

The Florida Senate
COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA
**MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, SPACE, AND
DOMESTIC SECURITY**
Senator Wright, Chair

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, December 2, 2025
TIME: 10:00 a.m.—12:00 noon
PLACE: 301 Senate Building

MEMBERS: Senator Wright, Chair; Senators Burgess, Jones, Sharief, and Truenow

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
1	Presentation by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement on Domestic Security and Critical Infrastructure		Presented
2	Presentation by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles on Domestic Security		Presented
Other Related Meeting Documents			



Florida Department of Law Enforcement

Domestic Security Activities

Senate Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security

David Binder, Deputy Commissioner & Homeland Security Advisor

December 2, 2025



Florida's Domestic Security Mandate

Section 943.03(14), F.S., mandates FDLE to:

- Coordinate and direct law enforcement and initial emergency responses to terrorism, immigration enforcement incidents, and other matters related to the domestic security within Florida.
- Assist the Federal Government with enforcing federal immigration laws.
- Work closely with the Division of Emergency Management, as well as other public and private multi-disciplinary partners to accomplish the domestic security mission.



FDLE Roles & Responsibilities

- Coordinate Florida's comprehensive response to acts of terrorism and other matters related to the domestic security of Florida.
- Serve as Homeland Security Advisor.
- Implement and maintain Florida's Domestic Security Strategic Plan.
- Chair the Domestic Security Oversight Council.
- Facilitate Regional Domestic Security Task Forces (RDSTF).
- Co-chair Domestic Security Coordinating Group.



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FDLE Roles & Responsibilities

- Coordinate the annual domestic security funding process.
- Produce annual Domestic Security and Critical Infrastructure reports.
- Oversee intelligence / information exchange through the Florida Fusion Center Network.
- Prepare recommendations for the Governor and Legislature to limit the state's vulnerability to terrorism.



Florida's Domestic Security Goals

- **Prepare** for terrorism and other domestic security and immigration incidents and events.
- **Prevent** and deter acts of terrorism.
- **Protect** our residents, visitors, and critical infrastructure against acts of terrorism.
- **Mitigate** the impact of an incident to preserve life, property, and the environment.
- **Respond** in an immediate and coordinated manner focused on life safety, incident stabilization, property conservation, and community stabilization.
- **Recover** quickly and effectively following an incident.



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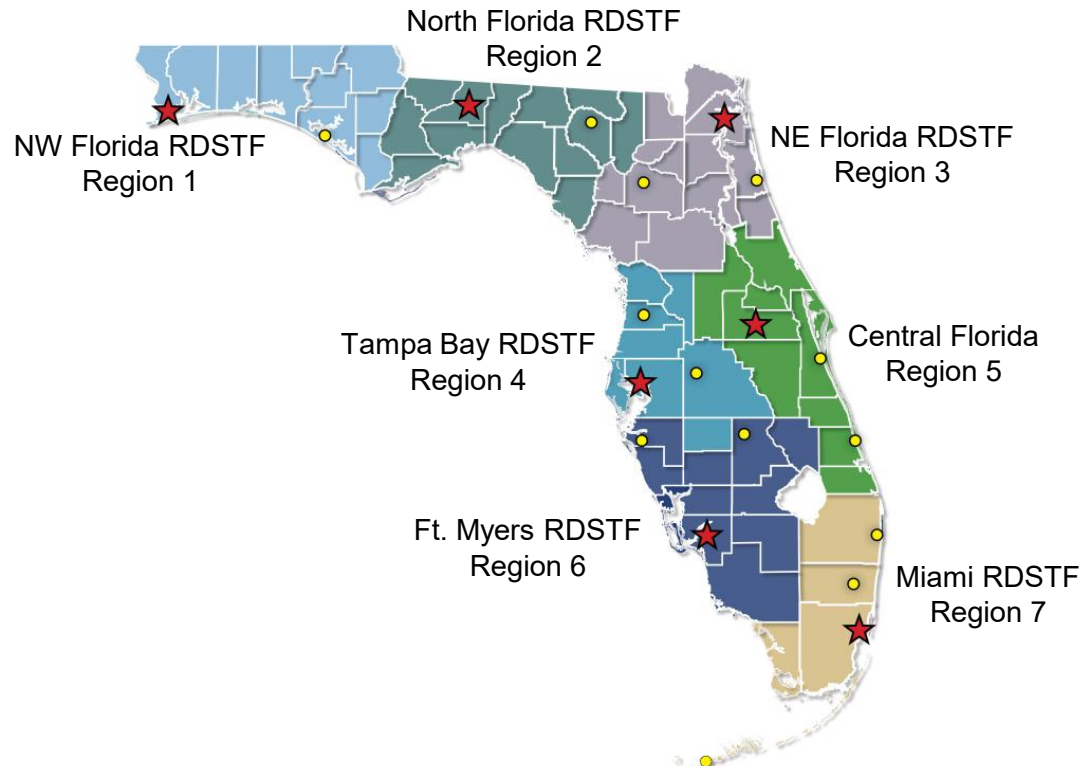
Florida's Domestic Security Governance





