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Florida Police Chiefs Association Convenes 70th Annual Summer Training Conference and Exposition

Tallahassee, Fla. – The Florida Police Chiefs Association (FPCA) convened its 70th Annual Summer Training Conference and Exposition today in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida.

"With over 200 attendees enjoying a full suite of training sessions, over 100 exhibitors in our trade show, and addresses from Florida's elected leaders, this year's conference is the perfect opportunity for law enforcement executives to network, learn, and discuss the most pressing issues facing our profession," said FPCA president and Daytona Beach Shores Public Safety Department Director Stephan Dembinsky.

This year's training sessions include tackling the difficult but necessary work of changing culture through trust and communication, recruiting and retaining talent, managing generational differences, addressing team dysfunction from the squad level to command, and receiving state agency and legislative updates. Of particular interest will be a session on implementing Co-Responder Team Programs, a new model that pairs officers with mental health professionals to respond to incidents involving individuals experiencing behavioral health crises.

The trade show includes many returning sponsors and several first-time exhibitors, and spans a range of products and services including hardware like body armor and drones, software solutions for reporting and workforce management, facility design/build firms, and continuing education, to name a few.

Attendees will also welcome hearing from U.S. Senator Marco Rubio, Attorney General Ashley Moody, and Senate President Wilton Simpson in person, and video addresses from U.S. Senator Rick Scott and Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis.

FPCA will also announce the Police Officer, Command Officer, and Chief Executive "Of the Year" awards, and the Rocky Pomerance Excellence in Policing and Public-Private Partnerships awards. Finally, FPCA will install the 2022 – 2023 officers.

About the Florida Police Chiefs Association

The Florida Police Chiefs Association (FPCA) is the nation's pre-eminent law enforcement professional association, speaking for over 1,000 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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