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#### LETTER FROM CFO JIMMY PATRONIS

## **DEAR FRIENDS**,

Serving as the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of Florida's Department of Financial Services, I get to make a difference in the lives of Floridians every single day by fighting financial fraud, erasing abuse and waste in government, reducing government spending and, promoting accountability. In this role, I have the unique opportunity of overseeing the operations of the Division of Insurance Fraud, and as such, I'm able to make these priorities a reality.

In this year's annual report, I'm excited to tell you about the Division of Investigative & Forensic Services' achievements, share a few unique cases, and also share how the detectives and prosecutors are working together to investigate, prosecute and hold accountable those who would commit crimes and take advantage of Florida's citizens and businesses.

In fact, it is through valued partnerships with prosecutors, the insurance industry, local citizens willing to report fraud and other law enforcement in the community, that we are able to take down dishonest fraudsters who scheme to defraud all of us.

With our anti-fraud reward program we're financially able to give back to those who assist our efforts. To date, the Department has awarded almost \$342,000 to more than 50 citizens who provided us with key information leading directly to arrests and convictions. I encourage you to take a moment to read about some of our achievements in the following pages.

Sincerely,

Jimmy Patronis Chief Financial Officer State of Florida





#### LETTER FROM DIFS DIRECTOR SIMON BLANK

On behalf of Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis, Deputy Chief Financial Officer Jay Etheridge, and the men and women of the Florida Division of Investigative & Forensic Services (DIFS), I am pleased to present the annual report for the division's Fiscal Year 2018/2019.

During this year, Florida faced several critical events where DIFS provided support to our neighboring agencies. In June 2018, DIFS members provided aid in fighting the massive fires impacting Eastpoint, Florida. In October 2018, Florida's Panhandle suffered the wrath of Hurricane Michael that resulted in an estimated loss of over 10 billion dollars. DIFS was one of the first agencies to deploy troops to aid in the search and recovery efforts. DIFS immediately sent the Disaster Fraud Assistance Strike Team (DFAST) to the Panhandle aiming to educate the public and apprehend those violating insurance fraud related crimes.

Our commitment to the impacted area has remained strong and we continue to work with local and state agencies in an effort to protect local residents.

In addition to these challenges, DIFS received and vetted over 17,000 referrals, arrested 885 suspects and obtained over \$84.9 million in restitution for victims. Division members also responded to 3,433 fire calls and made 292 related arrests.

I would also like to recognize and thank our many partners within the industry as well as local, state and the federal government who provide their support in the fight against fraud, arson and misuse of state funds.

Sincerely,

ante Simon Blank

Director Division of Investigative and Forensic Services





# OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR



SIMON BLANK



ERNIE STOLL LIEUTENANT COLONEL

# BUREAU OF FIRE, ARSON & EXPLOSIVES INVESTIGATIONS



JOSEPH STEADMAN



KARL MORGAN DISTRICT I MAJOR



BRANDON BALL DISTRICT II MAJOR

## BUREAU OF FIRE, ARSON & Explosives Investigations

The Bureau of Fire, Arson & Explosives Investigations' core mission includes the detection, investigation, apprehension and prosecution of offenders of arson and explosive related crimes. The Bureau also works to enhance investigations and prosecutions and to deter arson and explosive related crimes through education and training.

The Bureau is under the direction of Chief Joseph Steadman and is divided into two operational districts: District One and District Two. District One is comprised of two regions where District Two is comprised of three regions. These five regions respond to requests for service and provide investigative support to fire, police, citizens and visitors of Florida. District 1 is comprised of the North West and North East regions and is under the command of Major Karl Morgan. District 2 is comprised of the North Central, South Central and South regions and is under the command of Major Brandon Ball. The Bureau also supports the Division's Special Operations EOD and K-9 units.

The five regions are commanded by a law enforcement captain each. They contain 14 squads, each supervised by a lieutenant. The Bureau consists of 100 sworn officers and 15 civilian support staff members



### FISCAL YEAR 2018/2019 STATISTICS



#### TO REPORT SUSPECTED ARSON, Call 1-877-NO-Arson (662-7766)

#### **NORTH WEST REGION**

Pensacola Field Office 610 E. Burgess Road Pesacola, FL 32504 (850) 453-7803

Panama City Field Office 1022 W. 23rd St. Suite 670 Hancock Center Panama City, FL 32405

Tallahassee Field Office Alexander Building, Suite 210 Tallahassee, FL 32301 (850) 413-3900

#### **NORTH EAST REGION**

Jacksonville Field Office 921 N Davis Street Building B, Suite 280 Jacksonville, FL 32290 (904) 798-5804

Ocala Field Office 11655 NW Gainesville Rd, Bldg 8 Ocala, FL 34482

#### **NORTH CENTRAL REGION**

Daytona Field Office 210 N Palmetto Ave, Suite 210 Daytona Beach, FL 32114

Orlando Field Office 400 West Robinson Street, Suite N402 Orlando, FL 32801 (407) 316-4790

#### **SOUTH CENTRAL REGION**

Tampa Field Office 8600 Hidden Rier Pkwy, Suite 200 Tampa, FL 33637

Lake Wales Field Office 1750 Longleaf Blvd, Ste 7 Lake Wales, FL 33859

Ft. Myers Field Office 4700 Terminal Drive, Suite 4 Ft. Myers, FL 33907 (239) 278-7533

#### **SOUTH REGION**

Plantation Field Office 6851 W. Sunrise Blvd Suite 1 Plantation, FL 33313 (954) 321-3704

West Palm Beach Field Office 400 N Congress Ave, Suite 230 West Palm Beach, FL 33401

### DISTRICT & REGIONAL BOUNDARIES







### NORTH West Region

The North West Region is responsible for the enforcement of arson related crimes committed in Bay, Calhoun, Escambia, Gadsden, Gulf, Hamilton, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Lafayette, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Suwannee, Taylor, Wakulla, Walton and Washington Counties.

The region is divided into three field offices, directed by Major Karl Morgan, Captain Chris Welch and Lieutenants David O'Dell, Matthew Streichert and Jason Roberts.