Regional Domestic Security Task Forces

Foundation of Florida's Domestic Security Model





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Division of Statewide Intelligence

Florida Fusion Center

Domestic
Security
Intelligence
Squad

Domestic
Security
Assistance
Program

External
Partners Unit

Strategic
Intelligence &
Analysis Center

Emerging Threat
Analysis Center

Florida Intelligence Center

Counter
Terrorism
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Center

Financial Crime
Analysis Center

Organized
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Warning



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Domestic Security Funding in Florida

2025 Award Type	2025 Award Amount
Florida SHSP	~\$15,745,665
Jacksonville UASI	~\$4,589,968
Miami UASI	~\$15,683,707
Orlando UASI	~\$6,611,279
Tampa Bay UASI	~\$7,296,816

- This year's increase was unexpected and cannot be relied upon moving forward.
- These amounts are pending the official Grant Award Notification from DHS.

SHSP - State Homeland Security Grant Program
UASI - Urban Area Security Initiative
OPSG - Operation Stonegarden

Year	SHSP	UASI	OPSG
2024	\$ 8,409,514.00	\$ 21,208,221.00	\$ 2,133,210.00
2023	\$ 9,343,905.00	\$ 23,628,750.00	\$ 3,336,500.00
2022	\$ 9,343,905.00	\$ 22,350,000.00	\$ 2,752,500.00
2021	\$ 9,701,894.00	\$ 22,350,000.00	\$ 2,671,000.00
2020	\$ 10,159,000.00	\$ 21,750,000.00	\$ 3,009,335.00
2019	\$ 10,566,000.00	\$ 13,500,000.00	\$ 3,082,563.00
2018	\$ 10,566,000.00	\$ 10,500,000.00	\$ 2,257,628.00
2017	\$ 11,023,500.00	\$ 8,017,000.00	\$ 1,135,172.00
2016	\$ 11,040,500.00	\$ 8,392,000.00	\$ 1,150,084.00
2015	\$ 11,040,500.00	\$ 8,500,000.00	\$ 1,150,084.00
2014	\$ 11,010,000.00	\$ 9,500,000.00	\$ 872,116.00
2013	\$ 9,574,272.00	\$ 8,500,000.00	\$ 954,977.00
2012	\$ 8,839,003.00	\$ 9,443,931.00	\$ 250,000.00
2011	\$ 16,505,787.00	\$ 18,813,435.00	\$ 250,000.00
2010	\$ 33,011,575.00	\$ 35,367,406.00	\$ 870,000.00
2009	\$ 35,236,000.00	\$ 35,356,550.00	<i>Began in 2010</i>
2008	\$ 37,725,163.00	\$ 41,036,993.00	
2007	\$ 44,239,454.00	\$ 45,483,072.00	
2006	\$ 45,025,770.00	\$ 55,246,140.00	
2005	\$ 44,728,450.00	\$ 30,885,716.00	
2004	\$ 70,382,000.00	\$ 37,187,212.00	



Florida's Domestic Security Funding Projects

Project #	Project Title	Amount Requested
	Management & Administration	\$564,837
1	Sustainment of Fusion Center Personnel	\$1,224,500
2	Sustainment of Fusion Center Operations	\$130,500
3	Statewide Data Sharing System	\$2,230,701
4	SWAT Building Capabilities	\$840,000
5	Urban Search & Rescue Training	\$35,000
6	Domestic Security Planning Meetings	\$35,000
7	HAZMAT Training	\$39,700
8	Bomb Team Building Capabilities	\$966,100
9	Maritime Security Response Team Training	\$784,100
10	R1 Okaloosa County SO Vehicle Barriers	\$780,000
11	R6 Vehicle Barriers	\$1,040,000



