



RED ALERT

For Immediate Attention

Members,

Yesterday, FPCA sent out a Red Alert in advance of Representative Danny Alvarez's press event. Please see the press release and additional information below that has been released from his office.

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STATE REPRESENTATIVE DANNY ALVAREZ URGES IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION OF SIG SAUER P320 PISTOL FOR ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT

HILLSBOROUGH, FL: Florida State Representative Danny Alvarez, HD 69 – Hillsborough, is calling on all law enforcement agencies statewide to suspend use of the Sig Sauer P320 sidearm, citing mounting evidence that the weapon may pose an unacceptable safety risk to both officers and the public.

A recent study by the FBI Ballistic Research Facility highlighted a possible issue with the weapon that allowed it to discharge nine times without pulling the trigger inside the holster. In another six incidents, the striker hit the bullet but it didn't discharge. This combined with the mounting stories of un-commanded discharges in holster within the law enforcement community, including the Tampa Bay area, create enough doubt to reach no other conclusion. Just this week, the U.S. Air

Force suspended the use of their Sig Sauer M18, the military variant of the P320, after one of their airmen died.

"This is about officer safety, PERIOD and I am not willing to gamble with their lives. I have lost faith in this weapon for our law enforcement community," said Danny Alvarez. "You cannot look someone in the eye and say I back you and then ignore the mounting anecdotal evidence over the last couple year and stay silent."

Reports from officers and civilians across the country detail incidents of un-commanded discharges involving the P320—including instances where holstered weapons fired without a trigger pull. In some cases, officers have been shot and injured. The Tampa Police Department alone has witnessed one possible incident, captured on video that is hard to comprehend.

Key Points:

The FBI's Ballistic Research Facility found the P320 discharged nine times from a holster without the trigger being pulled and caused light primer strikes in six additional instances during recent testing.

- The Michigan State Police and other agencies have reported similar un-commanded discharges.
- The Pasco County Sheriff's Office halted the use of the weapon after un-commanded discharges.
- The Indian River County Sheriff's Office changed weapons when one of their deputies was shot while both his hands were removing his vest and the pistol was in his holster.
- Holmes Beach Police are currently replacing the pistol in response to officers' airing safety and confidence concerns.
- U.S. Air Force Global Strike Command has paused use of the gun pending an investigation involving the death of one of their airmen. No correlations have been reached at this time.
- Several agencies nationwide—including the Dallas Police Department, Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission, Milwaukee Police Department, Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority, Denver Police Department, and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement—have discontinued or replaced the P320 due to safety concerns.

"This is not a criticism of Sig Sauer as a company, but a necessary judgment call to protect those who put their lives on the line for us. Law enforcement should not have to wait for a fatal tragedy in their ranks before acting. The time to act is now," said Alvarez. "I am sensitive to the cost of rolling out new guns, holsters and training, but there is no choice. This is a call to action to all chains of command and their civilian leadership."

Immediate Action Steps Proposed

- Suspend all use of Sig Sauer P320 pistols by Florida law enforcement agencies statewide as soon as possible.
- Require Agencies to develop and publish action plans within 30 days, including a detailed timeline, that demonstrates the phasing out of the P320 to another weapon platform
- Initiate an expedited review and selection of alternative sidearms with proven safety and reliability records.
- Establish a transparent process for officers to report equipment concerns without fear of reprisal.
- Engage with national experts and agencies that have acted on this issue to share information and best practices.

The Cost Of Inaction

“If the mounting anecdotal reports from police officers and civilians along with the FBI study are not compelling, it begs the question, with everything we know today, why would we take the risk?” he said. “Elected officials and agencies alike must determine for themselves what the cost of inaction is? Can you live with the results of something tragic happening after weighing the concerns? I can’t and I won’t”

About Representative Danny Alvarez

Danny Alvarez serves as General Counsel to the Tampa Police Benevolent Association, was formerly the Chief Information Officer of the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office where he also served on a shooting review board for five years and served as the Chairman of the Criminal Justice Subcommittee in the Florida House of Representatives this year. He is committed to advancing public safety and supporting the needs of Florida’s law enforcement and first responder community.

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