martin Gareau were dispatched to a call that a man had just shot a woman in the head, put her body in his car and started driving south on I-95 North. As the deputies pulled up, they saw a car matching the description with its airbags deployed — it had just crashed into multiple cars — and a state trooper walking up to the car.

The trooper deployed his Taser through the passenger window, but the suspect was still alert and conscious. Dep-

uties Haugh and Gareau backed up the trooper and gave commands for the suspect to show his hands, but the suspect ignored commands and reached toward his waistband, grabbing the receiver of a weapon. As the suspect came up with the weapon, Haugh immediately fired. Moments later, the vehicle burst into flames. Both deputies took control of the situation and prevented anyone else from being hurt by the suspect that day.



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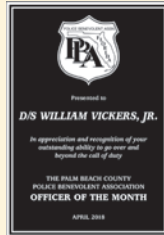
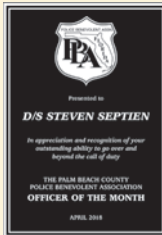
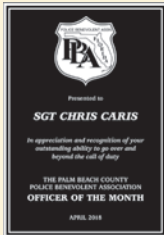
April 2018

Sergeant Chris Caris and Deputy Sheriffs Steve Septien and William Vickers

While conducting surveillance in reference to more than \$12,000 worth of stolen fishing equipment, Sergeant Chris Caris and Deputy Sheriffs Steve Septien and William Vickers conducted a traffic stop on a suspicious vehicle. The deputies smelled marijuana and saw a shotgun in the rear seat. The three occupants were detained.

Septien and Vickers also located a handgun in the front seat. They discovered that the handgun had been stolen in a burglary and the shotgun had been stolen from an unmarked PBSO vehicle days earlier.

The team of deputies recovered the guns as well as the stolen fishing equipment.



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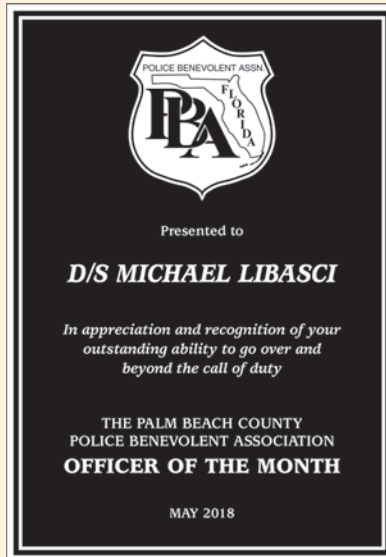
May 2018

MCSO Deputy Sheriff Michael Libasci

While boating off duty, Deputy Sheriff Michael Libasci witnessed a boating accident on the St. Lucie River. One man had sustained life-threatening injuries and was nearly unconscious on his sinking vessel.

Libasci boarded the man's vessel to assess his injuries, which included a fractured leg and serious lacerations to his head and body. Libasci did his best to apply pressure to the wounds and keep the man's airway open until Fire Rescue could take over.

Even on his day off, Libasci embodied the spirit of "Protect and Serve."



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Members Only Section

Celebrating PBC PBA members and the way they serve every day

West Palm Beach Cops and Scholars nights out are picture-perfect

When students from West Palm Beach get in the back of Brent Treu's patrol car, they know they've done something good. This is because ever since May 2017, the West Palm Beach Police Department has committed to building positive bonds between officers and students through the Cops and Scholars program by hosting unforgettable nights out on the town with law enforcement, nights that have made for memorable images that are continually posted on the department's Facebook page.

The Cops and Scholars program was the brainchild of West Palm Beach Ser-

geant William Nealy to address concerns about too many kids only associating law enforcement with getting into trouble. Students now have the opportunity to get to know the officers in a relaxed, positive environment while being rewarded for their hard work in the classroom.

