

AGENDA
FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT
December 8, 2015

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- ITEM 1 Respectfully submit the **Minutes of the August 5 and September 1, 2015 Cabinet Meetings.**

(See Attachment 1)

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- ITEM 2 Respectfully submit the **Florida Department of Law Enforcement's FY 2015-16 1ST Quarter Performance Measures Report, with Contracts, Agreements and Purchases over \$100,000 for April 1 to June 30 and July 1 to September 30, 2015.**

(See Attachment 2)

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- ITEM 3 Respectfully submit the **Florida Department of Law Enforcement's 2016 Legislative Proposal Update.**

(See Attachment 3)

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STATE OF FLORIDA

IN RE: MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR
AND CABINET

VOLUME I

CABINET MEMBERS: GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT
ATTORNEY GENERAL PAM BONDI
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
JEFF ATWATER
COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE
ADAM PUTNAM

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2 INTERVIEW AND APPOINTMENT OF
3 LAW ENFORCEMENT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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5 GOVERNOR SCOTT: During our last meeting, we
6 scheduled a public interview of my appointment for the
7 Executive Director of the Florida Department of Law
8 Enforcement.

9 Rick Swearingen has served the Department well,
10 not only in the last seven months as the Executive
11 Director, but 31 years of working at the Department.
12 Rick has dedicated his life to protecting Florida
13 families and making sure Florida is a safe state for
14 our residents, visitors and businesses, and is the
15 best person for this job.

16 I now reappoint Rick to serve as the Executive
Director of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement

17 and invite the Cabinet members to interview this
18 appointee.

19 ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: One question.

20 First, a statement. Thank you for your great
21 service. You truly, I think, have worked your way up
22 through the entire agency, throughout your great
23 career, and I have worked with you for years.

24 Of course, a great concern to all of us -- and I
25 think you may be addressing this later -- I'm not sure

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1 -- but if you are, the lab, and I know you have plans
2 of not fixing our lab but expanding our lab because of
3 the tremendous volume of DNA cases.

4 Commissioner.

5 INTERIM COMMISSIONER SWEARINGEN: Yes, ma'am. I
6 will be addressing that later, so I can go into that
7 now if you would like or...

8 ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: That's just a very
9 personal concern, you know, for me as attorney general
10 with all of the homicides, with rape cases, and the
11 backlog, but I believe you have been working on that,
12 so thank you.

13 INTERIM COMMISSIONER SWEARINGEN: Yes, ma'am.

14 CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER ATWATER: Yeah. Thank
15 you.

16 Director, thank you. You shared information back
17 with the application, and I appreciate what -- you had
18 taken some time to talk about initiatives and efforts
19 and where you have been spending some time, and people
20 you had been sharing some time thoughts with and
21 listening to, so particularly, you had mentioned in
22 this information, "I attended Florida Sheriff's and
23 Police Chiefs Associations meetings seeking feedback
24 on how the Department can serve the needs of local law
25 enforcement agencies."

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1 Can you tell me what have you learned from those
2 visits -- and it's plural. It looks like you've had
3 several and many, possibly, and maybe that's been
4 around the state -- what did you learn and how might
5 things be different from what you learned?

6 INTERIM COMMISSIONER SWEARINGEN: Well, let me
7 say, first of all, that is what I view as one of the
8 most important parts of my job is to build
9 relationships with my local partners, state and
10 federal partners as well, but when I met with the
11 Sheriffs and Chiefs, part of that was to build a

12 relationship so that they trust me and I trust them
13 and we have an open line of communication.

14 So I have been working very hard, not just going
15 to meetings, but calling them, providing my cell phone
16 number, so if they have issues they can contact me
17 directly. One of the things I heard in talking with
18 the sheriffs and the chiefs is FDLE, over the last few
19 years, has withdrawn from virtually all task forces
20 around the state, and we've been noticeably missed
21 there and I think that's an area we need to reengage
22 in some of those efforts so that we're working in
23 conjunction with our local and state partners. So
24 that's going to change. We will be shoulder to
25 shoulder with our local partners in some of these

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1 efforts.

2 Another thing I hear, and some of this I will be
3 getting into again later when we talk about recruiting
4 and retention of employees, FDLE doesn't seem to
5 recruit the level of experience that we once did, and
6 I think that's tied in large part to our starting
7 salary for our agents, which has not increased in many
8 years. We're no longer competitive with some of the

9 larger sheriff's departments, police departments.

10 And so, one of the things I've noticed is we
11 don't have necessarily the level of experience in some
12 of the, like, homicide investigations and some of the
13 things that we used to be the "go to" agency.

14 So we're going to address those concerns. One,
15 I'm going to address that by trying to address the pay
16 issue, but more importantly, the training side of that
17 that we regain that reputation of being the "go to"
18 agency when local agencies who don't have that
19 expertise need that, so...

20 CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER ATWATER: I think it's an
21 important issue that you just mentioned that these are
22 talented people, and if your analysis is showing that
23 we're losing talented people because we just cannot
24 compete, and those talented people have to be thinking
25 about their families and their best interest as well

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1 in conjunction with a meaningful career, then you need
2 to be sure that you work at that and enlighten this
3 Cabinet and let us make -- join you in doing the right
4 thing. So I appreciate that.

5 You had also said it has been important to spend
6 a lot of times with members of FDLE and listen. So

7 how about sharing with me, what did you learn from
8 these visits? Of course, you've been a part of the
9 team for many years, but you were now listening: What
10 did you learn from those visits, and what will that
11 change as to the leadership, management, organization,
12 processes of FDLE?

13 INTERIM COMMISSIONER SWEARINGEN: Well, let me
14 say first and foremost, when I came into this, I had
15 been in the Agency for 31 years, but this is a large
16 agency and there are a lot of moving parts, and I felt
17 it was imperative that during the first six months,
18 that I spend a lot of time moving around, not just the
19 offices but around the state, the regional operations
20 centers, but also in headquarters. It's a large
21 building. There's better than a thousand employees in
22 that building alone. So I wanted to -- I am somebody
23 be that is going to be engaged.

