



Fraternal Order of Police **FLORIDA STATE LODGE**



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TO: Volusia County Media

FROM: James W. Preston, President
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Fraternal Order of Police

RE: Florida State Lodge endorses Ben F. Johnson for Volusia County Sheriff

The Florida State Lodge Fraternal Order of Police joins with President Marty Hurst and the 92 members of the Volusia County Jim White FOP Lodge #40, active and retired law enforcement officers of Volusia County, in our endorsement and support for the re-election of Sheriff Ben F. Johnson.

Sheriff Johnson is well respected in the community and through his professional leadership, by his deputies at the Volusia County Sheriff's Office. Rising through the ranks, Sheriff Johnson's career path and education brings leadership and management qualities to the Volusia County Sheriff's Office that insures the delivery of professional law enforcement services to the citizens of Volusia County. He is dedicated to keeping Volusia County a safe place to live, work and raise a family.

Sheriff Johnson is a dedicated and experienced law enforcement officer, a graduate of the prestigious FBI National Academy (1989) and has served as Volusia County Sheriff since being elected in 2000. He is active in the community he serves through affiliation with many local organizations.

The Florida State Lodge Fraternal Order of Police proudly supports Sheriff Ben F. Johnson with our formal endorsement of his re-election as the Sheriff of Volusia County.

The Fraternal Order of Police has over 325,000 members nationwide with over 2100 local lodges. The Florida State Lodge Fraternal Order of Police represents over 20,000 active and retired law enforcement officers across the State of Florida.

James W. Preston, President
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