PENSACOLA FIELD OFFICE Lieutenant David O'Dell

PANAMA CITY FIELD OFFICE Lieutenant Matthew Streichert

TALLAHASSEE FIELD OFFICE Lieutenant Jason Roberts

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#### NORTH WEST REGION CHRIS WELCH CAPTAIN

(850) 747-5888 1022 W 23rd Street, Suite 670 Panama City, FL 32504

| Squad              | Cases Opened | Cases Closed | Presentations | Arrests |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------|
| Pensacola Office   | 245          | 262          | 19            | 13      |
| Panama City Office | 181          | 171          | 25            | 22      |
| Tallahassee Office | 291          | 271          | 35            | 13      |

### NORTH East Region

The North East Region is responsible for the enforcement of arson related crimes committed in Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Citrus, Clay, Columbia, Dixie, Duval, Gilchrist, Levy, Marion, Nassau, Putnam, St. Johns, Sumter and Union Counties.

The region is divided into three field offices, directed by Major Karl Morgan, Captain Robert Stephens and Lieutenants Joseph Pietrafesa, Matthew Legler, and Ernest "Duane" Cooper.





#### NORTH EAST REGION ROBERT STEPHENS CAPTAIN

(904) 798-5804 921 N Davis Street, Bldg. B Suite 280 Jacksonville, FL 32290 JACKSONVILLE FIELD OFFICE Lieutenant Joseph Pietrafesa Lieutenant Ernest "Duane" Cooper

OCALA FIELD OFFICE Lieutenant Matthew Legler

| Squad                  | Cases Opened | Cases Closed | Presentations | Arrests |
|------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------|
| Jacksonville Office #1 | 271          | 373          | 42            | 28      |
| Jacksonville Office #2 | 219          | 266          | 25            | 27      |
| Ocala Office           | 273          | 298          | 26            | 20      |

## NORTH Central Region

The North Central Region is responsible for the enforcement of arson related crimes committed in Brevard, Flager, Indian River, Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole and Volusia Counties.

The region is divided into three field offices, directed by Major Brandon Ball, Captain Jason Herrman and Lieutenants Paul Patterson and Cynthia Campina.



ORLANDO FIELD OFFICE Lieutenant Cynthia Campina

DAYTONA BEACH FIELD OFFICE Lieutenant Paul Paterson

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#### NORTH CENTRAL REGION JASON HERRMAN CAPTAIN

(407) 316-4790 400 W Robinson Street, Suite N402 Orlando, FL 32801

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## SOUTH Central Region

The South Central Region is responsible for the enforcement of arson related crimes committed in Charlotte, Collier, Desoto, Hardee, Hernando, Highlands, Hillsborough, Lee, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk and Sarasota Counties.

The region is divided into three field offices, directed by Major Brandon Ball, Captain Phil Roman and Lieutenants Randy St. Clair, Stacy McIntyre and Joseph Minervini.



TAMPA FIELD OFFICE Lieutenant Randy St. Clair

LAKE WALES FIELD OFFICE Lieutenant Stacy McIntyre

FORT MYERS FIELD OFFICE Lieutenant Joseph Minervini



#### SOUTH CENTRAL REGION PHIL ROMAN CAPTAIN

(239) 278-7533 4700 Terminal Drive, Suite 4 Fort Myers, FL 33907

| Squad              | Cases Opened | Cases Closed | Presentations | Arrests |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------|
| Tampa Office       | 238          | 204          | 6             | 13      |
| Lake Walles Office | 269          | 261          | 23            | 16      |
| Fort Myers Office  | 259          | 256          | 29            | 30      |

## SOUTH Region

The South Region is responsible for the enforcement of arson related crimes committed in Broward, Dade, Glades, Hendry, Martin, Monroe, Okeechobee, Palm Beach and St. Lucie Counties.

The region is divided into three field offices, directed by Major Brandon Ball, Captain Ross Holt and Lieutenants Anthony Mozealous, Edwin Tapanes and James Milton.



WEST PALM BEACH FIELD OFFICE Lieutenant Anthony Mozealous

PLANTATION FIELD OFFICE Lieutenant Edwin Tapanes Lieutenant James Milton

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#### SOUTH REGION ROSS HOLT CAPTAIN

(954) 321-3704 6851 W Sunrise Blvd, Suite 1 Plantation, FL 33313

| Squad                                | Cases Opened | Cases Closed | Presentations | Arrests |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------|
| PLANTATION OFFICE<br>FORT LAUDERDALE | 164          | 188          | 31            | 2       |
| PLANTATION OFFICE MIAMI              | 161          | 198          | 48            | 43      |
| WEST PALM BEACH OFFICE               | 234          | 268          | 29            | 23      |

# BUREAU OF INSURANCE FRAUD



EVANGELINA BROOKS



MIKE WOOD DISTRICT I MAJOR



**RAFAEL DELGADO** DISTRICT II MAJOR

### BUREAU OF INSURANCE FRAUD

The Bureau of Insurance Fraud's core mission includes the investigation of alleged acts of insurance fraud not categorized under workers' compensation fraud, including; licensee, healthcare, application, vehicle, homeowners, commercial, disability, arson, and life insurance fraud. Within these categories are; organized schemes to defraud the public and insurers, insolvency of insurance companies due to internal fraud, criminal activity by unauthorized entities illegally doing business in Florida, and viatical related fraud.

The Bureau is under the direction of Chief Evangelina Brooks and is divided into two operational districts: District One and District Two. District One is comprised of three regions where District Two is comprised of two regions. District 1 is comprised of the North, North Central and West Central regions and is under the command of Major Mike Wood. District 2 is comprised of the South Central and South regions and is under the command of Major Rafael Delgado.