24 I am going to engage at all levels of the
25 Department and listen to what the members have to say,

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1 listen to what the concerns are. And you're hearing a
2 lot of the concerns that you're already aware of. You
3 talk to the folks in the lab and they're grossly

4 underpaid compared to their competition. In many
5 cases, they are crammed on top of each other because
6 we have not increased our space in many areas.

7 We have closed some field offices, which brought
8 more personnel in, more equipment in, which made our
9 regional operations centers even more crowded, so
10 you're hearing the same concerns. There's pay
11 concerns and that is across the Department. I don't
12 want to focus solely on lab and sworn members; that is
13 important, but there are classes across the agency
14 that are asking about pay and pay for, you know, the
15 job that they do is very important. No matter what it
16 is in the agency, there is no unimportant job in the
17 agency, so I have to focus that across the agency, not
18 just the sworn and lab folks.

19 So another thing, and let me just say I can't say
20 how important it has been that just the mere fact that
21 they see me and they get to speak with me. I have
22 heard from several of them that just the mere fact
23 that I would walk through and spend time speaking with
24 them or coming through to hand out one of their
25 awards -- if it's a five-year, ten-year, fifteen-year

1 certificate -- the ability for them just to speak to

2 me and express their concerns about what's going on in
3 the agency, so you're going to see that from me. I'm
4 going to be very engaged in building relationships,
5 not only internally with the members of FDLE but
6 externally as well.

7 My first six months, I felt that was probably the
8 most important thing for me to do was build
9 relationships with my four bosses, with the
10 Legislature whom I have to go down and ask for money
11 from, as well as our federal state and local partners.
12 So a good bit of my time of this first six months has
13 been doing just that, building those relationships
14 that are going to be necessary to make this Department
15 successful and move in the direction that I want to
16 go.

17 ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: Any more questions, CFO?

18 CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER ATWATER: I may come back
19 to it.

20 ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: Commissioner Putnam?

21 COMMISSIONER PUTNAM: Thank you, General.

22 Commissioner, we had an opportunity for a back
23 and forth at the last Cabinet meeting, and I really
24 appreciated your answers.

25 Let's talk a little bit about officer-involved

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1 shootings. The number of MOUs that I think y'all have
2 is 122, 124, somewhere in there. Is that continuing
3 to rise, and is that something that FDLE affirmatively
4 seeks to engage in that MOU with the local agencies,
5 or do you wait for them to come to you?

6 INTERIM COMMISSIONER SWEARINGEN: I think there's
7 a little of both. We have our SACs attend regional
8 meetings with chiefs and sheriffs, and we do say this
9 is a service we are willing to provide to you.

10 One thing I would say, yes -- let me answer your
11 question first. Yes, that number continues to
12 increase and that's in some part because we let them
13 know we are willing to do that. And even outside of
14 MOU, I want to say, if an agency calls us whether
15 we've got an MOU or not, we're going to respond to
16 them and we're going to assist them. I don't advocate
17 that it has to be FDLE. I say that we are an agency
18 that is prepared to do that, and what I would say is
19 agencies that choose to do that on their own, in my
20 opinion, are on the wrong side of history.

21 You cannot, with the climate that it is today
22 nationally and the distrust between communities and

23 their police forces, you have to have an independent
24 review of those instances. I just feel like it's
25 imperative that there be an unbiased set of eyes

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1 looking at that so that it gives the community faith
2 that this was a fair and honest investigation.

3 So we are willing to do that, but I'm not going
4 to stand here and tell you that we are the only agency
5 that can do that. I think we are certainly prepared
6 to do that and most capable of doing that, but if
7 you're going to investigate, you're one disaster away
8 from coming and seeking an MOU from us, I assure you.

9 But we would respond without an MOU, so I don't
10 want to say that they have to have an MOU.

11 COMMISSIONER PUTNAM: When I interviewed you in
12 December, we talked about stakeholder engagement, and
13 it's clear that just as the CFO and the General
14 indicated, you've spent a lot of time on the road
15 meeting with sheriffs, meeting with chiefs, meeting
16 with your own folks, and I appreciate that. I also
17 appreciate the level of communication you've had with
18 me and our offices. It's been outstanding since
19 December.

20 INTERIM COMMISSIONER SWEARINGEN: Thank you.

21 COMMISSIONER PUTNAM: Tell me a little bit about
22 what's going on in your regional offices. You've had
23 some transitions there. Is that settling down? Are
24 you comfortable with the leadership that you have in
25 the regional offices?

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1 INTERIM COMMISSIONER SWEARINGEN: I am. And, you
2 know, a lot of that happened before I came in. But
3 let me just say that I believe in accountability, and
4 my management style, one, I'm never going to be the
5 smartest guy in the room. I surround myself with very
6 smart people and people who are smarter than me.

7 I'm not intimidated by intelligence or knowledge,
8 so let me just assure you, the people around me are
9 probably going to be smarter than I am. But I do
10 believe in accountability, and I have told every time
11 I have a meeting with our internal folks, I say to
12 them, we have to hold ourselves to a higher standard
13 as law enforcement. Everybody makes mistakes, and
14 we'll investigate those mistakes as we should, but if
15 any member of this Department brings their integrity
16 into question and that is sustained in an internal
17 investigation. I have made it clear to them I will do

18 everything in my power to make sure that person no
19 longer works at FDLE. That's very clearly discussed
20 at every meeting.

21 So again, I think things have settled down, but I
22 can assure you, if issues arise, I'm not going to be
23 afraid to hold people accountable.

24 COMMISSIONER PUTNAM: The domestic security side
25 of things is something that you and I have engaged in

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1 a good bit of conversation at the last Cabinet
2 meeting, but I think it's important as part of this
3 process that you share your vision for avoiding a
4 sense of complacency creeping back in to the state,
5 given recent events and around the world; and your
6 thoughts on a fusion center and what its role is 15
7 years on from 9/11; and then as you've already
8 indicated, the reengagement in the task forces.

9 I think this is the right venue for you to share
10 where you think FDLE should be heading as it relates
11 to those things.

