



# Fraternal Order of Police FLORIDA STATE LODGE



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**RE:** Denise Amber Lee Foundation and Florida  
Representative Kenneth L. Roberson – House Bill 355

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The Florida State Lodge, Fraternal Order of Police announces our support of proposed legislation by Florida State Representative Kenneth L. Roberson and Florida Senator Nancy Detert to increase the training and certification of Public Safety Communication 911 Dispatchers.

The Denise Amber Lee Foundation is committed to preventing future tragedies and is working to secure legislation on behalf of Public Safety Telecommunications Operators (911 Dispatchers) in Florida and across the nation. Representative Roberson and Senator Detert recognize the need for all 911 Operators to receive additional training and a state wide certification program to insure these men and women are proficient in their most important public safety role.

All law enforcement officers and Fraternal Order of Police members depend and rely on 911 Dispatchers as our life line each and every shift. The voice on the other end of the radio must handle every emergency and stressful situation. Our members and the public depend on the 911 system for their safety. We appreciate the hard work of these individuals and offer our support of this legislation.

The Florida State Lodge, Fraternal Order of Police represents 22,000 active and retired officers in Florida. The FOP is the oldest and largest police organization in the United States established in 1915 with over 325,000 members nationwide.