The five regions are commanded by a law enforcement captain. They contain 19 squads, each supervised by a lieutenant. The Bureau consists of 120 sworn officers and 32 civilian support staff members

### FISCAL YEAR 2018/2019 STATISTICS

**17,008** Suspected Fraud Referrals

> **931** Cases Presented for Prosecution

870 Arrests







#### TO REPORT SUSPECTED ARSON, CALL 1-877-NO-ARSON (662-7766)

#### **NORTH REGION**

Pensacola Field Office 610 E. Burgess Road, Suite 100 Pesacola, FL 32504 (850) 453-7803

Tallahassee Field Office 200 East Gaines St. Tallahassee, FL 32399-0324 (850) 413-3115

Jacksonville Field Office 921 N Davis St., Bldg B, Suite. 149 Jacksonville, FL 32290 (904) 798-5802

#### NORTH CENTRAL REGION

Orlando Field Office 400 W Robinson St., Suite 5-823 Hurston Bldg., Orlando, FL 32801 (407) 835-4402

#### WEST CENTRAL REGION

Tampa Field Office 8600 Hidden River Parkway, Suite 100 Tampa, FL 33637-1016 (813) 972-8602

St. Petersburg Field Office Lucie Building 9800 4th St., Suite 100 St. Petersburg, FL 33702 (727) 563-1142

### DISTRICT & REGIONAL BOUNDARIES

### **DISTRICT I**



#### **SOUTH CENTRAL REGION**

West Palm Beach Field Office 400 N Congress Ave., Suite 250 West Palm Beach, FL 33401 (561) 837-5601

Ft. Lauderdale Field Office 1400 W Commercial Blvd, Suite 135 Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309

Ft. Myers Field Office 4700 Terminal Drive, Suite 5 Ft. Myers, FL 33907 (239) 278-7527

#### **SOUTH REGION**

Miami Field Office 401 NW 2nd Ave, Suite N-321 Miami, FL 33128 (305) 536-0302



## NORTH Region

The North Region is responsible for the enforcement of insurance related crimes committed in Alachua, Baker, Bay, Bradford, Calhoun, Citrus, Clay, Columbia, Dixie, Duval, Escambia, Flagler, Gadsden, Gilchrist, Gulf, Hamilton, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Lafayette, Leon, Levy, Liberty, Madison, Marion, Nassau, Okaloosa, Putnam, Santa Rosa, St. Johns, Sumter, Suwannee, Taylor, Union, Wakulla, Walton and Washington Counties.

The region is divided into four general fraud squads, directed by Major Mike Wood, Captain Mike Smith and Lieutenants Sandra Fitzsimons, Krista Gaston, Seth Schiefer and Kevin Jones.



NORTH REGION MIKE SMITH CAPTAIN



#### PENSACOLA FIELD OFFICE

(850) 453-7802 610 Burgess Road, Suite 100, Pensacola, FL 32504 Lieutenant Sandra Fitzsimons

#### TALLAHASSEE FIELD OFFICE

(850) 413-3115 200 East Gaines Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399 Lieutenant Krista Gaston

#### JACKSONVILLE FIELD OFFICE

(904) 798-5802 921 N Davis Street, Bldg. B, Jacksonville, FL 32209 Lieutenant Seth Schiefer, Squad #1 Lieutenant Kevin Jones, Squad #2

| Squad                  | Referrals | Cases<br>Opened | Cases<br>Closed | Presentations | Arrests | Successful<br>Prosecutions |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|---------|----------------------------|
| Jacksonville Squad     | 732       | 81              | 73              | 61            | 37      | 36                         |
| Jacksonville Squad (2) | 734       | 72              | 66              | 47            | 45      | 38                         |
| Pensacola Squad        | 426       | 78              | 77              | 37            | 41      | 36                         |
| Tallahassee Squad      | 518       | 51              | 57              | 27            | 18      | 19                         |

## NORTH Central Region

The North Central Region is responsible for the enforcement of insurance related crimes committed in Brevard, Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole and Volusia Counties.

The region is divided into two auto fraud squads and one general fraud squad, directed by Major Mike Wood, Captain John Savino and Lieutenants Laquanda Green, Craig Weaver and Erik Anderson.





NORTH CENTRAL REGION JOHN SAVINO CAPTAIN ORLANDO FIELD OFFICE (407) 835-4402 400 West Robinson Street, Suite S-823 Hurston Building Orlando, FL 32801 Lieutenant Laguanda Green, General Fraud

Lieutenant Craig Weaver, Auto Fraud #1 Lieutenant Erik Anderson, Auto Fraud #2

| Squad                  | Referrals | Cases<br>Opened | Cases<br>Closed | Presentations | Arrests | Successful<br>Prosecutions |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|---------|----------------------------|
| Orlando Squad          | 537       | 93              | 98              | 31            | 25      | 30                         |
| Orlando Auto Squad     | 1294      | 58              | 62              | 34            | 29      | 28                         |
| Orlando Auto Squad (2) | 806       | 101             | 94              | 28            | 25      | 23                         |

## WEST Central Region

The West Central Region is responsible for the enforcement of insurance related crimes committed in Desoto, Hardee, Hernando, Highlands, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, and Sarasota Counties.

The region is divided into an auto fraud squad and two general fraud squads, directed by Major Mike Wood, Captain Carl Lane and Lieutenants Carlos Rosario, Jada Roberson, and Carl Reschke.



WEST CENTRAL REGION CARL LANE CAPTAIN



#### TAMPA FIELD OFFICE

(813) 972-8602 8600 Hidden River Parkway, Suite 100 Tampa, FL 33637 Lieutenant Carlos Rosario, Auto Fraud Lieutenant Jada Roberson, General Fraud

ST. PETERSBURG FIELD OFFICE (727) 563-1142 St. Lucie Building 9800 4th Street, Suite 100 St. Petersburg, FL 33702 Lieutenant Carl Reschke, General Fraud

| Squad                | Referrals | Cases<br>Opened | Cases<br>Closed | Presentations | Arrests | Successful<br>Prosecutions |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|---------|----------------------------|
| Tampa Squad          | 546       | 39              | 59              | 30            | 34      | 29                         |
| Tampa Auto Squad     | 1476      | 72              | 59              | 28            | 22      | 21                         |
| St. Petersburg Squad | 707       | 121             | 120             | 65            | 50      | 48                         |

## SOUTH Central Region

The South Central Region is responsible for the enforcement of insurance related crimes committed in Broward, Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, Indian River, Lee, Martin, Okeechobee, Palm Beach and St. Lucie Counties.

The region is divided into one auto fraud squad and four general fraud squads, directed by Major Rafael Delgado, Captain Frank Briganti and Lieutenants Glen Clasen, Kevin Lashells, Jonathan Lent, Francisco Gonzalez, and Kerrian Lindsay.