Florida's Domestic Security Funding Projects

Project #	Project Title	Amount Requested
12	R5 Port St. Lucie PD Vehicle Barriers	\$390,000
13	Martin County SO Trauma Trainer Project	\$120,000
14	R5 Orange County SO Aviation Project	\$123,976
15	Miami Dade SO Rapid Deployment Force Basic School	\$70,000
16	R7 Drone Detection	\$825,000
17	University of FL PD Barriers	\$77,192
18	Communications Exercise Template	\$48,000
19	R7 Family Assistance Center Full Scale Exercise	\$300,000
20	R7 Regional ReadyOP	\$100,000
21	R7 Rapid Deployment Force Trailer	\$193,804
22	University of FL Magnetometer Project	\$726,157
23	Okeechobee County SO Cybersecurity	\$217,000



Drone Threats

- Prolific use of drones for recreational, commercial, and military purposes has changed the threat landscape. Malicious use is now a global concern especially for publicly accessible soft targets.
- Weaponization
 - Programming an Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) to collide with a target
 - Swarming capabilities are possible
 - UAS modification to include removing software and adding improvised explosive devices is simple.
 - Agriculture drones used to spray chemicals



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Drone Threats

- Drones in Florida were manipulated with the intent to drop narcotics and contraband into Georgia Department of Corrections facilities. Through various investigative means, two businesses in Florida were identified as being complicit in the conspiracy.
- Florida legislation was established to make altering drones a felony: s. 330.411, F.S., - 3rd degree felony
 - Alter, manipulate, tamper with, or otherwise change an unmanned aircraft system's hardware or software to purposefully frustrate any tool, system, or technology intended to satisfy the remote identification requirements established by the Federal Aviation Administration as they relate to any unmanned aircraft or unmanned aircraft system;
 - Possess or operate an altered unmanned aircraft system as described above; or
 - Knowingly or willfully possess or operate an unmanned aircraft system with an attached weapon, firearm, explosive, destructive device, or ammunition as those terms are defined in s. 790.001.



Drone Threat Mitigation

- FDLE is strengthening the response to drones as a threat through drone detection capabilities.
 - The agency currently maintains both fixed and relocatable drone detection systems.
 - These systems are able to identify drones, assess the speed, direction, and altitude of the drone, provide remote identification information as required by the Federal Aviation Administration, and locate the pilot.



Florida Fusion Center (FFC) – Military Base Incursions

- The FFC remains concerned about attempted military base incursions by foreign nationals, including from adversarial countries such as China, Russia, Iran, and Venezuela.
- The FFC works closely with some bases within the state to track these attempts and monitor for suspicious activity.



FFC – Trusted Infrastructure Protection Partners (TIPPs)

- The FFC implemented the TIPP program. The goal of this initiative is to expand the information sharing relationship typically dominated by public sector partners to the private sector.
- TIPPs are fully backgrounded and vetted. They are recruited from trade associations and corporations that operate in multiple regions within the state of Florida.
- Since January of 2025, the FFC has onboarded 25 TIPPs from 17 entities.
- As the FFC continues to build its statewide Critical Infrastructure and Key Resources database, recruiting and onboarding additional TIPPs is a priority.



Critical Infrastructure Assessment and Evaluation Software

- FDLE continues to coordinate the implementation of the Critical Infrastructure Risk Management database known as FL-CIKR.
- The FFC has forward-deployed the following personnel in several regions throughout the state with the mission of identifying, cataloging, and assessing critical infrastructure facilities:
 - 3 FDLE sworn Inspectors
 - 3 FDLE non-sworn Critical Infrastructure Specialists
 - 3 non-sworn Critical Infrastructure Specialist pass-through positions at local agencies
- After one year of use, FL-CIKR has grown to over 30,000 sites catalogued. However, FDLE continues to be challenged by minimal staffing to address the volume of critical infrastructure in the state of Florida.



QUESTIONS?