12 INTERIM COMMISSIONER SWEARINGEN: Okay. Well,
13 first and foremost, let me address the domestic
14 security issue.

15 If you watch television at all, you realize how

16 serious the threat is. You see it on the television
17 every time you turn on the TV; there's a new threat
18 from ISIS, from Al-Qaeda. In the past, that mission
19 has sort of been left to the federal government, and
20 they do a very good job of that and we assist them in
21 that. I have probably 18 to 22 assets to joint
22 terrorism task forces around the state.

23 But if you listen to Director Comey from the FBI
24 and some of the other federal leaders, recently they
25 have said, this threat is prolific; they cannot do

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1 this on their own. They don't have the manpower to do
2 this.

3 We as a state have to engage in these types of
4 investigations. We have to help. I have said, I'm
5 not going to be the one when something happens to come
6 in and look you four in the eye and say, "Well, I
7 thought the feds had my back." That's not going to be
8 me. We're going to cooperate with them every chance
9 we get.

10 One thing that limits me, and Commissioner, we
11 spoke about this the other day, Miami has nine JTTF
12 squads. The FBI in Miami has nine JTTF squads. I

13 wish had a body to put on every one of those. The
14 short answer is I don't. We have two, I think,
15 assigned to those JTTFs.

16 But domestic security will be one of my -- it is
17 one of my priorities, and I have made sure that I've
18 made that clear to the regions; that we are going to
19 be engaged in our federal partners. But we're not
20 going to leave that solely up to them. We're going to
21 be engaged in those activities.

22 Part of that is sharing of information and I'm a
23 firm believer in that, I will readily admit to you
24 that we have not done as good of a job as we probably
25 should have in not only our intelligence collection,

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1 but in sharing intelligence. That's part of what the
2 fusion process is. When we developed the fusion
3 center some 15 -- 12, 13 years ago now, that was its
4 design was to bring federal, state and local partners
5 together and share information across -- not only law
6 enforcement but across all disciplines.

7 We had representatives from almost all of our
8 state partners assigned to our fusion center and that
9 very quickly failed to -- they were coming maybe one
10 day a week. We have to do a better job of that. We

11 have to -- people are not going to send their folks if
12 they're not seeing some value of that so I promise you
13 we're going to address that. The agencies that send
14 folks to our fusion center are not only going to be
15 providing the service to us in helping us with data,
16 gathering and collecting information. They're also
17 going to receive some benefit out of that as well,
18 whether it's an assessment that their agency is
19 concerned with. We are going to do a better job of
20 that.

21 So I hope I answered your question. If I missed
22 a part of it...

23 COMMISSIONER PUTNAM: Task force, fusion,
24 domestic security.

25 And then, it's been raised by everyone so it

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1 clearly is a priority for this Cabinet, I'm prepared
2 to support your request for the resources to get the
3 labs right. And there clearly are pockets or classes
4 of skill sets throughout state government, including
5 in FDLE, where pay is non-competitive. And so, to
6 maintain the skill set that our prosecutors need, that
7 our victims demand, that our citizens deserve, we need

8 to make the necessary investment to get Florida's labs
9 back where they ought to be.

10 And so, I'm happy for to you address this now and
11 in your LBR, because it is important to me and has
12 such been indicated by the cabinet as well.

13 INTERIM COMMISSIONER SWEARINGEN: Let me say,
14 that message has been heard loud and clear from each
15 of you, so, we did some things in-house to try and
16 address this in the short-term.

17 We have what's called the 3-6-9 plan. That
18 allows -- we had a 3-4-5 plan, which would give
19 analysts \$5,000 over a five-year period. We've moved
20 that to 3-4-6 and they're now going to get \$8,000 over
21 the life. After their six years, they'll be receiving
22 8,000 additional dollars. Their ninth year, they're
23 going to get five percent of their base pay. So that
24 was at the 10-year mark and we've lowered that to the
25 nine-year mark, so they'll get a five percent increase

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1 in base pay.

2 The other thing you'll see coming forward in our
3 LBR is we're going to be seeking substantial pay
4 increases, competitive pay increases, for our lab
5 personnel: \$10,000 for a crime lab analyst, \$12,000

6 for a senior crime lab analyst, and we want to move
7 the base for a crime lab supervisor up. So they would
8 then receive the minimum salary, or ten percent above
9 that, if they had reached that.

10 So we're still crunching the numbers on that, but
11 if we can get that -- we're never going to be on top.
12 We're never going to be ahead of Vegas or, you know,
13 but that's going to make us very competitive with not
14 only most of the in-state labs but other state labs
15 around the southeast, so I think that's going to put
16 us in a pretty competitive position.

17 COMMISSIONER PUTNAM: Thank you, Commissioner.

18 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Attorney General?

19 ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: And Commissioner, thank
20 you for your support on that, because I can tell you,
21 10 years ago when I was prosecuting, we would have
22 this issue, the turnover in the lab, because we're
23 training ground and that's the nature of what happens.
24 Because we are not competitive with the private
25 sector -- and Governor, you've done this your entire

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1 life -- nor are we ever going to be able to be
2 completely competitive or give the high-dollar

3 numbers, but we've got to get as close as we can
4 because we've got -- it's so vital now, given the
5 volume of cases. The human trafficking cases require
6 DNA. I can't tell you how many child sex cases there
7 are now. And those, especially the rape cases, demand
8 immediate attention and those have to be analyzed.
9 And solving the cold cases, all of the old homicides,
10 now the DNA -- now that this incredible technology is
11 available.

12 So I think it's great for you to have our support
13 on that issue. And just a statement, because of the
14 nature of what I do, I'm constantly probably driving
15 him crazy, but I cannot tell you a case that I haven't
16 called the Commissioner on that he doesn't know about
17 throughout the state of Florida. Whether I'm in Miami
18 with Willie Ferrer or one of our US attorneys, and I
19 call him on an issue, and he knows about it. And for
20 such a huge office, thank you for that.

