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## **Attorney General Moody's Week In Review - July 31, 2020**



This week, I joined law enforcement officers from across the state for the Florida Sheriffs Summer Awards Ceremony. This year's ceremony looked a bit different from years prior as COVID-19 has changed the way we gather. It has also affected policing. The pandemic is not the only crisis our LEOs are fighting. Our officers continue to combat the opioid epidemic—with deaths predicted to hit a record high—all while facing hostile groups of radicals aiming to undermine those who wear a badge.

The number of officers killed in the line-of-duty is up more than 50% in 2020 already. According to the FBI, 28 law enforcement officers have been feloniously killed in the line-of-duty during the first half of this year alone.

This is heartbreaking and unacceptable.

Despite all the threats, dangers and new challenges, the courageous men and women in law enforcement stand firm in their commitment to protect the communities they love. They answer the call to keep the peace and are too often met with disrespect and violence.

As Florida's Attorney General, a former judge, prosecutor and the proud wife of a law enforcement officer, I know that the vast majority of law enforcement officers are good people, dedicated to a life of service over self. They are heroes, brave men and women willing to risk their own health and safety to protect yours and mine.

Please join me in honoring our law enforcement officers. Thank them for their service. Support

them during these challenging times.

Backing the blue together, we will build a Stronger, Safer Florida.



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