



# DIFS *ource*

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATIVE AND FORENSIC SERVICES

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## Welcome to the DIFSource



It is with great pleasure that the Division of Investigative and Forensic Service announces our monthly newsletter, The DIFSource. We are privileged to share the latest news, announcements and developments of our Division within the great State of Florida regarding acts of fraud, arson and the misuse of state funds. We are proud of our Divisions' efforts in safeguarding Florida business and resident's hard-earned assets. This newsletter serves to acknowledge the work that is done by our staff and to inform the public of our ongoing activities across the state.

## Pardon Our Dust

Please pardon our dust as we work to bring you the best newsletter we can offer.

We apologize for the inconvenience with our last issue as it contained a broken link to our [FaceBook page](#). This has been addressed and corrected. Please do feel free to like, follow, and share our page to keep up to date with DIFS.

If you ever have any comments or critiques, we are more than happy to receive them. We can always be reached at [difsource@myfloridacfo.com](mailto:difsource@myfloridacfo.com)



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# 2016/2017 Joint Annual Insurance Fraud/Workers' Compensation Report

The Division of Investigative and Forensic Services (DIFS) and the Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) appreciates the opportunity to provide this joint report regarding workers' compensation fraud. Inside this report is the summary of the efforts and activities in combating workers' compensation fraud for the period of July 1, 2016 extending to June 30, 2017.

The Division of Insurance Fraud, Bureau of Workers' Compensation Fraud and the Division of Workers' Compensation, Bureau of Compliance produce a joint report annually to summarize their efforts in fighting workers' compensation fraud in Florida.

The Division of Investigative and Forensic Services (DIFS) continues to be a perennial leader in the fight against insurance fraud. During the 2016/2017 Fiscal Year, investigative efforts resulted in 1,174 cases presented for prosecution, 1,101 arrests, 1,099 successful prosecutions and received and reviewed over 16,315 referrals of suspected insurance fraud.

The full report can be read [here](#).



## DIFS Organizational Chart

### EDITOR'S NOTE

Thank you for reading and subscribing to the DIFSource. This is the Division of Investigative and Forensic Services' monthly newsletter highlighting some of our goings-on around the great state of Florida. If you have any comments, please send us an email by clicking the email icon below. We look forward to receiving your input.

Sincerely,

Leighton Tomkins  
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Public Information Officer,  
DIFS

### STAY CONNECTED



## Announcements

**DIFS announces the launch of our FaceBook Page: [Like and Follow us!](#)**

**The 2016/2017 Joint Annual Insurance Fraud/Workers' Compensation Report** was released this month and can be found on our site along with [previous year reports](#).

**DIFS would like to recognize Jon Moore:** for his service and wish him the best in his retirement.



## DIFS in the News

**Employer Fraud in Florida Workers' Comp Continues to Be the Most Costly Fraud for Florida**

*featured on: [Syfrett, Dykes & Furr](#)*



**DIFS' EOD Team assists local law enforcement with explosive scare at Florida Eagle Ridge Mall**

*featured on: [Fox13News.com](#) / [NBCNews.com](#)*

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## January Arrest Stats



DIFS' law enforcement Bureaus have arrested the following for criminal behaviors

**Bureau of  
Insurance Fraud**

**47**

Arrests

**Office of Fiscal Integrity**

**1**

Arrests

**Bureau of Workers'  
Compensation Fraud**

**20**

Arrests

**Bureau of Fire &  
Arson Investigations**

**24**

Arrests

\*Numbers reflect arrest counts provided at time of publish.

[View Full Arrest Report >](#)

## INSURANCE HELPLINE 1-800-378-0445

If you suspect an insurance scheme, you can report it safely, easily and anonymously in most cases. Help lower the cost we **ALL** pay for fraud.

### REWARD OFFERED:

Up to **\$25,000** for information leading to the conviction of persons committing complex and organized insurance crimes.



## INSURANCE FRAUD MOST WANTED

Click **HERE** to see the CFO's Most Wanted list.