21 And now we know that we just can't worry about
22 our state, and that's what we've been focusing on,
23 transnational crimes. That's why I went to Mexico
24 City, because of the Cartels, because of the drugs,
25 because of the human trafficking, because of the money

1 laundering. And really, this is our statewide agency
2 and they are working so well with DEA, with ATF, with
3 our US Attorneys, with our Secret Service, with our
4 FBI, and that's what we've got to continue to do.

5 So thank you for that, and thank you for all of
6 your great employees around the state of Florida.

7 INTERIM COMMISSIONER SWEARINGEN: Thank you.

8 This brings up point. There are certain skill
9 sets that are always going to be in high demand in the
10 private sector. You have heard me say at the last
11 Cabinet meeting, one of my priorities is cyber crime.
12 We have to get into and gain the ability to work
13 hacking, work intrusion, denial of service cases.

14 The bad guys are no longer coming in our homes
15 through our windows and our doors, exclusively; now
16 they're coming in through our cell phones, our
17 tablets, our computers. We have to get ahead of that.
18 And I will make a prediction: That is another area
19 several years from now we're going to be talking to
20 you about, because that skill set, when you get that
21 training is extremely valuable in the private sector
22 and I can envision this same thing happening that
23 we're seeing with our lab folks now only in our cyber
24 crime agents.

25 So just a bit of a fore-shadowing of what you're

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1 going to see probably the next two, three or four
2 years.

3 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Any other questions from the
4 Cabinet?

5 CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER ATWATER: Governor, I
6 would add that I would like, and as to the observation
7 of what I would take and things I have seen in these
8 first six or seven months, I appreciate not only that
9 obviously you came with tremendous experience of area
10 director to the agency, to FDLE, and then stepped
11 right up. What I've appreciated is the extent that
12 you have been -- let me also say, I believe we have
13 had very fine leadership at FDLE for many years, and I
14 know you have acknowledged that and said to me as
15 well.

16 But after such occasion of a change in
17 leadership, it is always important that someone would
18 still test the current priorities and the assumptions
19 that we have been working under; that's what an agency
20 deserves. And I appreciate how you have been willing
21 to proceed down that path, and I think that's going to

22 be very important for us. These are always changing
23 times. Florida is very dynamic, and threats will be
24 ever-changing as well.

25 And so, I would like to express to you that it's

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1 been a pleasure to witness someone stepping up with
2 such familiarity and such respect for past leadership
3 that you would be willing to test assumptions and
4 practices and willing to start reallocating some
5 resources and making some new decisions.

6 I also would like to express to you, as already
7 has been mentioned, I have appreciated your
8 communication, and I have appreciated how you have
9 respected that I haven't had to know everything on
10 every day, but what I had to know and when I needed to
11 know it. And I will tell you that, that is
12 refreshing, and I have high expectations you'll use
13 that same good judgment as to what you believe I need
14 to know, when I need to know it.

15 And I would also like to state for everyone who
16 would be watching this today, it was always evident to
17 me your admiration for everyone -- every talent and
18 every family that is part of FDLE, and your first six
19 months have just made that abundantly clear to me how

20 proud you are to work with each individuals and your
21 care for them.

22 And I will make this same statement in our next
23 visit that will follow yours. You have a position
24 that is somewhat unique in the form of government
25 structure, and that is that there are four of us. And

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1 again, I would appreciate the good judgment I believe
2 you've exercised that there is not one of us that can
3 change the direction of policy. That's been
4 established, and that it's my expectation that though
5 we may at times be curious and inquire and ask for
6 data and information, that I think you've shown me
7 that you understand how this governance structure
8 works and where those decisions will be made and I
9 respect that.

10 Governor, if it's not premature, I'm ready to
11 support or make a motion to appoint and follow your
12 direction and join in the appointment of Director
13 Swearingen.

14 Thank you.

15 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Any other questions?

16 ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: No.

17 GOVERNOR SCOTT: I think we have some public
18 comment first, so is there anybody --

19 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Yes, Governor and
20 Cabinet. We have two folks that would like to speak.
21 First will be Amy Mercer with the Florida Police
22 Chiefs Association.

23 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Good morning.

24 MS. MERCER: Good morning. Thank you for the
25 opportunity to speak with you today.

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1 As stated, I'm Amy Mercer. I'm the Executive
2 Director for the Florida Police Chiefs Association.
3 The FBCA is the third largest state police chiefs
4 association in the nation and is composed of more than
5 900 of the state's top law enforcement executives. We
6 have members representing every region of the state.
7 As you can imagine, it is critical for our members in
8 our association to have a good working relationship
9 with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and its
10 commissioner.

11 Since his appointment, we have enjoyed a good
12 working relationship with commissioner Swearingen.
13 And I would like to take this opportunity to publicly
14 thank him for reaching out to our leadership and to

15 our members.

16 As you know, running this agency is no small task
17 and we appreciate the hard work and efforts to do the
18 job well. We also appreciate his willingness to
19 enhance FDLE services that will ultimately benefit
20 local law enforcement. Our members look forward to
21 continuing a good relationship with the commissioner
22 and FDLE and to build on that foundation of commitment
23 to excellence for our state law enforcement agencies,
24 officers and citizens.

25 Thank you again for allowing me to speak with you

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1 today and to share these comments on behalf of our
2 members.

3 Thank you.

4 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Thanks, Amy.

5 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Next, we have Steve
6 Casey with the Florida Sheriff's Association.

7 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Good morning, Steve.

8 MR. CASEY: Good morning, Governor and members of
9 the Cabinet. I'm Steve Casey. I'm the Executive
10 Director of the Florida Sheriff's Association.

11 As you may know, the sheriffs played a major role

12 in the creation of the Florida Department of Law
13 Enforcement way back in the 1960s, and since that
14 time, they have held a keen interest in the success of
15 this agency.

16 Depending on resource availability, FDLE is often
17 a critical partner of sheriffs across the state, and
18 they're one that we know we can turn to for assistance
19 in a moment's notice.

20 We have met with Commissioner Rick Swearingen and
21 his staff over the last few months and discussed a
22 number of key partnership areas, many of what y'all
23 just talked about today. We share his vision to make
24 FDLE a more strong, efficient and effective agency and
25 we look forward to working with him in the future.