Each week, WPBPD officers interact with a different group of grade-level scholars from schools across West Palm Beach. The Cops and Scholars officers create positive experiences for each set of selected students who get to cruise with the cops to some of West Palm Beach's favorite dining spots.

Officers and students have also shared laughs between delectable bites. From spicy chicken at Chick-fil-A to steak and ribs at Duffy's Sports Grill to burgers at the Grease Burger Bar, officers like Treu make sure that each Cops and Scholars dinner is an unforgettable and delicious night out.

Treu and other officers who participate in the Cops and Scholars program make it their mission to create meaningful memories that will make a difference amongst the youth in the community. And judging by the selfies that have come from these occasions, it looks like they're doing a great job. 🍷



West Palm Beach Police Department
June 8 at 6:07 AM · 📍
Who likes #burgers? This week we had the privilege of hosting these two fun middle schoolers from Renaissance Charter School at Cypress at Grease Burger, Beer and Whiskey Bar for our weekly #CopsAndScholars dinner. The laughs didn't stop all night. Thanks Ms Gonzalez for joining us and being such an influential teacher. #WPB #Community #Partnership #Selfie



West Palm Beach Police Department
June 21 at 7:30 PM · 📍
We were able to beat the summer heat for our weekly #CopsAndScholars Dinner at Chick-fil-A Palm Beach Lakes Blvd. and Sloan's @ City Place. We had the privilege of hosting two honor roll students from the The School District of Palm Beach County. We love taking time to invest in our future. #Community #SpicyChicken #WaffleCones



West Palm Beach Police Department
June 15 at 9:16 AM · 📍
Time for a #dinner break. We had the privilege of hosting two fine students from The School District of Palm Beach County and The Youth Empowerment Center from The City of West Palm Beach for our weekly #CopsAndScholars meal. Thanks to Duffy's Sports Grill Clematis for hosting this amazing dinner. #community #ribs #steak



Junior achievement at Jupiter PD

Day One of the academy presented sessions on hostage negotiations and criminal investigations. Day Two was SWAT training. And as the week progressed, students worked marine patrol on dive boats, ran traffic radar devices, did beach patrol and studied drug enforcement, accident investigation and driving under the influence.

The 19th annual Jupiter Police Department Junior Police Academy once again enabled students ages 9-12 to develop a deeper appreciation of law enforcement while opening the door to better communication between officers and students.

During the week of June 11-15, students spent three hours each day getting hands-on training. The week culminated with graduation on the final day that featured a K9 demonstration and a special cake. ♥



Students of the 19th annual Jupiter Police Department Junior Police Academy.



During the three-hour daily sessions, students studied drug enforcement and criminal investigations, worked traffic patrol and went out on dive boats.

Stuart PD gives citizens an inside look at city government

Following the approach of “getting to know the community you serve to get citizens to work with you and help everybody remain safer,” the city of Stuart held its first “Government in the Community” event on June 14.

More than 100 residents gathered at Stuart Congregational Church to hear presentations from representatives of Stuart Police and Stuart Fire Rescue Department, among other community services.

Following a presentation by the Stuart PD K9 unit, interim Police Chief Joe Tumminelli honored a local resident who had recently alerted law enforcement after spotting three men trying to break into cars in a nearby community.

“Forums like this are really well received for several reasons,” noted David Dyess, Stuart’s interim city manager and former police chief. “Residents get to meet many of the staff members who oversee and operate many of the important services they rely on.” ♥



