



Florida Police Chiefs Association

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FLORIDA POLICE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION ENDORSES PAM BONDI FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL

TALLAHASSEE, FL – The Florida Police Chiefs Association (FPCA) today announced its endorsement of Attorney General Pam Bondi in the upcoming election for Florida's Attorney General. The FPCA cited the Attorney General's history of supporting Florida's law enforcement and public safety in its announcement, specifically the efforts the Attorney General has made to combat human trafficking and illegal drugs, as well as her work to maintain funding resources for the Prescription Drugs Monitoring Database.

"Attorney General Pam Bondi has always demonstrated her commitment to law enforcement and the safety of our citizens," said Jupiter Police Chief Frank Kitzerow, the FPCA President. "We look forward to her continued leadership and support."

"Based on her record, Attorney General Pam Bondi is the clear choice for re-election as Florida's top law enforcement officer," said Amy Mercer, Executive Director of the Florida Police Chiefs Association. "The Florida Police Chiefs are proud to support her."

Attorney General Bondi is dedicated to making Florida a zero-tolerance state for human trafficking. She has formed partnerships with law enforcement agencies and businesses to raise awareness about human trafficking and to educate Floridians about how to recognize human trafficking victims. To support this effort, the Attorney General launched a public awareness campaign featuring educational information on billboards, bus shelters and mall displays throughout the state.

The Attorney General has made combatting illegal drugs a top priority, focusing on synthetic drugs and the abuse of prescription medications. Since her first week in office, she has worked closely with the Florida Legislature to add several known synthetic drugs to the schedule of controlled substances, improving law enforcement's ability to protect Florida's communities from these dangerous drugs. She has also aggressively targeted pill mills and prescription drug abuse, working closely with Florida Governor Rick Scott and the Legislature to close legal loopholes that allowed illegitimate doctors and pharmacies to overprescribe and dispense prescription medications, particularly pain killers.

Attorney General Bondi has also been instrumental in identifying funding for the Florida Prescription Drug Monitoring Database, a law enforcement tool that collects dispensed controlled prescription medication information (schedule II-IV) to reduce drug diversion and abuse. The database can assist law enforcement investigations where the diversion of controlled substances is suspected, perhaps in association with an illegal pill mill or other distribution center. Thanks to her efforts, Florida's pill mill epidemic is lessening and lives are undoubtedly being saved.

The FPCA is the fourth largest state police chiefs association in the nation and is composed of more than 750 of the state's top law enforcement executives. FPCA serves municipal police departments, airport police, college and university police, private business and security firms, as well as federal, state and county law enforcement agencies. The FPCA has members representing every region of the state.

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