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**Senate Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic
Security Committee**

Executive Director Dave Kerner

December 2, 2025

Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) Force

- FHP currently has 13 Troops across the State of Florida
 - 10 Troops are dedicated to Patrol Operations
 - 2 Troops are dedicated to Commercial Vehicle Enforcement
 - 1 Troop is dedicated to the Bureau of Criminal Investigations and Intelligence



CRIMINAL INTERDICTION UNIT (CIU)

CIU Activities

- Missing persons
- Search warrants/arrest warrants & Manhunts
- High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)
- Train local, county and state stakeholders in criminal interdiction techniques
- Drug enforcement & Contraband seizure
- Criminal apprehension & Human Trafficking enforcement

Canine Program

- Utilize primarily German Shepherds and Belgian Malinois
- Handlers and canines complete a rigorous training program and are certified annually in drug detection and apprehension

Handheld Narcotic Analyzers

- 46 handheld narcotic analyzers for Evidence Custodians and Criminal Interdiction Troopers
- Device eliminates the need to handle the narcotics or use individual test kits
- Reduces time at roadside identifying unknown substances



FHP Criminal Interdiction Unit

- Over 3523 pounds of Marijuana seized
- Over 624 pounds of Cocaine seized
- Over 343 pounds of Methamphetamine seized
- Over 20 pounds of Fentanyl seized
- Over 1,662 pounds of other types of illegal drugs seized, and prescription medication
- \$5,248,032 in U.S. currency, 130 vehicles, and 133 weapons seized.

*Data: January 2025 – October 2025



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Border Integrity Trafficking Enforcement

- Multi-agency criminal interdiction operations and training for those with boots on the ground. Since its inception, BITE has conducted over 21 operations throughout the state.
- On December 18, 2023, the Multi-Agency Task Force recovered over \$750,000 in seized assets, including bulk U.S. currency, narcotics, and firearms.
- On August 1, 2024, the Multi-Agency Task Force recovered over \$500,000 in assets, including narcotics, firearms, and currency.



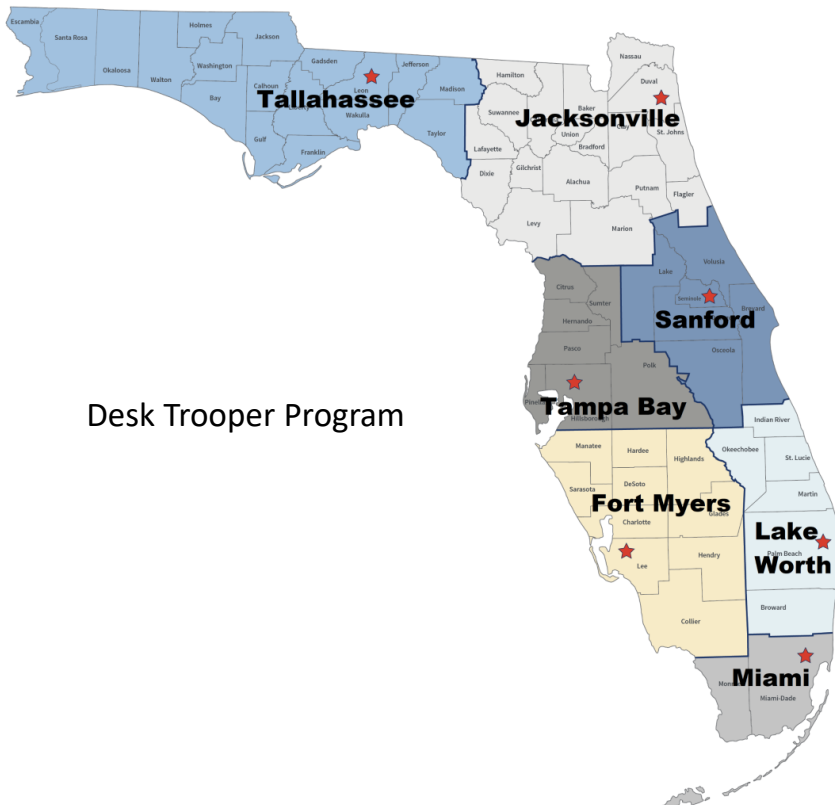
Bureau of Criminal Investigations & Intelligence (BCII)

- Intelligence and Analysis
- Fusion Centers
- Taskforces – DEA, FBI, JTTF, FHP Cargo Theft Task Force (CTTF)
- Homeland Security
- CIU Policy and Training
- Traffic Homicide Investigations Policy, Training and Coordination