Delray Beach Police Department goes lights out

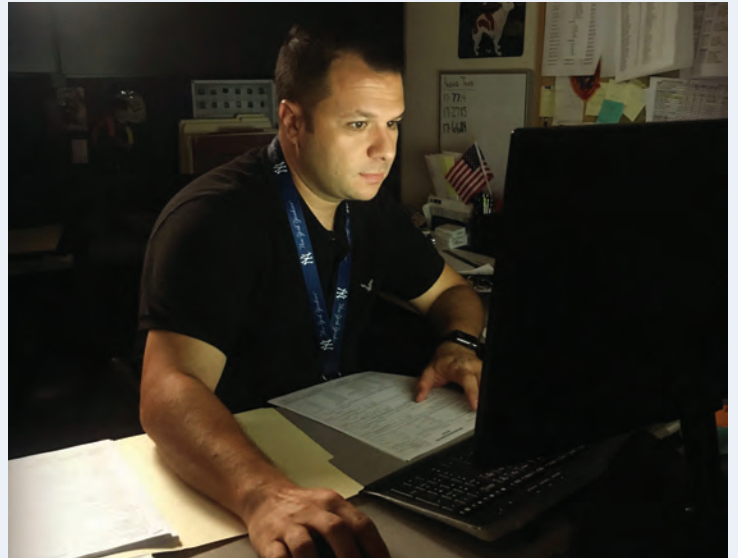
Delray Beach Police Department went dark on June 22 to participate in the Daylight Hour campaign to save energy taking place around the world on that day.

DBPD joined more than 800 offices worldwide that turned off the lights from noon to 1 p.m. to bring awareness to using natu-



Crime Scene Supervisor David Ackerman and investigator Karla Del Valle analyze evidence during Daylight Hour.

ral daylight instead of electric lighting. This annual campaign was launched by the Building Energy Exchange in 2014 to encourage offices to rely on daylight on the Friday closest to the summer solstice. Members embraced this hour of daylight and proved that they could continue their duties even without the lights on. ♥



Delray Beach Detective Gio Milicchio's computer monitor lights his way during Daylight Hour.


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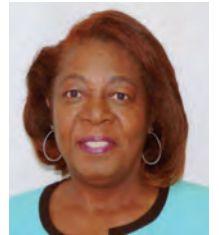




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Spreading peace in West Palm Beach

The streets of West Palm Beach were extra peaceful on June 21 when West Palm Beach Police Department officers joined members of the community for the Peace in the Streets walk. Kids and their families were happy to have law enforcement participate in the Mayor's Village Initiative that provides a calendar of safe, pro-social activities to help bring communities together and reduce crime.

WPBPD officers, including Chief Sarah Mooney, joined the crowd of civilians to advocate for peace in the streets and a safer, stronger community. ❤️



Riviera Beach Police Department cooks up National Police Week celebration

The Riviera Beach Police Department gathered for a team barbeque on May 18 to celebrate the hard work of officers and recognize those who have made the ultimate sacrifice during National Police Week. Members of RBPB proved that officers don't have to be in Washington D.C. during National Police Week to do something special to honor the fallen as they came together in the comfort of the town they serve to enjoy an afternoon feast fresh off the grill.

"We're out here today trying to do something special for the men and women of the Riviera Beach Police Department who are out there working hard day in and day out trying to keep our community safe," noted Interim Police Chief Michael Madden in a video posted on the RBPB Facebook page.

In addition to recognizing all officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice, members honored the sacrifice of RBPB Officer Meredith Stanley Runck, Jr. who was killed in the line of duty in 1974. ❤️



Interim Police Chief Michael Madden and Detective Everton Morgan showed department pride by wearing "I 'heart' RBPB" T-shirts while manning the grill to serve hamburgers, hot dogs and ribs to feed the entire RBPB family.



From left, Officer Aaron Posset, Riviera City Manager Karen Hoskins and Interim Police Chief Michael Madden.



Delray Beach citizens honor officers

On May 17, four Delray Beach Police Department members were honored by the Delray Citizens for Delray Police at the annual awards dinner.

Officer Joseph Kratz was named the 2017 “Officer of the Year.” Officer Stephanie Holst won the 2017 “Rookie of the

Year” award, and Sergeant Jeff Rasor won the 2017 “Supervisor of the Year” award. Police Digital and Public Records Specialist Mike Garcia won the 2017 Patricia Taylor Employee of the Year award. ♥



MCSO deputy experiences the sweeter side of law enforcement



Four young entrepreneurs of the community saved the day for one Martin County Sheriff's Officer who was due for a much-needed refreshment break on the job.