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1 On a personal note, I will say having been a
2 member of FDLE, myself, I understand the role that
3 they play and the work that they do, and I look
4 forward to working with Commissioner Swearingen to
5 meet the need of our sheriffs and public safety
6 throughout the state.

7 Thank you very much.

8 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Thank you. All right, CFO, I
9 think you have made your motion to approve the

10 appointment of Rick Swearingen as the Executive
11 Director of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

12 Is there a second?

13 ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: Second.

14 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Any comments or objections?

15 Hearing none, the motion carries.

16 Congratulations.

17 INTERIM COMMISSIONER SWEARINGEN: Let me just
18 say, I appreciate the confidence that each one of you
19 have shown in me in selecting me a second time for
20 Commissioner of the Florida Department of Law
21 Enforcement, and I promise, nobody is going to
22 out-work me.

23 ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: We know that.

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2 INTERVIEW AND APPOINTMENT FOR DEPARTMENT OF
3 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION SECRETARY

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4 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Next, we have an interview and
5 appointment for the Secretary for the Department of
6 Environmental Protection. In January appointed and

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5 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Now I would like to recognize
6 Rick Swearingen with the Florida Department of Law
7 Enforcement.

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8 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SWEARINGEN: Good afternoon.

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9 Thank you again for my confirmation earlier. I
10 appreciate the confidence that you guys have placed in
11 me to run the Department of Law Enforcement.

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12 I have four agenda items for you today. First, I
13 would respectfully request approval from the minutes
14 from June 23, 2015 Cabinet meeting.

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15 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Is there a motion?

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16 ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: So moved.

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17 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Is there a second?

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18 CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER ATWATER: Second.

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19 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Moved and seconded. Show the
20 minutes approved without objection.

21 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SWEARINGEN: Second item is
22 our fiscal year 16/17 legislative budget request.
23 What I had intended to do today is provide you
24 concepts. I have some numbers, but we're still in the
25 process of developing some of these issues, so in the
interest of time I will be glad to answer specific

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1 questions for you, or I will go through these with
2 you, if you would like. We should be finalized with
3 these in the next week or so. I can send you the LBRs
4 electronically once we get those, or I can present
5 them at the next Cabinet meeting, whatever you prefer.

6 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Is everybody okay with just
7 asking questions? Did you-all get a review -- have a
8 chance to review?

9 COMMISSIONER PUTNAM: I have the numbers. The
10 concepts have been available for some time, but the
11 numbers are a little different.

12 GOVERNOR SCOTT: So I'm not going to vote on it
13 because I have to do an independent budget, so do
14 you-all want to vote on it today?

15 ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: I mean, I reviewed it.

16 We have discussed the issues with the lab. I am
 17 familiar, very familiar, with the agency and what they
 18 do, so it's up to the two of you.

19 CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER ATWATER: Chairman,
 20 Governor, I'm fine.

21 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Commissioner?

22 COMMISSIONER PUTNAM: Well, I appreciate where we
 23 are in concepts. I think if there are significant
 24 changes in the dollar figures I would like an update,
 25 but I'm certainly comfortable with the areas of

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1 emphasis where you're seeking funding. I know that
 2 everyone is on a compressed budget cycle because
 3 yearly Session, but I think this was certainly an
 4 important plank of our governance structure reforms of
 5 the Cabinet, to see these LBRs before they go to you,
 6 Governor.

7 GOVERNOR SCOTT: So do you want the motion to be
 8 that y'all are going to approve it, subject to any
 9 material changes?

10 ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: Uh-huh.

11 GOVERNOR SCOTT: And if there are, you will bring
 12 it back? Is that how y'all -- I'm not going do vote
 13 on it.

14 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SWEARINGEN: And Governor, in
15 fairness, you guys got basically a general concept
16 page or sort of my priorities. There aren't a lot --
17 you don't have any numbers, I don't believe, so what I
18 would offer is we should have all of this finalized in
19 the next week, two weeks tops, and I can send that to
20 you electronically to each of you when that is done
21 and then you would actually see actual numbers.

22 ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: And Commissioner, I
23 think that would help me, too, if we did it that way.
24 We can accept it subject to --

25 GOVERNOR SCOTT: So that's the motion?

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1 ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: -- numbers being
2 submitted it a later date. How is that?

3 CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER ATWATER: Governor, I
4 think that's fine. Maybe it would just be valuable to
5 go ahead and acknowledge that at the next Cabinet
6 agenda.

7 GOVERNOR SCOTT: We'll vote based on that motion
8 and you guys will vote for it. I'm not going to. I'm
9 going to abstain, because I have to do an independent
10 budget, independent of this, and then it will be back

11 on the agenda next time for the review.

12 ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: Do we want to vote or do
13 we just want to pass it and vote at the next Cabinet
14 meeting? I think that's what we have pretty much what
15 we've --

16 COMMISSIONER PUTNAM: There's nothing to vote on.
17 You've got concepts, so let's vote on his -- while he
18 continues, to work with him in the interim, but let's
19 vote on his LBR at the next meeting with budget
20 request included.

21 ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: That's fine.

22 GOVERNOR SCOTT: So what we're going to do is --
23 because there's nothing to vote on.

24 Is that what you-all want to do?

25 CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER ATWATER: Agreed.

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1 GOVERNOR SCOTT: So one you can give a motion to
2 withdraw.

3 CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER ATWATER: Motion to
4 withdraw as to Item 2.

5 GOVERNOR SCOTT: And it will be --

6 CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER ATWATER: -- placed on
7 the next agenda.

8 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Is there a second?

9 ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: Second.

10 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Hearing no objection, the motion
11 is approved.

12 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SWEARINGEN: Thank you. The
13 next item is the Department's 2016 legislative
14 proposal. We plan to propose one piece of legislation
15 this year. It attempts to rectify the untended
16 consequences of September 2012 court ruling, regarding
17 the Department's dissemination of juvenile criminal
18 history records. In short, the proposed changes would
19 allow us to resume sharing juvenile records with those
20 agencies or entities who currently receive C-order
21 expunged records when they submit a state-required
22 criminal history records check.