#### SOUTH CENTRAL REGION FRANK BRIGANTI

CAPTAIN



#### FT. LAUDERDALE FIELD OFFICE (954) 958-5402

1400 West Commercial Boulevard, Suite 135, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309 Lieutenant Francisco Gonzalez , Auto Fraud Lieutenant Kerrian Lindsay, General Fraud

#### WEST PALM BEACH FIELD OFFICE

(561) 837-5601 400 N Congress Ave, Suite 250, West Palm Beach, FL 33401 Lieutenant Kevin Lashells, Squad #1 Lieutenant Jonathan Lent, Squad #2

#### FT. MYERS FIELD OFFICE

(239) 278-7527 4700 Terminal Drive, Suite #5, Fort Myers, FL 33907 Lieutenant Glen Clasen, General Fraud

| Squad                     | Referrals | Cases<br>Opened | Cases<br>Closed | Presentations | Arrests | Successful<br>Prosecutions |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|---------|----------------------------|
| Ft. Myers Squad           | 784       | 58              | 79              | 18            | 24      | 15                         |
| West Palm Beach Squad     | 105       | 36              | 34              | 9             | 9       | 25                         |
| West Palm Beach Squad (2) | 1146      | 37              | 76              | 16            | 11      | 20                         |
| Ft. Lauderdale Squad      | 954       | 47              | 95              | 26            | 28      | 28                         |
| Ft. Lauderdale Auto Squad | 839       | 49              | 87              | 19            | 27      | 30                         |

## SOUTH Region

The South Region is responsible for the enforcement of insurance related crimes committed in Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties.

The region is divided into two auto fraud squads and two general fraud squads, directed by Major Rafael Delgado, Captain Erik Cruz and Lieutenants Oscar Sigler, Jonathan Patterson, Stanley Jean-Felix, and Thomas Fernandez.



SOUTH REGION ERIK CRUZ CAPTAIN



#### MIAMI FIELD OFFICE

(305) 536-0302 401 N.W. 2nd Avenue, Suite N-321, Miami, FL 33128

Lieutenant Oscar Sigler, Auto Fraud Squad #1

Lieutenant Jonathan Patterson, General Fraud Squad #2

Lieutenant Stanley Jean-Felix, General Fraud Squad #3

Lieutenant Thomas Fernandez, Auto Fraud Squad #4

| Squad            | Referrals | Cases<br>Opened | Cases<br>Closed | Presentations | Arrests | Successful<br>Prosecutions |
|------------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|---------|----------------------------|
| Miami Auto Squad | 502       | 56              | 69              | 55            | 54      | 43                         |
| Miami Squad (2)  | 417       | 50              | 39              | 14            | 26      | 21                         |
| Miami Squad (3)  | 820       | 38              | 72              | 18            | 19      | 18                         |
| Miami Squad (4)  | 2002      | 48              | 80              | 35            | 44      | 13                         |

# OFFICE OF FISCAL INTEGRITY



CHARLES WADE

# OFFICE OF FISCAL INTEGRITY

The Office of Fiscal Integrity's (OFI) mission is to detect and investigate the misappropriation or misuse of state assets to safeguard the State of Florida and its taxpayers. When tax payer funds are misused, it's not only illegal but it hurts the state's ability to provide services taxpayers pay for and need. State employees, contracted employees and vendors are entrusted to use state tax payer funds for the good of Floridians. Reporting theft and fraud ensures Floridians receive the most from their tax dollars and help them have confidence in their state government.

OFI works to ensure the proper use of taxpayer funds by investigating allegations of:

- State contract and grant fraud
- Unclaimed Property fraud
- · Theft of state property
- Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) fraud
- State travel reimbursement, credit card and payroll fraud
- Fraud through counterfeit warrants and fraudulent debits to state treasury accounts

**CONTACT** Phone: (850) 413-5514 Email: OFI@Myfloridacfo.com Fax: (850) 413-5553

|                                     | Referrals | Cases<br>Opened | Presentations | Arrests | Successful<br>Prosecutions |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|---------------|---------|----------------------------|
| Office of Fiscal<br>Integrity Total | 80        | 28              | 8             | 9       | 11                         |

# BUREAU OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION FRAUD



BRIAN MCCOY



DARRELL WILSON CAPTAIN

### WORKERS' Compensation Bureau

#### TAMPA (813) 972-8602 Lieutenant Doreen Rivera

MIAMI (305) 536-0302 Lieutenant gina Narcisse

WEST PALM BEACH (561) 837-5601 Lieutenant Stacey Spirn

ORLANDO (407) 835-4402 Lieutenant Ruthell Harris

The Bureau of Workers' Compensation Fraud investigates suspected criminal violations of Florida's Workers' Compensation laws. Workers' compensation insurance is a significant expense for Florida businesses, and fraud pushes the price even higher.

The Bureau of Workers' Compensation Fraud is made up of 30 sworn and 2 non-sworn, and four (4) supervisors assigned to squads located in Miami, West Palm Beach, Orlando and Tampa. In addition to these dedicated squads, six (6) squads in the Bureau of Insurance Fraud also investigate workers' compensation fraud cases in their designated areas. These squads are located in Pensacola, Tallahassee, Jacksonville, St. Petersburg, Fort Myers and Fort Lauderdale.

The bureau participates in joint efforts with the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR), the Internal Revenue Service, the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Labor, and multiple local law enforcement agencies throughout the state to prevent and prosecute:

- Unlicensed contractors
- · Businesses employing workers without appropriate workers' compensation coverage
- · Employees who file false on-the-job injuries or exaggerate their injuries
- · Employees working other jobs while receiving workers' compensation benefits

|                                  | Referrals | Cases<br>Opened | Presentations | Arrests | Successful<br>Prosecutions |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|---------------|---------|----------------------------|
| Tampa                            | 518       | 202             | 181           | 182     | 140                        |
| Orlando                          | 319       | 74              | 55            | 45      | 42                         |
| West Palm Beach                  | 0         | 0               | 0             | 0       | 0                          |
| Miami                            | 210       | 61              | 48            | 43      | 49                         |
| Bureau of Workers'<br>Comp Total | 1,244     | 409             | 325           | 293     | 250                        |

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St. Petersburg Field Office Lucie Building 9800 4th St., Suite 100 St. Petersburg, FL 33702 (727) 563-1142

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Ft. Lauderdale Field Office 1400 W Commercial Blvd, Suite 135 Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309

Ft. Myers Field Office 4700 Terminal Drive, Suite 5 Ft. Myers, FL 33907 (239) 278-7527