Deputy Todd Schimelfanick was passing through the Pinecrest Lakes Community on June 27 when he came across the thirst-saving lemonade stand on the scorching summer day. Schimelfanick was happy to support the young business team and the children were thrilled to serve this community hero. ♥

MCSO deputy named 'Officer of the Year'



On May 25, Martin County Sheriff's Office K9 Deputy William “Billy” Baker was named the Acacia Masonic Lodge “Officer of the Year”.

Deputy Baker was honored for a number of outstanding achievements alongside peers from surrounding law enforcement agencies. Deputy Baker's father, Retired MCSO Deputy Sheriff William “Buzzy” Baker, also won this award in the early 1990s.

Acacia Masonic Lodge No. 163, located in Stuart, holds the annual law enforcement awards night and dinner to honor officers from the four Martin County law enforcement agencies. ♥

Sports Section

Delray and Boynton officers put their best feet forward for charity

This game wasn't just for kicks.

On June 2, members of the Delray Beach and Boynton Beach police departments squared off in a game of kickball to benefit the David Clowney Foundation, which the NFL veteran started in 2008 to support underprivileged youth with educational endeavors.

The spirit of the competition was best described in a post from the Boynton Beach PD Facebook page:

"There's no one we'd rather lose a kickball game to than our brothers at the Delray Beach Police Department! Great morning to benefit the David Clowney Foundation." ❤️



MCSO deputies give it their best shot

Kids in Indiantown were caught in a quandary. Which MCSO deputy was the better basketball player: Deputy Jason Hickman or Deputy Dan Fantini?

Both deputies were good friends of the Indiantown kids, who decided to take a shot with both of them on June 7. Or a few shots. Fantini and Hickman both strutted their stuff on the court and turned an afternoon with the kids into a memorable experience by showing some basketball love. ❤️



Officers' soccer team goes for the gooooooooooooooal

It might not have been the World Cup, but the action on the pitch at the First Responder Games on June 16 was just as exciting. Especially when Delray Heat United, a team that included PBC PBA members from the Boynton Beach Police Department, the Delray Beach Police Department and the Palm Beach County School District Police Department, took the silver medal.

The championship game on June 16 against Brevard County Fire Rescue was tied 2-2 at the end of regulation. The fire team wound up winning the game in penalty kicks. But after the three-day tournament, Delray Heat United was already making plans to go for the gold next year. ❤️



Thank-You Notes TO THE PBA

From Scholarship Recipients...

June 14, 2018

Palm Beach County Police Benevolent Association
Attention: Scholarship Committee Members
2100 N. Florida Mango Road
West Palm Beach, FL 33409

Dear Committee Members:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you from the bottom of my heart for choosing me as one of the 2018 PBA Scholarship Fund recipients. I was excited to attend the check presentation today at the PBA Hall, and enjoy many fond memories growing up in my law enforcement family.

Due to the generosity of this committee I will be able to head into my third semester at the New York Film Academy – South Beach Campus and continue my studies in Film Producing/Film Directing which will earn me a Bachelor's in Fine Arts. I am thoroughly enjoying studying what I love, and as they often say about work holds true with school studies as well, "If you love what you are studying, you will never be forced to attend a class a day in your life." I look forward to doing great things in my future, as well as never forgetting my "service above self" learning from my friends and family at the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office.

Again, thank you for having such a wonderful program, and I look forward to updating you all in the future on my progress in the field of film production.

Very truly yours,



Michael A. Carhart

Thank
You

Dear PBA,

I am so grateful to have been awarded this scholarship! This money will help me continue my education during my second year at the University of Florida. Your generosity will help me achieve my dream of one day becoming a surgeon.

