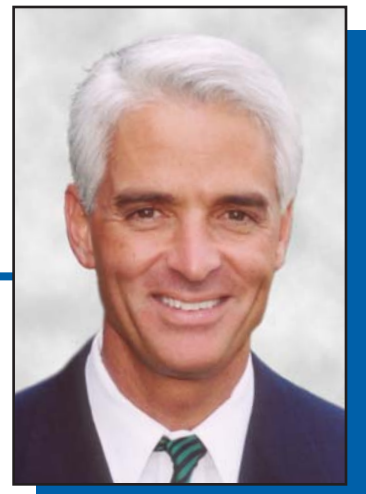


A Message from Candidate for Governor Charlie Crist



PBA Has Been There For So Many

For over three decades, the Florida Police Benevolent Association has been an outstanding advocate for those who take on the all important mission of public safety.

You have also been there for the people of Florida, because by representing those who protect our communities, the PBA effectively represents all of us. You have been there for me and I am profoundly grateful for your friendship and support.

The PBA was certainly with me on July 19 when I officially filed papers to qualify as a candidate for Governor of Florida. Being surrounded by friends on that important occasion was something that I will not forget. It was a great day.

Through the years we have worked together on legislation that has made a difference in people's lives. Stop Turning Out Prisoners has been an enormous factor in our 35-year-low crime rate. **Governor Bush's** "10-20-Life" legislation has been a vital component as well.

Your proud history also records successful efforts, among others, to lock up habitual offenders, increase benefits for the families of officers lost in the line of duty, and a presumption that certain communicable diseases suffered by law enforcement and firefighters were contracted while in the line of duty.

There is absolutely no question that the PBA has been an effective representative for its membership. Successes in passing important public safety legislation and important advances for members and their families have made the PBA a well-respected organization both in Tallahassee and around the state.

I would be remiss if I did not reflect on the success of the

PBA under the presidency of **Ernie George**. Numerous health and monetary benefits and workers' compensation enhancements occurred under his watch. As he steps down as president, I join the membership in thanking him for his effective leadership.

If asking the old political question, "are you better off today than you were 10 years ago?", the answer would have to be "yes." Being the person that he is, Ernie broadly distributes the credit to **David Murrell, Dick Brickman**, incoming President **John Rivera** and the entire team.

It has been my pleasure to be on the same side as Ernie George and the PBA on so many issues. He will certainly be missed, but Ernie and your leadership team have developed a strong organization that will only grow stronger. Since he is remaining as an officer within the union, his knowledge and advocacy will continue to benefit the PBA.

As my campaign for Governor of Florida moves forward, I am pleased to have this opportunity to thank the Police Benevolent Association for all of its past support and its endorsement of my candidacy for Governor. I have said this many times, but it is worth repeating. Public safety is government's number one priority and those who serve the public in law enforcement are our first line of defense.

That is why you are so high on my priority list and that of so many law-abiding citizens. I look forward to the remainder of the campaign and talking with the people of Florida on issues that matter to them. I particularly look forward to seeing many of you throughout our great state.

Thank you for your support. 🇺🇸



The Florida PBA has endorsed Charlie Crist as the Republican Candidate for Governor and Bill Nelson as the Democratic Candidate for U.S. Senate.
If you would like to help with their campaigns, see page 3.

A Message from Candidate for U.S. Senate Bill Nelson (Incumbent)



Florida Law Enforcement Deserves Its Fair Share Of Funding

During my 34 years in public office, I have remained committed to ensuring that Florida receives its fair share of federal funding—funding that supplies our cities and communities with the tools necessary to improve the quality of life of all Floridians.

Law enforcement plays a primary role in guaranteeing the continued growth and development of our cities and communities. But to be effective, law enforcement requires adequate equipment and proper training—and, that requires money.

I am a strong supporter of the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) and the Edward Byrne Grants programs, which ensure that law enforcement has the resources needed to hire additional officers and purchase new crime fighting technologies. I also have been a strong supporter of homeland-security programs that provide funding for first-responder preparedness, as well as border, port and rail security.

I believe funding also is vital to making sure tough laws

are effective. Following the tragic killings of **Jessica Lunsford**, of Homosassa, Florida, and **Sarah Lunde**, of Ruskin, Florida, the Legislature passed **Jessica's Law**. This law is one of the toughest in the country on sex offenders and establishes electronic monitoring of sexual predators by global positioning satellite (GPS). I obtained \$2 million in funding to assist Florida with its implementation. I also secured \$15 million in federal grants for Florida, and other states with monitoring programs similar to Florida. The grants are named after Jessica Lunsford and Sarah Lunde and were included in the **Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act**, which was named after the son of **John and Reve Walsh** who was kidnapped and killed in Florida almost 25 years ago. The Adam Walsh Act was signed into law July 25.

It is my honor and privilege to represent Florida in the U.S. Senate and advocate on your behalf for these and other programs that will assist law enforcement and improve quality of life for all Floridians. 🇺🇸

"To the world you may be just one person, but to one person you may be the world."

~ Brandi Snyder