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VIDEO: AG Moody Honors Law Enforcement During National Police Week and Presents Cabinet Resolution to First Responder Support Group



TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General Ashley Moody today presented a Florida Cabinet Resolution to a first responder support group in recognition of National Police Week. Standing with deputies at the Clay County Sheriff's Office, Attorney General Moody presented a cabinet resolution to Signal 35, thanking the organization for efforts to assist Clay County deputies and first responders. Signal 35 provides aid to first responders and family members facing financial hardships and other difficult circumstances.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "National Police Week is a time for us to honor the sacrifices made by courageous individuals who take an oath to protect and serve. It is important that we support those who put their lives on the line to keep us safe. It is also important that we continue to support them and their families when they need it most. That is why I am proud to present a Florida Cabinet Resolution recognizing National Police Week to Signal 35—a local organization assisting first responders in Clay County."

Clay County Sheriff Michelle Cook said, "Attorney General Moody continues to be a strong supporter of law enforcement and law and order. We are honored to host her here in Clay County as we remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice and celebrate those who choose to serve our community."

Signal 35 Chairman Judson Sapp said, "Our goal is to raise the funds in advance of any crisis, so the assistance can be provided at a moment's notice to the first responders in need. We know the need will be there—that comes with the territory of public safety service—and we will be ready to help."

At the Clay County Sheriff's Office, Attorney General Moody recognized National Police Week by honoring courageous efforts of law enforcement officers across Florida and remembering those who made the ultimate sacrifice. The <u>Officer Down Memorial Page</u> shows that since the founding of our nation, more than 950 peace officers have died in the line of duty—in Florida.

Signal 35 is an organization founded to efficiently manage and fairly award support funds to Clay County public-safety agency employees and immediate family members in times of need. In January, Signal 35 provided aid to a retired CCSO deputy—the first female road deputy in CCSO history—who struggled to pay for a necessary knee replacement operation. Signal 35 provided funds for the procedure, and now the retired deputy, who continues to serve the public as a special-needs educator, has returned to work. To learn more about Signal 35, click <u>here</u>.

To read a copy of the Florida Cabinet Resolution presented to Signal 35, click here.

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