Sincerely,

Abigail Kalil

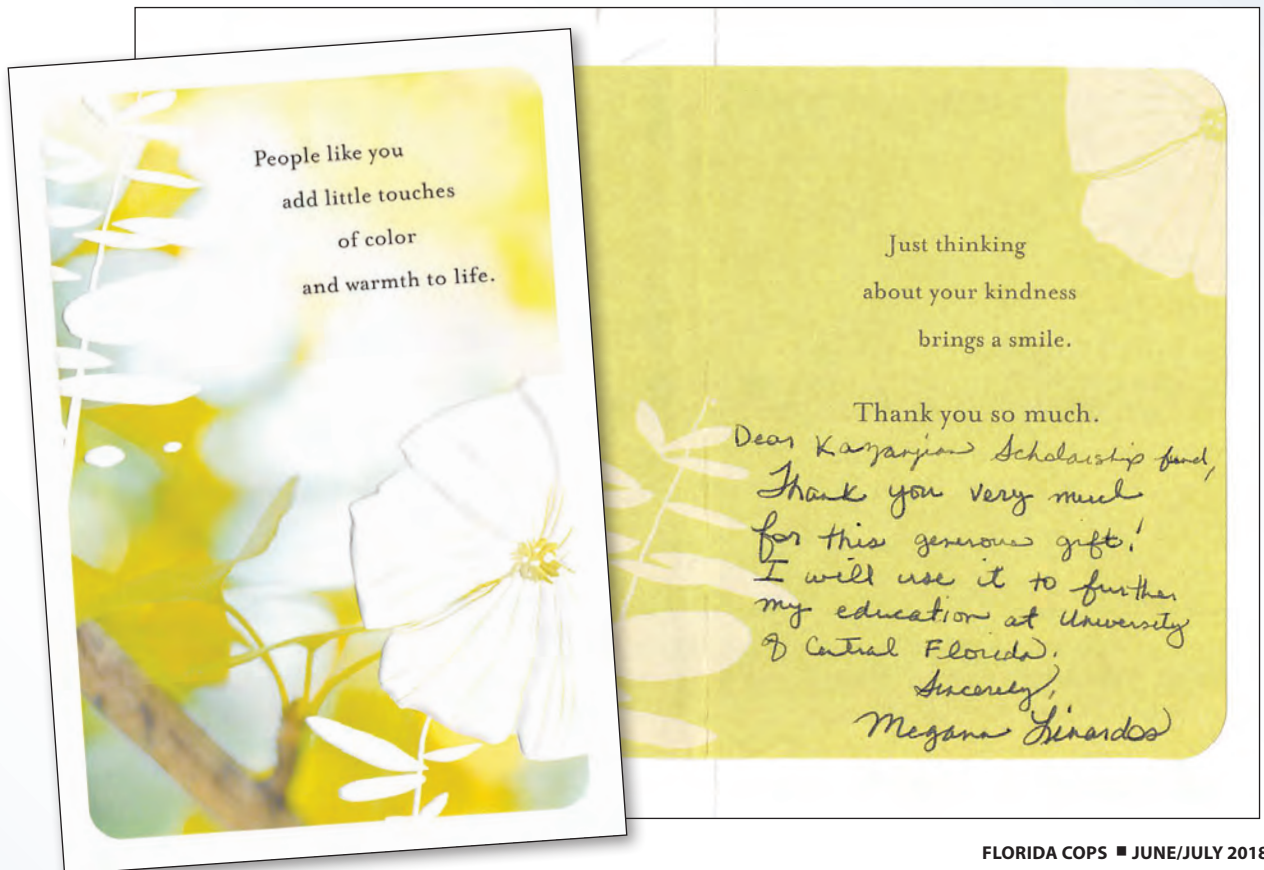
Thank
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Dear PBA Scholarship Committee Members,
Thank you for the generous scholarship I received for my studies at the University of South Florida. Your donation is greatly appreciated as I've earmarked this money towards books for this academic year.