23 This will allow for greater protection of the
24 State's vulnerable populations, because certain
25 misdemeanor juvenile crimes are not provided on the

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1 agency's request for the records check. The proposed
2 legislation does not affect or the law enforcement or
3 the public's access to these records.

4 We are also considering legislation to develop a
5 single basic skills test for all law enforcement and

6 corrections applicants and to clean up language
7 regarding sexual offenders, predators and career
8 offender registration statutes. If we decide to move
9 forward on either of the last two, we will bring them
10 back through you.

11 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Okay. Is there a motion on the
12 item?

13 COMMISSIONER PUTNAM: So moved.

14 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Is there a second?

15 ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: Second.

16 GOVERNOR SCOTT: So Florida law requires me to
17 independently review legislation; according, I'll
18 abstain from the vote.

19 Any comments or objections? Hearing none, the
20 motion is approved with one abstention.

21 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SWEARINGEN: And the last item
22 on our Agency measures and review of delegated
23 authority. You have our measures that we have
24 proposed. I would like to say we met with CFO Atwater
25 and had a very beneficial conversation with him. We

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1 want to make some changes, some tweaks, to what we had
2 originally proposed. I would offer the same to the
3 other Cabinet members; if they would like that

4 opportunity, and I'll be glad to go through those now
5 if you would like?

6 GOVERNOR SCOTT: If it's okay, we'll just be
7 available if you have any questions. But my
8 understanding of what we're doing now is you have made
9 your proposal. At the next meeting, we will give you
10 our comments with the goal of approving them at the
11 next meeting. Is that everybody's understanding?

12 CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER ATWATER: So moved.

13 GOVERNOR SCOTT: All right. Any questions?

14 Thanks, Rick.

15 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SWEARINGEN: Thank you.

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17 (THEREUPON, Volume I was completed and continues
18 to Volume II without omission.)
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12 CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
JEFF ATWATER
COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE
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3 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Next I would like to
4 recognize Rick Swearingen with the Florida
5 Department of Law Enforcement.

6 COMMISSIONER SWEARINGEN: Morning, Governor,
7 Attorney General, CFO Atwater, Commissioner.

8 We have two agenda items for you today.
9 First the department's fiscal year '16-'17
10 legislative budget request.

11 The document you have is a summary of our
12 legislative funding priorities for fiscal year
13 '16-'17.

14 We are still making some revisions, so I
15 would caution that we don't have exact numbers
16 until September 15 submission date.

17 Our request totals about 35 million dollars
18 and represents an 11-percent increase over our
19 current budget.

20 I am happy to go through these priorities
21 individually, or I can answer specific questions.

22 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Let's just do questions,
23 unless anybody --

24 ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: I'm familiar. And,
25 of course, the lab is a top priority for all of

1 us.

2 COMMISSIONER SWEARINGEN: Yes, ma'am.

3 GOVERNOR SCOTT: So does anybody have any
4 questions?

5 COMMISSIONER PUTNAM: We have -- we've gone
6 over this one probably more thoroughly than any of
7 the others. I'm -- I'm satisfied.

8 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Okay. Is there a motion on
9 the item?

10 ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: So moved.

11 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Is there a second?

12 CFO ATWATER: Second.

13 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Florida law requires me to
14 independently submit budget proposals, so I'm
15 going to abstain.

16 Any other comments or objections?

17 (No response.)

18 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Hearing none, the motion is
19 approved with one abstention.

20 COMMISSIONER SWEARINGEN: Our second item is
21 our final review of agency measures. They are
22 identical to what you approved at the August 5th
23 meeting except for a slight alteration in the
24 scoring range for the crime-lab measure.

25 I'm happy to answer questions if you have any

1 related to specific measures.

2 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Are there any questions?

3 ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: No.

4 COMMISSIONER PUTNAM: What -- elaborate a
5 little bit more on the small alteration, please?

6 COMMISSIONER SWEARINGEN: There was a change
7 in the percentage, I believe, is all we changed.
8 It was either a change in the range, Commissioner,
9 or the overall percentage.

10 I don't -- I can get that for you, but I'm
11 not sure which.

12 COMMISSIONER PUTNAM: Okay. We'll follow up
13 with you on that. Thank you.

14 GOVERNOR SCOTT: All right. Is there a
15 motion on the item?

16 ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: So moved.

17 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Is there a second?

18 COMMISSIONER PUTNAM: Second.

19 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Any comments or objections?

20 (No response.)

21 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Hearing none, the motion
22 carries. Thanks, Rick.

23 COMMISSIONER SWEARINGEN: Thank you.

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FDLE Performance Measures - 1st Quarter FY 15-16

Number	Objective	Weight	Range	Result	Score	Weighted Score
1	Percentage of investigative resources dedicated to conducting major investigative activities	20%	5 = 70% or more 4 = 68-69% 3 = 66-67% 2 = 64-65% 1 = 63% and below	70.3%	5	
2	Percentage of service requests completed as function of staffing and optimal performance	15%	5 = 15% and above 4 = 6-14% 3 = 0-5% 2 = -5 to -1% 1 = -5% and below	23.0%	5	
3	Percentage of criminal history records compiled accurately	10%	5 = 98-100% 4 = 95-97% 3 = 92-94% 2 = 89-91% 1 = 88% and below	N/A	N/A	
4	Percentage of criminal history record checks responded to within the defined timeframe	5%	5 = 100% 4 = 98-99% 3 = 96-97% 2 = 94-95% 1 = 93% and below	100.0%	5	
5	Percentage of Biometric Identification System searches performed in 10 minutes or less	5%	5 = 100% 4 = 98-99% 3 = 96-97% 2 = 94-95% 1 = 93% and below	96.5%	3	
6	Percentage of time critical technology systems are online and accessible	10%	5 = 95-100% 4 = 90-94% 3 = 85-89% 2 = 80-84% 1 = 79% and below	99.96%	5	
7	Number of training hours delivered to local, state and federal agencies	5%	5 = 800 or more 4 = 750-799 hours 3 = 700-749 hours 2 = 650-699 hours 1 = less than 650 hours	165	N/A	
8	Percentage of officer certification applications processed within defined timeframe	5%	5 = 97-100% 4 = 94-96% 3 = 90-93% 2 = 89-86% 1 = 85% and below	94.6%	4	
9	Percentage of customers with positive service rating	5%	5 = 95-100% 4 = 90-94% 3 = 85-89% 2 = 80-84% 1 = 79% and below	N/A	N/A	
	Total	80%				



CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS AND PURCHASES OVER \$100,000

Q4 - FY 2014-15 (April 1 – June 30, 2015)

<u>P.O.#</u>	<u>VENDOR/SERVICE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
ACADB0	Thermo Electron North America, Inc. One Nicolet iS50 Fourier Transform Infrared (FTIR) Microspectrophotometer. <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Single Source▪ One Time Purchase	\$ 147,696
AC97A0	Qiagen, Inc. Four QUILgility HEPA/UV lab instruments with maintenance for the Orlando Regional Operations Center. <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Single Source▪ Term: 7/1/15-12/31/16	\$131,654
ACA9E5	Evans Consoles, Inc. Nine furniture consoles for the Florida Fusion Center. <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ State Term Contract▪ One Time Purchase	\$129,094
ACC9C2	EMC Corporation Two Brocade 6520B SAN switches with maintenance for Information Technology Services. <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ State Term Contract▪ One Time Purchase	\$128,563
PO837282	Dell Marketing L.P. Purchase of 226 computer monitors, 75 personal computers, 102 laptops and associated peripherals. <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Alternate Contract Source▪ One Time Purchase	\$299,894
ACEA77	Florida Counter-Drug Procurement Program Renovations (acoustical ceiling panels, raised flooring/carpeting and LED troffers lighting) to the Florida Fusion Center. <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Florida Counter-Drug Procurement Program▪ One Time Purchase	\$107,052
ACEFD8 AC9534	Life Technologies Corporation Reagents and supplies for Offender DNA casework performed by the Tallahassee Regional Operations Center. <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Single Source▪ One Time Purchase	\$198,442 \$175,924
AC5EB8	American Society of Crime Lab Directors Laboratory (ASCLD Lab) Site visit for reaccreditation of FDLE Crime Laboratories. <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Single Source▪ Term: 5/25/15-5/24/19	\$112,500

AC984E	SRT Wireless, LLC Surveillance equipment. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Single Source ▪ One Time Purchase 	\$268,440
PO812126	Unify, Inc. One Unify 4000 Phone System for FDLE Headquarters. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ State Term Contract ▪ One Time Purchase 	\$420,274
AC7CBD	Morpho Trak, Inc. Rap Back fingerprint retention program with software. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Single Source ▪ One Time Purchase 	\$155,690



CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS AND PURCHASES OVER \$100,000

Q1 - FY 2015-16 (July 1 – Sept. 30, 2015)

<u>P.O.#</u>	<u>VENDOR/SERVICE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
AD024D*	3k Technologies	\$156,000
AD0BF1*	IT staff augmentation - Missing and Endangered Persons Information Center, Career Offender, Mental Competency and Firearm Eligibility systems. <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ State Term Contracts▪ Term: 7/1/15-6/30/16	\$156,000
AD1728	AB Sciex, LLC Maintenance and repairs for laboratory spectrometer equipment located in Orlando and Tallahassee Regional Operations Centers. <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Single Source▪ Term: 7/1/15-6/30/16	\$155,628
AD005D	Ado Staffing, Inc IT staff augmentation - Computerized Criminal History System project. <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ State Term Contract▪ Term: 7/1/15-6/30/16	\$170,000
AD00B9*	Advanced Systems Design, Inc.	\$152,000
AD031C*	IT staff augmentation - Computerized Criminal History	\$156,000
AD042F*	System and Professionalism information services. <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ State Term Contracts▪ Term: 7/1/15-6/30/16	\$156,000
AD00AF	Brandt Information Services, Inc. IT staff augmentation - Computerized Criminal History System. <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ State Term Contract▪ Term: 7/1/15-6/30/16	\$176,000
ABF400	Cellmark Forensics, Inc. Testing of Forensic Biology (DNA) cases. <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Invitation to Bid▪ Term: 7/1/15-2/5/16	\$ 897,410
AD5E25	Dell Marketing Purchase of 125 computer monitors, 25 personal computers, 90 laptops and associated peripherals. <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Alternate Contract Source▪ One Time Purchase	\$ 129,949
AD09A6	Diverse Computing, Inc. 750 hours of maintenance and technical support for Florida Criminal Information Center II Message Switch and Hot File System support services. <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Single Source▪ Term: 7/1/15-6/30/16	\$ 128,550

FDLE-021-15	Diverse Computing, Inc. Licensing and maintenance support services for the eAgent Messaging System; web-based application for Florida Crime Information Center, National Crime Information Center, International Justice and Public Safety Network and other systems. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Single Source ▪ Terms: 7/15/15-7/14/18 	\$ 750,000
FDLE-009-16	Diverse Computing, Inc. Maintenance support services for the Florida Crime Information Center IPC XML Communications Library and software license for Gateway Production Enterprise. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Single Source ▪ Term: 9/26/15-9/25/18 	\$ 198,000
FDLE-002-16	GCOM Software, Inc. Modernization of Computerized Criminal History System. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Invitation to Negotiate ▪ Term: 9/1/15-7/31/23 	\$ 12,227,444
AD01E8*	Global Information Services	\$ 161,000
AD0247*	IT staff augmentation – Business Systems, Rap-Back and	\$ 158,000
AD030C*	Automated Fingerprint ID System, Florida Sexual	\$ 160,000
AD1124*	Offender/Predator Registry, Firearms Eligibility,	\$ 160,000
AD13D7*	Computerized Criminal History System and Automated	\$ 150,000
ADA92E*	Training Management System.	\$ 160,000
ADA93A*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ State Term Contracts ▪ Terms: 7/1/15-6/30/16, 10/9/15-6/30/16, 9/25/15-6/30/16 	\$ 158,000
AD5618	IBM Corporation Maintenance and support services for Regional Law Enforcement Exchange System. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Single Source ▪ Term: 7/1/15-9/30/15 	\$ 152,229
AD03B5	Infinity Software Development, Inc. IT staff augmentation – Criminal Justice Professionalism and other FDLE systems. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ State Term Contract ▪ Term: 7/1/15-6/30/16 	\$166,000
AD0041*	Kyra Solutions, Inc.	\$152,000
AD0072*	IT staff augmentation - Biometric ID System, Sex Offender	\$242,000
AD0081*	Registration, Revenue Accounting Management Systems,	\$169,000
AD01BF*	Business Systems, Computerized Criminal History System	\$150,000
AD01DB*	project, Grants Information Management On-Line System,	\$168,000
AD0226*	Automated Training Management System and other	\$175,000
AD028B*	information systems.	\$188,000
AD0367*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ State Term Contracts 	\$164,000
AD9FEF*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Term: 7/1/15-6/30/16, 9/21/15-6/30/16 	\$180,000



CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS AND PURCHASES OVER \$100,000

Q1 - FY 2015-16 (July 1 – Sept. 30, 2015)

AD1FA0	LexisNexis Risk Solutions FL, Inc. 116 software licenses for Accurint LE Plus software. <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Alternate Contract Source▪ Term: 7/1/15-6/30/16	\$101,908
AD50F1	Life Technologies Corporation Reagents and supplies for Offender DNA casework performed by the Tallahassee Regional Operations Center. <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Single Source▪ One Time Purchase	\$300,549
FDLE-008-16	National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (NLETS) Access to the International Justice and Public Safety Network. <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Single Source▪ Term: 10/1/15-9/30/18	\$180,000
PO869486	OraSure Technologies, Inc. Reagents and immunoassay drug screening supplies for the Tallahassee Regional Operations Center. <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Single Source▪ Terms: 7/25/15-7/24/17	\$106,464
AD1647	Pen-Link, Ltd. Licensing and maintenance of Lincoln Intercept. <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Single Source▪ Terms: 7/1/15-6/30/16	\$118,437
AD1722	Presidio Networked Solutions, Inc. Maintenance and technical support for Cisco Enterprise routers, network switches and VOIP Phone System. <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ State Term Contract▪ Term: 7/1/15-6/30/16	\$152,016
AD0468*	Sanrose Information Services, Inc. IT staff augmentation - Business Systems Engineering software development. <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ State Term Contracts▪ Term: 7/1/15-6/30/16	\$156,000
ACFFB7	Sirchie Finger Print Laboratories 100,000 Sirchie Swab (DNA) kits. <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Invitation to Bid▪ One Time Purchase	\$121,000

AD0377	Strategic IT Alignment Group, LLC	\$156,000
ADA59C	IT staff augmentation – Business Systems and Automated Training Management System. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ State Term Contracts ▪ Term: 7/1/15-6/30/16, 10/7/15-6/30/16 	\$150,000
AD0345	Strategic Staffing Solutions IT staff augmentation – Florida Law Enforcement Exchange project. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ State Term Contract ▪ Term: 7/1/15-6/30/16 	\$166,590
AD00BA*	System Soft Technologies, LLC	\$156,000
AD0172*	IT staff augmentation – Firearm Eligibility System, Florida	\$160,000
AD02FD*	Law Enforcement Exchange project and Florida Sexual Offender/Predator Registry. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ State Term Contracts ▪ Term: 7/1/15-6/30/16 	\$150,000
AD0DEA	Tal Search Group, Inc. IT staff augmentation - Firearm Eligibility System. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ State Term Contract ▪ Term: 8/1/15-6/30/16 	\$141,570
AD0911	Tampa Electric Company Utility services for Tampa Bay Regional Operations Center. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Exempt ▪ Term: 7/1/15-6/30/16 	\$282,000
AD01A9	Technisource, Inc. IT staff augmentation - Florida Fusion Center Sharepoint site and FDLE internet websites. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ State Term Contract ▪ Term: 7/1/15-6/30/16 	\$170,000
FDLE-026-15	West Publishing Corporation Online legal research database and continuing education. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Invitation to Negotiate ▪ Term: 7/1/15-6/30/20 	\$239,287



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT 2016 Legislative Proposal - Update

Basic Abilities Test. In 2000, the Legislature created the Basic Abilities Tests (BAT) for applicants entering into a criminal justice basic recruit program in Florida. The goal was to address problems with student success and program completion due to low academic aptitude. Currently the department oversees three private providers authorized by the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission to create, manage and administer the BAT statewide. Due to various issues, the department is proposing changes to take over development and maintenance of the BAT. Test administration would continue to be handled by one of the providers (Miami Dade College). Advantages of the proposed legislation include:

- Ensure equal opportunity and access for all law enforcement and corrections applicants seeking entry into the respective training programs;
- Standardize content and difficulty level of the BAT;
- Eliminate redundant processes;
- Create consistency in fees/site charges;
- Streamline communication and information dissemination;
- Increase efficiency, expediency, and consistency of processes and tests; and
- Add revenue to the training trust fund.

Sexual Offender/Predator Cleanup. In 1997, Florida became the first state to list sexual predators and offenders on the Internet. The Public Safety Information Act of 1997 allowed public access to information to protect themselves against sexual offenders and predators. Since then, Florida has continued to lead the nation in legislating strong registration and related sexual offender laws and effectively implementing these laws through its criminal justice partners across the state. Currently, 67,000 individuals are registered in the database. Proposed changes are necessary to clarify existing law, ensure compliance with the federal Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act and increase collection of information to ensure accountability and enforcement. Specifically, these revisions will:

- Clarify how to get relief from registration;
- Specify online reporting information;
- Clarify driver license/id card issue;
- Enhance requirements regarding international travel;
- Clarify professional license definition;
- Add juvenile sexual offender qualifications so re-designated former statutes of the current qualifications applies;
- Require individuals convicted of lewd or lascivious battery upon an elderly person or disabled person to register quarterly and for life; and
- Remove parent/guardian prohibition for false imprisonment/kidnapping/luring offenses (if involves sexual intent/motive).