#### **SOUTH REGION**

Miami Field Office 401 NW 2nd Ave, Suite N-321 Miami, FL 33128 (305) 536-0302

### DISTRICT & Regional Boundaries

### **DISTRICT I**





#### WORKERS COMPENSATION CONTACT INFORMATION:

HTTPS://WWW.MYFLORIDACFO.COM/DIVISION/DIFS/WCFRAUD/BWCCONTACTUS.HTM

# BUREAU OF Forensic Services



CARL CHASTEEN

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATIVE & FORENSIC SERVICES ANNUAL REPORT 2018-2019

# BUREAU OF Forensic Services

The Bureau of Forensic Services' mission is to provide the highest quality of relevant and reliable forensic services, while maintaining the most efficient fiscal impact possible. Public agencies, the courts, and the people demand that forensic laboratories provide quality analyses that can be relied on to assist with investigations. The Bureau was accredited in 2019 through the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) National Accreditation Board (ANAB) and the American Association for Laboratory Accreditation (A2LA). Both accrediting bodies accredit to the International Organization for Standardization requirements for testing and calibration laboratories (ISO/ IEC 17025:2017) as well as each organization's separate requirements. Florida is one of only three States in the United States (Florida, Ohio, and Texas) to have their own dedicated forensic laboratory specializing in the analysis of evidence from fires and explosions.

FORENSIC LABORATORY 38 ACADEMY DRIVE Havana, FL 32333 (850) 539-2700

| Fire Investigation and<br>Quality Assurance<br>Samples Initiated for<br>Analysis | Case Average<br>Completion Time | Explosives/<br>Clandestine Sample<br>Analyses | Photos Cases<br>Processed for<br>Storage | Special<br>Requests<br>and Videos<br>processed |
|--|---------------------------------|---|--|--|
| 5,310  | 8.6 Days                        | 234   | 2,649                                    | 179  |

### BFS SERVICES Chemical Analyses

The primary work of the Bureau is the analysis of evidence collected within a fire scene to determine the presence and identity of ignitable liquids. The Bureau also analyzes evidence collected from explosions, incendiary events, and situations where a potentially hazardous chemical may be found.

Evidence from fire and explosions compared to other forensic evidence analysis disciplines is regarded as one of the most highly difficult forensic evidence types to examine and interpret. Our methods are attempting to extract and identify a post-burn or post-explosion mixture of chemical residues from a background substrate after it has burned or has been affected by an explosion. The background substrate often contains a mixture of many of the same compounds as are found in the ignitable



#### PERCENT OF ALL SUBMISSIONS 2019

- Total BFAI (94) submitters)
- Total Fire (51) submitters)
- Total Police (5) submitters)
- Total Sheriff (10) submitters)
- Total Other Strategy Agcy. (3) submitters)

liquids or other chemical residues of interest. The difficulty lies in determining what is extraneous (or added by the criminal) and what is inherent to the substrate. Our analysts must have the correct combination of skill, equipment, and knowledge to be able to characterize ignitable liquids or explosive residues. They exercise extreme caution in making final determinations. If the data is insufficient, the analyst will report the sample as negative. BFS performs a technical review of 100% of all samples. This means that a second equally trained analyst experienced in the same discipline performs the review.

Fire debris analysis is conducted by the Bureau's Senior Crime Laboratory Analyst, Perry "Mike" Koussiafes, MS and two Crime Laboratory Analysts, Dee Ann Turner, PhD, and Samuel Blittman, BS. Staff have also attended additional trainings from one or more of the following: The National Center for Forensic Science, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, American Academy of Forensic Science and the National Fire Academy.

### BFS Services Imaging

The Bureau of Forensic Services' imaging section has three primary duties.

First, it is the central archive of digital images of crime scene investigations conducted by the Division's Bureau of Fire, Arson and Explosives Investigations (BFAEI). The Bureau stores images collected since 1992 when it was the film processing laboratory for BFAEI. When digital cameras were first issued to BFAEI in 1998, the Bureau transitioned into working with and archiving digital images. The Bureau of Forensic Services can also scan conventionally developed photographs into a digital format for archival and processing purposes.

Second, the Bureau is often requested to provide copies of images or laboratory case files as part of a public records request or subpoena. These may be used to assist with additional investigations or in the presentation of evidence



with additional investigations or in the presentation of evidence at trial.

Third, the Bureau operates a section where forensic video processing is performed. As video surveillance and recordings have become commonplace, the occasions where video has captured some aspect of a crime has also increased. These videos are often of poor quality or are presented in a confusing multi-camera or multiplexed format. The Bureau can de-multiplex, separate cameras, filter, stabilize, and clean videos so that investigators can review them to determine if information present has value in concluding their investigation.

# OPERATIONAL Support Services



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# OPERATIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES STAFF



**LINDA BROOKS** 



BILL BIERBAUM



THOMAS BOSCO CAPTAIN

### OPERATIONAL Support Services

Operational Support Services (OSS) within the Division of Investigative and Forensic Services encompasses all support functions, both law enforcement and non-law enforcement related, for the entire division. Duties/business functions that fall under the unit include:

- Special Operations
  - > K9 Accelerant and Explosives Detection Unit Administrative Oversight
  - > Explosive Ordinance Disposal (EOD) Unit Administrative Oversight
  - > Forensic Investigative Support Team (FIST)
  - > Ten Computer Voice Stress Analysis Operators (CVSA)
  - > Honor Guard
  - > Emergency Support Functions 4 (Firefighting), 9 (Search and Rescue) and 16 (Law Enforcement) in conjunction with the State Emergency Operations Center in the event of a man-made or natural disaster
- Training
- Reserve Detective Program
- Law Enforcement Accreditation
- Fleet Management
- Property
- Human Resources
- Budget and Purchasing
- Public Records Requests
- Information Technology





