



A Message From the President of the Central Florida Chapter

It's all about relationships!

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It's interesting to hear people discuss politics and politicians. Most people don't have anything nice to say about either, most likely because they don't really understand the dynamics of politics. Maybe that is why so many people choose not to get involved with politics or politicians. **NEWSFLASH! Politicians control almost everything and if they are not regularly held accountable—their actions may ultimately hurt you and your family.**

"Politics" is nothing more than establishing *key relationships* involving authority or power for purposes of making and implementing decisions affecting many others.

A "politician" is an individual who is usually recognized and active in ways to influence crucial decision-making that affects you and your family.

"Career politicians" often make politics their main source of income, yet face re-election every few years so they are less likely to make bold decisions or side with an unpopular issue—even if it is the right thing to do. This has created the need for term limits!

Politics is observed in *relationships* outside of government, including business, academic, religious and even family institutions. **Like it or not, you are involved in politics every day!**

My staff and I make no apology that we are politicians (of sorts) in our roles as Central Florida PBA (CFPBA) leaders. **We must be politicians establishing key relationships with those in power to "make a difference."**

As most LEO's "complain discreetly" amongst each other about poor pay, treatment and morale—the CFPBA leaders "campaign openly" to the public and our various community, business and law enforcement leaders about these same issues that negatively affect you and your families. Complaining quietly amongst yourselves only stirs up more negativity and rumors that divide us for easier conquering. Then, wayward management becomes more empowered and emboldened to conquer us as we are now easy and divided targets!

Have you ever heard the expression, "Whoever has the most toys... wins?" **In politics, whoever has the most influential and well-established relationships... wins.** How about this expression, "If you

can't beat them—join them!" Why not consider becoming a bigger and better political force than the person in power who is hurting you and your family? Your local PBA is a powerful political force regularly voicing your concerns within our established *relationships* with community, business and law enforcement leaders, as well as the public and media. **Please join our strong and influential political team, even if only for your own cause to enhance law enforcement pay, benefits, work conditions and morale!**

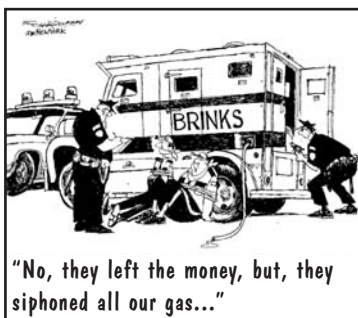
If you want the most out of your local PBA, I highly suggest establishing relationships with the PBA leaders and getting involved. Please note that membership fear and complacency can hurt PBA's efforts to improve pay, benefits,

work conditions and morale for our members. Therefore, please stop merely complaining and start actually campaigning to help us make things better in your workplace. If only a few people stand up for what is right, they (and most others) will get knocked down. However, if many of us stand for what is right, most of us will remain standing. Eventually, we may lose a few battles but we will win the war!

We hope to see you at the next PBA function that is most effective when you are there to help us... help you! ●

Top Ten Things You Never Want to Hear Coming Out of Your Daughter's New Boyfriend's Mouth

1. "Nice to meet... Hey! Didn't you lock me up on a drunk and disorderly once?"
2. "Your daughter has been really great about getting me back into rehab, and I can't thank you enough for paying those bills."
3. "I know we didn't plan to have dinner tonight, but I was hoping I could come by anyway. [Sounds of sirens.] I kind of need to get off the road for a while."
4. "Wow, a nice house like this must have a pretty sophisticated alarm system!"
5. "The best thing is she gets along great with my kids and my wife."
6. "O.J. Simpson, pleased to meet you."
7. "No one understands polygamy and that's why it gets such a bad rap."
8. "I'm gonna need \$500 this week. That's just for the vig, though, so I was hoping you could pick up some overtime details at the mall."
9. "I wouldn't worry about it. Those HIV tests are pretty unreliable."
10. "We just got evicted. Get the guest room ready."



"No, they left the money, but, they siphoned all our gas..."

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