My most sincere thanks to this committee, the donors and all parties involved that help make this scholarship possible.

Thank you again,
Elizabeth Combs

Thank-You Notes TO THE PBA



Thank-You Notes TO THE PBA

From the Public...



Palm Beach Central
Project Graduation 2018

May 29, 2018

Palm Beach County Police Benevolent Association
2100 N. Florida Manga Road
West Palm Beach, FL 33409

Dear Cops for Kids,

Palm Beach Central High School Project Graduation 2018 Committee would like to thank you for your financial donation for Project Graduation 2018. We depend on the business community to help make this event possible and successful for our graduates. Your support allowed our seniors to have a safe and memorable event on graduation night.

Sincerely,

Terri Priore
Project Graduation 2018

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May 21, 2018

Palm Beach County PBA
2100 N. Florida Mango Rd.
West Palm Beach, FL 33409

To Whom It May Concern:

We would like to thank you for your generous contribution to our 3rd Annual Spring Golf Tournament held May 3rd at the Abacoa Golf Club. We raised over \$16,000 for our charities which included Autism Project of Palm Beach County, Wounded Veterans Relief Fund, Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College, and Greyhound Pet Adoptions. This event would not have been a success without your generosity and support.

We hope that you had a wonderful time and look forward to seeing you next year **Thursday, May 2, 2019** at the Abacoa Golf Club Jupiter, FL to celebrate our 4th Annual Spring Golf Tournament!

Mark your calendar for our other events coming up this year!

Photos and updates on future events please check us out on Facebook.com. (Search for: Rooney's Annual 5k Run/Walk or Rooney's Golf Foundation.)

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Sincerely,

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I cannot thank you enough for your contribution to my campaign for Circuit Court Judge, Group 13. Your trust and belief in me, my passion for public service and my commitment to justice leaves me incredibly humbled.

Your generous financial support will help provide the resources my campaign needs to effectively reach the voters of Palm Beach County and succeed in the August 28 primary election.

I truly appreciate your support. Thank you for standing with me.

Sincerely,

Scott Kerner

Paid By Scott Kerner for Circuit Court Judge, Group 13

Thank-You Notes TO THE PBA

From Members...



Thank you so much for your contribution and support to help us celebrate National Telecommunicator Week. Your donation was greatly appreciated and brought a lot of smiles and helped make this week special for all of the dispatchers whom are often forgotten!!!

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PBC PBA Member Benefits

KNOW AND ASSERT YOUR RIGHTS!

Remember, as a sworn officer, you have the right...

- To be represented by a PBA attorney during any interrogation.
- To be provided any complaint, all witness statements, and all existing evidence (e.g., audio and video recordings, GPS locator information) for review with an attorney before the beginning of any interrogation.
- To be interrogated at a reasonable hour (e.g., at a time when a PBA attorney can be present for the review and interrogation).
- To refuse a polygraph.
- To refuse to respond to questions if an investigator intentionally fails to comply with requested requirements after being advised of his or her violations of those requirements.

As a dues-paying member, a Palm Beach County PBA attorney can be with you every step of the way.

If you are a member in good standing, and you are suspended or fired, Palm Beach County PBA has attorneys to assist you.

Carry the card of confidence...your PBA Membership Card

LEGAL ADVISORY

Police shootings, in-custody deaths, or serious traffic accidents

What to do?

Stay Calm

Have you been ordered to write a statement about an incident that may be investigated?

Don't forget your rights! Call the Palm Beach County PBA at 561-371-7200.

Do not talk to anyone until you have consulted with a PBA ATTORNEY!

PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS

The following statement should be written as the first sentences on any statement, report, or memorandum an officer is ordered to write when the officer knows or has a reasonable belief that discipline may result:

It is my understanding that this report is made for administrative, internal police department purposes only. This report is made by me after being ordered to do so by lawful supervisory officers. I have not been permitted a reasonable amount of time to confer with a PBA representative or attorney. It is my understanding that by refusing to obey an order to write this immediately, that I can be disciplined for insubordination and that the punishment for insubordination can be up to, and including termination of employment. This report is made only pursuant to such orders and the potential punishment/discipline that can result for failure to obey that order.