## **K-9 UNIT**





Det. David Young & ADC Fresca

Det. Jeff Batz & ADC Booker



Det. Jim Stafford & ADC Ginger



Capt. Ross Holt

& ADC Icy

Det. Amelia Bowling & ADC Penzy





Det. Monty Taylor & EDC Oregon

### PROMOTIONS, AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- August 2018
  - > 7th Lieutenant Erik Cruz was promoted to Captain over the Bureau of Insurance Fraud South Region.
- September 2018
  - > 13th Chief Evangelina Brooks of the Bureau of Insurance Fraud graduated from the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Academy (FBI-NA).
- October 2018
  - > 3rd Four Bureau of Insurance Fraud detectives promoted to the rank of Lieutenant; Jonathan Patterson, Miami-Auto Fraud Squad #2, Kerrian Lindsay, Fort Lauderdale-General Fraud Squad, Erik Anderson, Orlando-Auto Fraud Squad #2, Jonathan Lent, West Palm Beach-General Fraud Squad #2.
  - > 3rd Division Formally Accredited the Commission on Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation.
- November 2018
  - > 9th CIA Fayson Smith graduated from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement's Florida Law Enforcement Analyst Academy (FLEAA).
- January 2019
  - > 25th Anthony Mozealous was promoted to Lieutenant in the Bureau of Fire, Arson & Explosives Investigations - West Palm Beach.
  - > 25th Lieutenant Frank Briganti was promoted to Captain over the Bureau of Insurance Fraud South Central Region.
  - > 30th Captain Burt Himmer was promoted to Major, overseeing the Operational Support Services Section in Tallahassee.
# PROMOTIONS, AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- February 2019
  - > 20th Lieutenant Stacy McIntyre was nominated for the Attorney General's Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award.
  - > 25th Kevin Lashells was promoted to Lieutenant in the Bureau of Insurance Fraud West Palm Beach.
- March 2019
  - > 7th Detective Nicholas Incontrera received the Florida Advisory Committee on Arson Prevention (FACAP) 2019 Arson Investigator of the Year award.
  - > 26th Charles Wade was promoted to Lieutenant in the Office of Fiscal Integrity Tallahassee
  - > 29th Detective Brian Mitchell graduated from the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Hazardous Devices School.
- May 2019
  - > 9th Major Burt Himmer graduated from the University of Louisville, Southern Police Institute Administrative Officers Course (AOC) - 141st class.
  - > 17th Captain Thomas Bosco was promoted to Major, overseeing the Bureau of Fire, Arson, and Explosives Investigations – District 1.
  - > 17th Major Mike Wood was transferred and promoted to Chief, overseeing the Bureau of Fire, Arson, and Explosives Investigations – District 1 & 2.
- June 2019
  - > 6th Detective Angela Costello received the 2019 Law Enforcement Insurance Fraud Fighter of the Year at the FIFEC Conference.

#### **STAFF RECEIVES FACAP 2019 ARSON INVESTIGATOR OF THE YEAR**

# CONGRATULATIONS TO DETECTIVE NICHOLAS INCONTRERA

Please join us in congratulating Detective Nicholas Incntrera on receiving the Florida Advisory Committee on Arson Prevention (FACAP) 2019 Arson Investigator of the Year Award.

Det. Incontrera was recognized on March 6, 2019 for his tireless efforts and due dilligence in working a commercial fire at a transmission repair business in Orlando. The case originated on March 21, 2015 and ended in a successful prosecution on August 3, 2018 thanks to Det. Incontrera's hard work, outstanding interview skills and professional testimony.

Det. Incontrerra's dedication and contributions to the fight against arson in Florida are to be commended. His tireless efforts have lead him to have among the highest arrest and conviction rates in the North Central Region and highest case closure rates in the Orlando Office. In 2018, Det. Incontrera initiated 58 cases and closed 82 cases with 56% of incendiary cases resulting in an arrest.



WE ARE PROUD OF DETECTIVE INCONTRERA'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND KNOW THAT HIS PROFESSIONAL GROWTH WILL CONTINUE TO DIRECTLY BENEFIT OUR DIVISION'S MISSION

# DFS POLICY ON FRAUD REPORTING STATUTE

#### Policy Relating to the Reporting of Suspected Fraud and Claim Denial Based Upon Fraud

Section 626.9891(8), Florida Statutes, authorizes the Department of Financial Services, Bureau of Insurance Fraud (DIF) to adopt rules relating to Insurer Special Investigative Units (SIUs) and Anti-Fraud Plans. These rules are set forth in Ch. 69D-2, F.A.C.

Rules 69D-2.003(1) and 2.004(1), F.A.C., specifically require each insurer to file, as applicable, with the Division a detailed description of its SIU or its Anti-Fraud Plan, which filing must also include an acknowledgment that the insurer shall report all suspected fraudulent insurance acts directly to the Division.

Further, Section 627.736(4)(i), Florida Statutes, provides that "[a]II claims denied for suspected fraudulent insurance acts shall be reported to the Bureau of Insurance Fraud." Section 626.989(4)(c), Florida Statutes, grants civil immunity, in the absence of fraud or bad faith, for providing the aforementioned required reports of suspected fraudulent insurance acts. In an effort to eliminate the reporting of duplicate suspected fraudulent insurance acts, it shall be the policy of the Division, consistent with the procedures established in Ch. 69D-2, F.A.C., that:

The reporting of all suspected fraudulent insurance acts shall continue to be processed electronically on the "Suspected Fraud Referral Form" on the Division's website as in the past;

An electronically generated response with a Tip # (T#) will acknowledge receipt of the report of the suspected fraudulent insurance act and that such electronically generated response will continue to have the Law Enforcement Captain's identifying information indicating the individual who is responsible for reviewing the information (Tip) provided;

The insurer, if it determines at any time after initially reporting suspected fraud that evidence has been developed that the suspected fraudulent insurance acts and/or claims are not fraudulent, will notify the responsible Law Enforcement Captain by email of such evidence and information;

The insurer, if it determines at any time after initially reporting suspected fraud that evidence has been developed that the suspected fraudulent insurance acts and/or claims are fraudulent and, therefore, the claim will be denied for the suspected fraudulent insurance acts, will notify the responsible Law Enforcement Captain by email of such evidence and denial; and

The insurer, to avoid duplication of reports, shall not provide case updates through the online "Suspected Fraud Referral Form" once an initial report of a suspected fraudulent insurance act has been made online through such form. Updates on cases referred in scenarios 3) and 4) above shall only be made by direct email to the responsible Law Enforcement Captain.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Pursuant to s. 626.9891, Florida Statutes, each insurer admitted to do business in this state must either: (a) establish, if the insurer received \$10 million or more in direct premiums during the previous calendar year, a unit, commonly referred to as a Special Investigations Unit (SIU), to investigate possible insurance fraud or to contract with others to investigate such fraud; or (b) submit, if the insurer received less than \$10 million in direct premiums during the previous calendar year, an anti-fraud plan to the Division, which describes its procedures to detect, investigate, and report suspected insurance fraud, its plan for anti-fraud training for its personnel, and its organizational arrangement of anti-fraud personnel.

