

“Support Law Enforcement” Plate Sales Upward Trend Continues, More Can Be Done...

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Sales of the PBA’s “Support Law Enforcement” license plates have hit a sustained 1,000 plates per month. This total includes about 300 new plate sales and 700 renewals for each month. The total of all sales from the initiation of the tag sales in late 2004, including renewals, through July 2007 has topped over 27,000. Currently, there are over 10,000 valid vehicle registrations with a PBA tag and continues to grow.

While all of the above is fantastic and is greatly appreciated, we can do better.

If your fellow law enforcement families have not bought a PBA plate, ask them to do so. All the proceeds from the plate sales go to our “Heart Fund” and benefit many officers and families when tragedy strikes (see info at right).

And now, you can purchase a “gift” PBA plate for family and friends. The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles has created a new program to help organizations sell their plates (see DHSMV gift certificate info below).

So have a “heart” and purchase a “Support Law Enforcement” license plate for yourself, your family or friends and help out your fellow law enforcement family.

Let’s work to get our license plates sales over 1,500 per month by this time next year. 🍀

Florida PBA Executive Director David Murrell proudly displays one of the first custom PBA Support Law Enforcement Tags.



PBA Heart Fund Contribution Guidelines

In an effort to help the families of law enforcement, corrections, and correctional probation officers who are killed or disabled in the line of duty, Florida Police Benevolent Association (PBA) has established a charitable arm which is called the *PBA Heart Fund*. Because the *PBA Heart Fund* is a 501(c)(3) organization, contributions are tax deductible. Monies donated to the Heart Fund are used to provide death benefits to the families of officers killed in the line-of-duty and disability benefits to officers who are permanently disabled because of an in-line-of-duty injury.

Aside from individuals who may want to donate with the tax deduction in mind*, political campaigns may dispose of surplus funds (after the campaign is over) by donating some or all of the surplus to the *PBA Heart Fund* [s. 106.141 (4) (a) 2., Florida Statutes]. And, of course, other entities (e.g. not-for-profit corporations) may also donate to this cause. The address is:

**Florida PBA Heart Fund
300 East Brevard Street
Tallahassee, FL 32301**

More information about the Heart Fund may be obtained by calling Florida P.B.A. at **1-800-733-3722**.

*Receipt for donations will be provided upon request.

Now you can give the PBA “Support Law Enforcement” tag as a gift!



We are pleased to inform you of an exciting new opportunity for PBA members as well as all Florida motorists. Beginning in July, 2007, the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles began offering specialty license plate gift certificates for the PBA “Support Law Enforcement” plate. This new program allows anyone to purchase a specialty license plate as a gift for a motor vehicle registrant.

This new gift certificate program works much like any gift certificate. Upon payment of the annual use fee, a gift certificate may be purchased at an authorized motor vehicle office (e.g., state motor vehicle office, local tax collector office, or licensed tag agent) for the PBA “Support Law Enforcement” plate. At the time of purchase, a receipt will be provided and a credit will be issued in the name of the gift recipient, which can then be redeemed by the recipient at the time the specialty license plate is purchased. You do not have to purchase and redeem the certificate at the same office.

Specialty license plates make great gifts! This new program provides a great opportunity to support the PBA Heart Fund since all the proceeds are deposited into the Heart Fund (see info at right). In Florida, most registrations are renewed on the birth date of the registrant, so the timing could make for a great birthday gift. The gift certificate could be a special treat for someone who wouldn’t otherwise splurge on a specialty plate.

Please consider giving this great gift to your loved ones and friends! 🍀

Heart Fund Donation

Occasionally PBA receives donations that touch your heart. Here is a photograph of a donation PBA received in memory of Sergeant Nicholas Sottile, a veteran Highway Patrol Officer, who was killed in the line of duty on January 12, 2007. This warming and heartfelt donation was placed in PBA’s Heart Fund (see info at right). 🍀



Remember the 3 R’s:
*Respect for self;
Respect for others;
Responsibility for all
your actions.*

~ Anonymous