

DIFSOURCE DIVISION OF INVESTIGATIVE AND FORENSIC SERVICES

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Welcome to CFO Jimmy Patronis' DIFSource

CFO Jimmy Patronis' Division of Investigative and Forensic Services brings to you the DIFSource. Here you find the latest news, announcements and developments of our Division for 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.

Accreditation Team invites public comments about the Division of Investigative and Forensic Services

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A team of assessors from the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA)will arrive August 14, 2018 to examine all aspects of the Division of Investigative and ForensicService's policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services. The Division of Investigative and Forensic Services has tocomply with approximately 260 standards in order to receive accredited status. Many of thestandards are critical to life, health and safety issues.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency members and the general public are invited to offercomments to the assessment team. For more information regarding CFA or for persons wishingto offer written comments about the Division of Investigative and Forensic Services' ability tomeet the standards of accreditation, please write to:

CFA

P.O. Box 1489

Tallahassee, Florida 32302

or email to: info@flaccreditation.org

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Announcements

DIFS Would Like to Recognize Detective Dave Lepper for his service and wish him all the best in his retirement. Det. Lepper has been with the Bureau of Fire, Arson and Explosives Investigations since January of 2000 serving the Fort Myers fild office.

Workers' Compensation

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DIFS Organizational Chart

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An Accreditation Team will be visiting the Division of Investigative and Forensic Services this coming month of August A team of assessors from the Commission fro Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA) will examine all aspects of the Division of Investigative and Forensic Service's (DIFS) policies and procedures, management, operations and support services. DIFS has to comply with approximately 260 standards in order to receive accredited status. Many of the standards are critical to life, health and safty issues.

Over the course of three days (August 14 to the 16th), the assessors will review written materials, interview individuals and visit offices and other places where compliance can be witnessed.

Once the Commission's assessors complete their review of the agency, they report back to the full Commission, which will then decide if the agency is to receive accredited status. DIFS' accreditation would last for three years once approved. Verification by the team that the Division meets the Commission's standards is part of a voluntary process to gain or maintain accreditation- a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence, Director Black said.

Read all DIFS Announcements

DIFS in the News

12 nabbed in unlicensed contractor sting operation featured on: ABC 7



14 charged in Miami-Dade County auto insurance fraud scheme featured on: Miami Herald

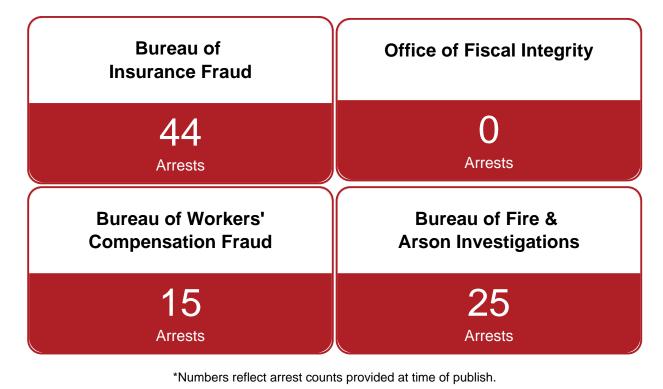
Warrants served at Fort Pierce rehabilitation center featured on: ABC 25/ NBC 5/ CBS 12

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July Arrest Stats



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



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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 "Lance"

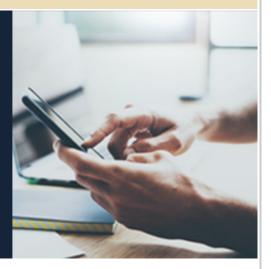
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