# BUREAU OF FIRE, ARSON, AND EXPLOSIVE INVESTIGATIONS FISCAL YEAR STATS



#### **FISCAL YEAR STATS**

|          | Open Cases | Presentations | Arrests | Arrest Dispositions |
|----------|------------|---------------|---------|---------------------|
| FY 11/12 | 3664       | 181           | 565     | 337                 |
| FY 12/13 | 3884       | 485           | 517     | 392                 |
| FY 13/14 | 3574       | 414           | 506     | 255                 |
| FY 14/15 | 3553       | 405           | 504     | 262                 |
| FY 15/16 | 3668       | 388           | 453     | 167                 |
| FY 16/17 | 3791       | 502           | 422     | 523                 |
| FY 17/18 | 3771       | 626           | 410     | 208                 |
| FY 18/19 | 3433       | 312           | 293     | 149                 |

# **SUSPECTED FRAUD REFERRALS (TIPS)**



### NUMBER OF SUSPECTED FRAUD REFERRALS FOR EACH FRAUD TYPE

#### REFERRALS

|          | PIP   | WC    | Vehicle | Application | Health | Home  | Licensee | Other | Total  |
|----------|-------|-------|---------|-------------|--------|-------|----------|-------|--------|
| FY 06/07 | 3,608 | 2,195 | 1,398   | 650         | 1,805  | 610   | 458      | 1,098 | 11,822 |
| FY 07/08 | 3,158 | 1,984 | 1,215   | 533         | 853    | 436   | 493      | 1,242 | 9,914  |
| FY 08/09 | 3,624 | 1,497 | 1,513   | 726         | 680    | 445   | 577      | 3,022 | 12,084 |
| FY 09/10 | 5,543 | 1,676 | 1,237   | 823         | 433    | 644   | 706      | 1,760 | 12,822 |
| FY 10/11 | 6,700 | 1,495 | 1,008   | 882         | 485    | 583   | 764      | 1,541 | 13,458 |
| FY 11/12 | 7,749 | 1,387 | 1,166   | 976         | 426    | 660   | 708      | 2,077 | 15,149 |
| FY 12/13 | 7,351 | 1,733 | 1,388   | 1,226       | 534    | 765   | 903      | 1,546 | 15,446 |
| FY 13/14 | 6,640 | 2,162 | 1,465   | 1,444       | 1,289  | 788   | 832      | 1,443 | 16,063 |
| FY 14/15 | 7,239 | 2,038 | 1,546   | 2,829       | 863    | 832   | 597      | 1,449 | 17,393 |
| FY 15/16 | 6,202 | 2,164 | 1,819   | 2,505       | 1,052  | 1,161 | 458      | 1,592 | 16,953 |
| FY 16/17 | 5,869 | 2,032 | 2,026   | 2,228       | 1,088  | 1,262 | 405      | 1,404 | 16,314 |
| FY 17/18 | 4,756 | 1,999 | 1,803   | 2,753       | 882    | 1,463 | 425      | 1,514 | 15,595 |
| FY 18/19 | 4,729 | 1,823 | 1,815   | 2,620       | 1,430  | 1,741 | 455      | 2,426 | 17,039 |

# **CASES PRESENTED FOR PROSECUTION**



### NUMBER OF CASES PRESENTED FOR PROSECUTION BY FRAUD TYPE

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

|          | PIP | WC  | Vehicle | Application | Health | Home | Licensee | Other | Total |
|----------|-----|-----|---------|-------------|--------|------|----------|-------|-------|
| FY 06/07 | 187 | 259 | 55      | 25          | 34     | 52   | 52       | 75    | 739   |
| FY 07/08 | 228 | 324 | 54      | 61          | 37     | 40   | 45       | 109   | 898   |
| FY 08/09 | 368 | 258 | 78      | 40          | 44     | 24   | 61       | 115   | 988   |
| FY 09/10 | 440 | 306 | 91      | 35          | 21     | 52   | 114      | 178   | 1,237 |
| FY 10/11 | 429 | 336 | 56      | 48          | 50     | 44   | 103      | 148   | 1,214 |
| FY 11/12 | 526 | 352 | 42      | 29          | 73     | 41   | 50       | 128   | 1,241 |
| FY 12/13 | 802 | 474 | 58      | 34          | 39     | 50   | 86       | 127   | 1,670 |
| FY 13/14 | 610 | 530 | 86      | 68          | 32     | 58   | 78       | 113   | 1,575 |
| FY 14/15 | 502 | 661 | 78      | 45          | 34     | 57   | 90       | 123   | 1,590 |
| FY 15/16 | 468 | 519 | 70      | 79          | 22     | 61   | 72       | 68    | 1,359 |
| FY 16/17 | 278 | 490 | 76      | 117         | 57     | 44   | 49       | 63    | 1,174 |
| FY 17/18 | 214 | 502 | 85      | 85          | 58     | 63   | 30       | 71    | 1,108 |
| FY 18/19 | 143 | 497 | 56      | 65          | 32     | 53   | 34       | 52    | 934   |

# **NUMBER OF ARRESTS**



### NUMBER OF ARRESTS MADE BY FRAUD TYPE

#### **ARRESTS**

|          | PIP | WC  | Vehicle | Application | Health | Home | Licensee | Other | Total |
|----------|-----|-----|---------|-------------|--------|------|----------|-------|-------|
| FY 06/07 | 318 | 234 | 51      | 18          | 32     | 54   | 36       | 74    | 817   |
| FY 07/08 | 221 | 325 | 56      | 45          | 42     | 31   | 51       | 69    | 840   |
| FY 08/09 | 329 | 237 | 60      | 19          | 32     | 21   | 43       | 93    | 834   |
| FY 09/10 | 336 | 274 | 76      | 25          | 26     | 37   | 63       | 196   | 1,033 |
| FY 10/11 | 354 | 271 | 56      | 40          | 38     | 30   | 70       | 139   | 999   |
| FY 11/12 | 497 | 274 | 42      | 28          | 60     | 35   | 151      | 142   | 1,229 |
| FY 12/13 | 651 | 418 | 57      | 34          | 43     | 41   | 140      | 188   | 1,572 |
| FY 13/14 | 557 | 482 | 73      | 58          | 29     | 45   | 59       | 160   | 1,463 |
| FY 14/15 | 403 | 549 | 63      | 31          | 27     | 48   | 88       | 112   | 1,321 |
| FY 15/16 | 372 | 455 | 55      | 71          | 16     | 53   | 56       | 103   | 1,181 |
| FY 16/17 | 262 | 407 | 73      | 98          | 58     | 35   | 42       | 129   | 1,104 |
| FY 17/18 | 193 | 398 | 63      | 73          | 44     | 47   | 34       | 138   | 990   |
| FY 18/19 | 136 | 437 | 61      | 57          | 55     | 47   | 30       | 62    | 885   |

