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Florida Police Chiefs Association Supports Anti-Swatting Legislation

Tallahassee, Fla. – The Florida Police Chiefs Association (FPCA) issued the following statement today relating to the introduction of anti-swatting legislation, SB 1234 by Sen. Jim Boyd (R-Bradenton) and HB 371 by Rep. Chuck Brannan (R-Macclenny). The comments may be attributed to FPCA President and Satellite Beach Police Department Chief Jeff Pearson.

"The practice of 'swatting' happens when individuals falsely report a crime in the hopes of sending law enforcement, especially Special Weapons & Tactics (S.W.A.T.) forces, to an intended target's residence or place of business."

"Unfortunately, this practice has become more frequent and its effects more expensive and destructive, both for the public and the law enforcement officers unwittingly put into those dangerous situations."

"The Florida Police Chiefs Association fully supports SB 1234 and HB 371, and commends Sen. Boyd and Rep. Brannan for sponsoring legislation to combat this emerging public safety issue."

About the Florida Police Chiefs Association

The Florida Police Chiefs Association (FPCA) is the nation's pre-eminent law enforcement professional association, speaking for more than 900 of Florida's top law enforcement executives, and providing guidance and leadership for the future of law enforcement and our communities. The FPCA serves municipal, airport, college and university, and tribal police departments, as well as private businesses and security firms and federal, state and county law enforcement agencies across every region of the state. For more information about the FPCA, please visit www.fpca.com.

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