



Florida Police Chiefs Association

Quality Law Enforcement for the Sunshine State

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CENTRAL FLORIDA LEGISLATOR HONORED BY FLORIDA POLICE CHIEFS

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – The Florida Police Chiefs Association (FPCA) today announced the recipient of the 2015 FPCA Legislator of the Year Award is Representative Neil Combee (R-Auburndale). Representative Combee was honored by the organization because of his work securing ongoing funding for law enforcement training throughout the state.

“Training is such an essential element for our law enforcement officers, especially as we work to build relationships of trust within the communities we protect,” said Jupiter Police Chief Frank Kitzerow, President of the FPCA. “An officer who is properly trained is the best resource our departments can have. We can’t thank Representative Combee enough for his support of this issue.”

Representative Combee was instrumental in getting recurring funding approved for the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Trust Fund, which provides training for law enforcement officers throughout Florida. More than \$4 million in recurring funds was approved, which amounts to approximately \$67 per officer per year, including correctional officers. This funding has been non-recurring in the past.

The mission of the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Committee is to ensure Floridians are served by criminal justice officers who are ethical, qualified and well-trained. The training is critical to ensure officers are well-prepared to protect the citizens and communities across our state.

The FPCA is the fourth largest state police chiefs association in the nation and is composed of more than 900 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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