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Gov. Ron DeSantis Addresses Florida Police Chiefs Association Mid-Winter Conference

Tallahassee, Fla. – The Florida Police Chiefs Association (FPCA) welcomed Governor Ron DeSantis to the 2022 FPCA Mid-Winter Training Conference & Exposition, held in Orlando January 8-11.

"Over 470 member Chiefs and supporters were honored to welcome and hear from Governor Ron DeSantis today as we begin a new year with a new emphasis on officer wellbeing and supporting the law enforcement mission," said FPCA president and Daytona Beach Shores Public Safety Department Director Stephan Dembinsky.

Said DeSantis, "I will always have your back. Whether it is popular or unpopular, I will always support law enforcement."

"FPCA appreciates Governor DeSantis's unwavering support for the profession of law enforcement and his commitment to public safety," said Dembinsky.



FPCA president and Daytona Beach Shores Public Safety Department Director Stephan Dembinski with Governor Ron DeSantis.

Other topics and speakers at the conference included a panel discussion on leadership with nationally recognized former Chiefs and agency heads William Bratton, Dan Oates, Ellis M. Stanley, Sr., and Brian Dugan, a segment on improving hiring and retention by partnering with Police Psychological Services, and a review of the Pillars of Change report from the FPCA Subcommittee on Accountability and Societal Change. Attendees also heard a panel discussion on public safety, leadership, and community relations within the context of the chief and city manager relationship.

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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