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## Attorney General Moody's Week In Review - May 14, 2021



As the nation recognized National Police Week, we used the occasion to highlight the bravery and courage it takes to be a frontline law enforcement officer. This week, I launched our new initiative, Thin Line Tribute, to recognize all that our frontline law enforcement officers do to protect the communities they love. This new campaign is designed to honor those who dedicate their professional lives to standing on that thin line to protect Floridians.

I traveled around Florida to recognize some of the courageous men and women who voluntarily signed up for a life of service—those who every day wake up, put on a badge, and go out knowing the risk involved with that choice.

As the wife of a law enforcement officer, I know personally the amount of care and commitment that goes into this noble profession. As the dangers surrounding the job seem to increase by the day, I believe it is imperative that we show our law enforcement community just how thankful we are for their decision to serve.

They work hard to make sure Floridians, and those who travel here, are able to

safely enjoy all that Florida has to offer. We owe it to our frontline officers to show them the gratitude and support they so greatly deserve. I could not be happier to begin this new initiative to do just that.

As National Police Week comes to a close, I would like to say thank you to our Florida law enforcement officers for all that you do to help us build a Stronger, Safer Florida.

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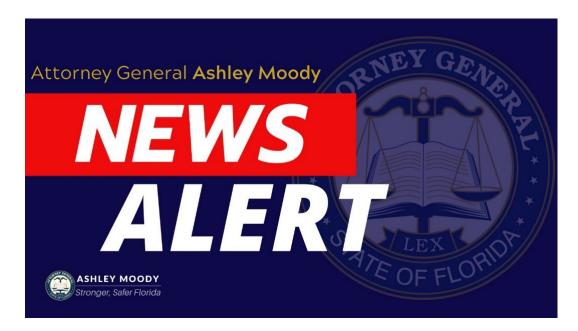
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# **Protecting Floridians**

Attorney General Moody Helps Paint the Town Blue in Recognition of National Police Week



Attorney General Ashley Moody is honoring Florida law enforcement officers this National Police Week by participating in the Paint the Town Blue campaign. The weeklong campaign aims to encourage public involvement in recognizing and saluting the daily sacrifices and dedication of law enforcement officers. Florida's Historic Capitol Building will be illuminated blue all week in recognition of National Police Week. Attorney General Moody and her husband, Justin, a federal law enforcement officer, are also helping to Paint the Town Blue by illuminating their home with blue lights.

Supporting law enforcement is extremely important to Attorney General Moody and she wants to encourage all Floridians to take action this week to show support for the men and women who protect their communities. This is important as Florida law enforcement officers continue to face extraordinary losses in the line of duty, already losing 12 officers this year—more than double the line of duty deaths during the same period in 2020. Nearly half of the deaths this year are due to violent, felonious acts.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "As the wife of a law enforcement officer, I know personally the amount of commitment and sacrifice required of our officers. As the job seems to grow increasingly dangerous by the day, I believe we have a duty to show our law enforcement officers gratitude and respect for their courageous decision to serve.

"Our law enforcement officers chose a life of service when signing up for this noble profession—understanding the risk involved every time they leave for work. I am thrilled to participate in this movement in honor of National Police Week, and we should always take time to pay tribute to the men and women of Florida law enforcement. I encourage all Floridians to join me in showing gratitude to those who choose to wear a badge by participating in the Paint the Town Blue campaign."

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### **Events**

This week, Attorney General Ashley Moody launched the Thin Line Tribute initiative—honoring frontline law enforcement officers for all they do to protect



Attorney General Moody with members of the City Commission of Plant City following the launch of Thin Line Tribute.



From left to right: Commissioner Mary Thomas Mathis, Mayor Rick Lott, Attorney General Moody, Vice Mayor Nathan Kilton, Commissioner William Dodson, Commissioner Michael Sparkman and City Manager Bill McDaniel The Thin Line Tribute continued at the Belleview Police Department where Attorney General Moody met with frontline BPD officers working to keep the city and its

#### citizens safe.



Attorney General with Corporal Christina Esquivel. Cpl. Esquivel has served with the Belleview Police Department for more than five years.



Attorney General Moody speaking at the Marion County Sheriff's Office Fallen Officer Memorial in Ocala.



Attorney General Moody and her family are participating in the Paint the Town Blue campaign to honor law enforcement officers by lighting their home blue.

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Our family is joining the **#PaintTheTownBlue** campaign by lighting our house blue!

Thank you, courageous Florida law enforcement officers, for your selfless service to our state. We are forever grateful for your sacrifices.



Attorney General Moody virtually chairing the Statewide Council on Human Trafficking Quarterly Meeting.



The 2021 Virtual Human Trafficking Summit, being held on Oct. 5, is now accepting speaker proposals and award nominations. To access the applications for both, visit <u>humantraffickingsummit.com</u>.

