



Fraternal Order of Police **FLORIDA STATE LODGE**



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**FLORIDA STATE LODGE
FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE
ENDORSES
SHERIFF ED DEAN
FOR
MARION COUNTY SHERIFF**

The Florida State Lodge Fraternal Order of Police joins with President Gary Ernst and the 121 members of the Marion County F.O.P. 145, William H. Rutherford Lodge, active and retired law enforcement officers of Marion County, in our endorsement and support for the re-election of Sheriff Ed Dean.

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

Sheriff Dean is a graduate of the University Of Florida College Of Law, with Honors and the prestigious F.B.I. National Academy. He is active in the community and he serves through affiliation with many local and state organizations.

The Florida State Lodge Fraternal Order of Police and Marion County F.O.P. Lodge 145 proudly support Sheriff Ed Dean with our formal endorsement of his re-election as the Sheriff of Marion County.

The Florida State Lodge Fraternal Order of Police has over 325,000 members nationwide and 2100 local lodges. The Florida State 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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