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Florida Police Chiefs Association Endorses Governor Ron DeSantis for President of the United States

Tallahassee, **Fla.** – The Florida Police Chiefs Association (FPCA) today endorsed Governor Ron DeSantis for President of the United States of America.

FPCA president Keith Touchberry said, "The Florida Police Chiefs Association is honored to fully endorse Governor DeSantis for President of the United States of America. From his commitment to safe communities and defending the rule of law, to his unwavering support for the profession of law enforcement through better pay and recruiting bonuses, Governor DeSantis backs the blue."

FPCA 1st vice-president Charles "Chuck" Broadway said, "The Florida Police Chiefs Association is proud to endorse an extraordinary public servant like Governor DeSantis. His first responder recognition programs are making a difference, and we know he will take that same results-oriented approach to Washington."

FPCA 2nd vice-president Charlie Vazquez said, "Governor DeSantis cares about the men and women who risk their lives to protect the public, and he's demonstrated that concern by making sure agencies have the resources to recruit and retain the most capable, professional officers."

FPCA 3rd vice-president Robert Bage said, "With crime at a record 50-year low, Florida is a leader in public safety due to Governor DeSantis' steadfast support of our law enforcement officers. We look forward to continuing our work with him on behalf of the people of Florida."

More than 2,265 people, both new recruits and current officers from other states, entered the law enforcement profession in Florida by accessing Governor DeSantis's Florida Law Enforcement Recruitment Bonus Program. Governor DeSantis also led the effort during the 2023 session to fund a second round of recruitment bonuses and \$110 million to provide one-time recognition bonuses for eligible local first responders.

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 1,300 of Florida's top law enforcement executives and members, 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