# **SUCCESSFUL PROSECUTIONS**



### NUMBER OF SUCCESSFUL PROSECUTIONS RECEIVED BY FRAUD TYPE

#### **SUCCESSFUL PROSECUTIONS**

|          | PIP | WC  | Vehicle | Application | Health | Home | Licensee | Other | Total |
|----------|-----|-----|---------|-------------|--------|------|----------|-------|-------|
| FY 06/07 | 203 | 187 | 41      | 13          | 25     | 18   | 45       | 59    | 591   |
| FY 07/08 | 259 | 184 | 44      | 26          | 24     | 40   | 51       | 43    | 671   |
| FY 08/09 | 169 | 179 | 42      | 20          | 30     | 23   | 27       | 46    | 536   |
| FY 09/10 | 240 | 198 | 54      | 18          | 21     | 22   | 49       | 102   | 704   |
| FY 10/11 | 295 | 242 | 73      | 28          | 27     | 34   | 49       | 92    | 840   |
| FY 11/12 | 355 | 208 | 32      | 32          | 33     | 27   | 55       | 103   | 845   |
| FY 12/13 | 442 | 259 | 44      | 19          | 43     | 26   | 146      | 100   | 1,079 |
| FY 13/14 | 574 | 360 | 49      | 41          | 21     | 23   | 72       | 109   | 1,249 |
| FY 14/15 | 424 | 452 | 52      | 35          | 28     | 42   | 75       | 87    | 1,194 |
| FY 15/16 | 334 | 386 | 49      | 34          | 31     | 44   | 101      | 54    | 1,033 |
| FY 16/17 | 316 | 360 | 64      | 92          | 31     | 39   | 44       | 63    | 1,009 |
| FY 17/18 | 223 | 335 | 61      | 63          | 28     | 32   | 35       | 59    | 836   |
| FY 18/19 | 153 | 383 | 39      | 65          | 32     | 41   | 20       | 50    | 783   |

# **WORKERS COMPENSATION TRENDS**



#### **WC TRENDS**

|          | By Employee<br>Claimant | Employee<br>Premium | ID Theft of<br>Number or Name | Violation SWO | Working without<br>Coverage |
|----------|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| FY 11/12 | 571                     | 80                  | 203                           | 117           | 236                         |
| FY 12/13 | 590                     | 132                 | 433                           | 194           | 233                         |
| FY 13/14 | 713                     | 158                 | 623                           | 240           | 266                         |
| FY 14/15 | 726                     | 86                  | 396                           | 263           | 310                         |
| FY 15/16 | 713                     | 116                 | 329                           | 249           | 468                         |
| FY 16/17 | 627                     | 170                 | 314                           | 345           | 311                         |
| FY 17/18 | 672                     | 199                 | 312                           | 174           | 454                         |
| FY 18/19 | 710                     | 233                 | 225                           | 126           | 456                         |

# THE DIVISION'S AUTOMOBILE/PERSONAL INJURY PROTECTION FRAUD STATISTICS

#### **PIP REFERRALS BROKEN DOWN BY FISCAL YEAR/QUARTER**

|          | 1st Quarter | 2nd Quarter | 3rd Quarter | 4th Quarter | Grand Total |
|----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| FY 03/04 | 233         | 146         | 172         | 148         | 699         |
| FY 04/05 | 749         | 646         | 575         | 655         | 2,625       |
| FY 05/06 | 718         | 513         | 1143        | 992         | 3,366       |
| FY 06/07 | 973         | 843         | 989         | 803         | 3,608       |
| FY 07/08 | 758         | 776         | 904         | 720         | 3,158       |
| FY 08/09 | 751         | 869         | 940         | 1,064       | 3,624       |
| FY 09/10 | 1,083       | 1,351       | 1,455       | 1,654       | 5,543       |
| FY 10/11 | 1,662       | 1,467       | 1,706       | 1,864       | 6,699       |
| FY 11/12 | 2,048       | 1,734       | 1,920       | 2,046       | 7,748       |
| FY 12/13 | 2,085       | 1,714       | 1,900       | 1,647       | 7,346       |
| FY 13/14 | 1,637       | 1,556       | 1,682       | 1,764       | 6,639       |
| FY 14/15 | 2,016       | 1,926       | 1,720       | 1,578       | 7,240       |
| FY 15/16 | 1,669       | 1,466       | 1,481       | 1,586       | 6,202       |
| FY 16/17 | 1,607       | 1,502       | 1,512       | 1,248       | 5,869       |
| FY 17/18 | 1,067       | 1,234       | 1,243       | 1,217       | 4,761       |
| FY 18/19 | 1,058       | 1,096       | 1,293       | 1,282       | 4,729       |



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## FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR THE DIVISION

| Salary and Benefits                           | \$26,050,295 |
|---|--------------|
| Other Personal Services                       | \$130,342    |
| Expenses                                      | \$4,116,288  |
| Operating Capital Outlay                      | \$624,009    |
| Transfer to Justice Administration Commission | \$1,977,857  |
| Contracted Services                           | \$598,989    |
| Operation of Motor Vehicles                   | \$337,253    |
| Risk Management Insurance                     | \$191,804    |
| Salary Incentive Payments (CJIP)              | \$308,740    |
| Lease or Lease -Purchase of Equipment         | \$93,264     |
| Fixed Capital Outlay                          | \$35,000     |
| Transfer to Human Resources                   | \$93,592     |
| TOTAL ALL FUNDS                               | \$34,915,433 |

# REPORT SUSPECTED ARSON IN FLORIDA REPORT ARSON 1-877-NO-ARSON | 1-877-622-7766



If you have information regarding an ARSON or EXPLOSIVE DEVICE INCIDENT anywhere in the state of Florida, you can submit an anonymous tip through the online tip form OR call the number above. Your tip information will be relayed to the appropriate Bureau of Fire, Arson, and Explosives Investigations Regional Office.

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