Legal Reminder

The legal defense policies of the Florida and Palm Beach County PBA have an important provision regarding representation.

If a member elects to secure representation by anyone other than the PBA (a private attorney, for example) that member is considered to have waived representation by the PBA. Once this happens, it is the PBA's option whether to continue to represent the member in that matter.

Please call the PBA office if you have any questions regarding this policy.

We want our members to be the first to know...

There's a great new way to stay up-to-date with the PBA on up-to-the-minute breaking news, events, money-saving specials and much, much more by receiving PBA texts and emails directly to your mobile device.

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Emergency Contact Procedure

Please be advised that the emergency number 561-371-7200 is for **CRITICAL INCIDENTS ONLY!**

Our attorney(s) should **ONLY** be contacted after hours for critical incidents; that is, an officer-involved shooting, an in-custody death, an on-duty vehicle accident with injuries or if Internal Affairs investigators are responding right now to an incident.

If you are attempting to contact a PBA Attorney for any matter that is not a critical incident, please contact the PBA Office at 561-689-3745 during regular business hours of 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

PBCPBA Charity Fund Deductions

The Palm Beach County PBA Charity Fund was established in 2004 to assist our members and their children with scholarships to defray the costs of higher education. In addition, the Charity Fund now helps provide charitable assistance to our members and their families who have experienced a life-altering tragedy or a catastrophic event.

The PBA Charity Fund, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) organization. Contributions to the fund are fully tax deductible.

If you are a PBCPBA employee and wish to contribute to the Charity Fund, please visit www.pbcpba.org for instructions on donating or contact Elizabeth at the PBA 561-689-3745.

Attention: Retirees

Please take notice that pursuant to §95.11(3), Florida Statutes, lawsuits, including "an action founded on negligence," and "for assault, battery, false arrest, false imprisonment or any other intentional tort..." must be filed "WITHIN FOUR YEARS" of the incident date.

To the extent that such lawsuits may be brought against you after you retire, you need to consider continuing your membership for four years beyond your retirement.

If you are retired but have returned to law enforcement and are currently paying a "RETIREE MEMBERSHIP," you should be aware that if you are subject to such actions at a time when you no longer are paying the appropriate dues, the PBA cannot provide legal assistance. See Palm Beach County Policy 12-1.

Enjoy the full peace of mind your retirement should mean.

817.311 Unlawful Use of Badges, Etc.

(1) From and after May 9, 1949, any person who shall wear or display a badge, button, insignia or other emblem, or shall use the name of or claim to be a member of any benevolent, fraternal, social, humane or charitable organization, which organization is entitled to the exclusive use of such name and such badge, button, insignia or emblem either in the identical form or in such near resemblance thereto as to be a colorable imitation thereof, unless such person is entitled so to do under the laws, rules and regulations of such organization, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in S. 775.082 or S. 775.083.

(2) This section shall be cumulative to any and all laws now in force in the state.



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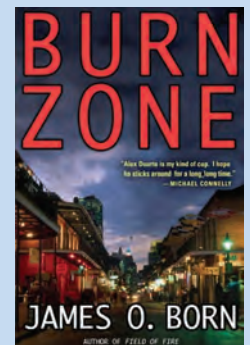
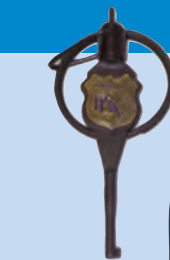


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Lapel Pins	\$5
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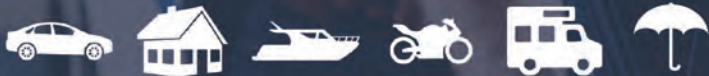
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