FHP REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS CENTERS

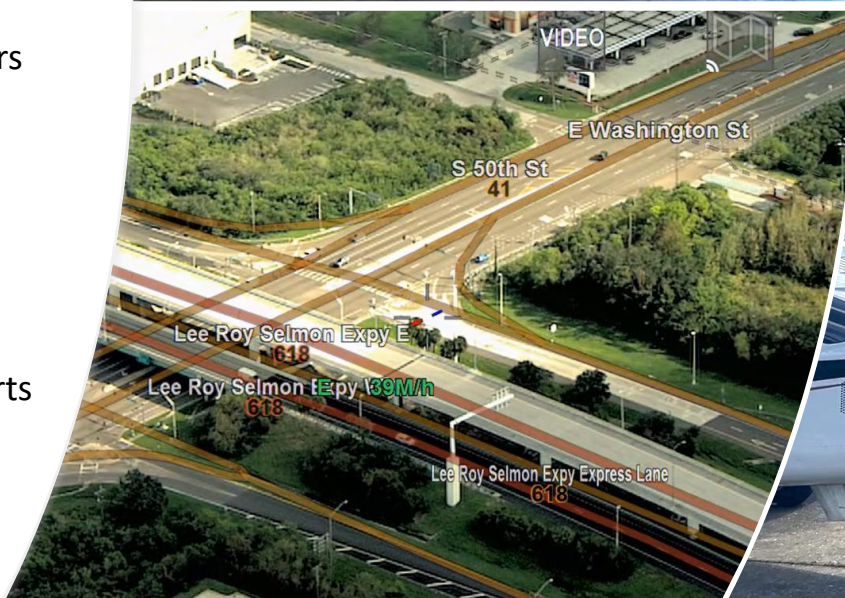


Desk Trooper Program

- Seven 24/7 Emergency Communications Centers
- Supports 9 State Law Enforcement Agencies
- Over 1 million calls for service annually via *FHP(347), 911 transfers, and administrative phone lines
- Communicates with field responders and other public safety dispatch personnel via radio
- Monitors License Plate Reader Alerts for field response
- Utilizes emerging technologies to locate and communicate with the public



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FHP Immigration Enforcement

- Targeted enforcement of illegal immigration.
- FHP works closely with local, state and federal LEO partners.
- Aggressively enforce violations of Florida State Statute and U.S. Immigration Laws related to the 287(g) Program.
- FHP has a focus on illegal immigrants engaged in violent crime, trafficking, domestic terrorism, and fraud.
- Additionally, FHP enforces violations related to human trafficking, human smuggling, fugitives from justice, the transportation of illegal contraband, stolen cargo, stolen vehicles and other violations of Florida law.



FHP Law Enforcement Operations

- **Operation Lone Star**

FHP Troopers assisted in Texas at the southern border.

- **Operation Vigilant Sentry**

Assisted Monroe County Sheriff's Office with an influx of migrants in the Florida Keys.

- **Operation Faithful Service**

Provided security at faith-based institutions across Florida following the terrorist attack on Israel.



Thank You



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SENATOR SHEVRIN D. "SHEV" JONES

34th District

November 25, 2025

The Honorable Senator Tom Wright

Chairman, Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security

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Dear Chairman Wright,

I respectfully request an excused absence from the Tuesday, December 2, 2025, Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security at 10:00 a.m.

Thank you in advance for considering this request. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me or my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Shev Jones", is written over a light blue grid background.

Shevrin D. "Shev" Jones

Florida State Senator – Senate District 34

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Started: 12/2/2025 10:00:16 AM

Ends: 12/2/2025 10:41:28 AM

Length: 00:41:13

10:00:21 AM Chair Wright calls meeting to order
10:00:28 AM Roll call
10:00:37 AM Quorum announced
10:00:42 AM Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Burgess
10:01:01 AM Chair with opening comments
10:01:24 AM Tab 1 Presentation by Florida Department of Law Enforcement on Domestic Security and Critical Infrastructure
10:01:35 AM Deputy Commissioner David Binder presents
10:21:00 AM Chair Wright
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10:22:26 AM Chair Wright
10:22:33 AM Deputy Commissioner Binder
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10:23:27 AM Chair Wright
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10:24:13 AM Deputy Commissioner Binder
10:24:19 AM Chair Wright
10:24:46 AM Tab 2 Presentation by the Department of Highway Safety on Domestic Security
10:24:54 AM Director Dave Kerner presents
10:25:39 AM Chair Wright
10:25:44 AM Director Kerner
10:38:33 AM Senator Sharief
10:38:57 AM Chair Wright
10:41:13 AM Senator Sharief moves to adjourn
10:41:21 AM Motion Adopted/Meeting adjourned