



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

The FDLE Mission:

To promote public safety and strengthen domestic security by providing services in partnership with local, state, and federal criminal justice agencies to prevent, investigate, and solve crimes while protecting Florida's citizens and visitors.



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In 1967, the Florida Legislature merged the responsibilities of several state criminal justice organizations to create the Bureau of Law Enforcement. The Bureau began with 94 positions, headed by a Commissioner who reported to the Governor, certain Cabinet members, two Sheriffs, and one Chief of Police. In July 1969, after government restructuring, the Bureau became the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE).

Today, FDLE is headed by a Commissioner who is appointed by the Governor and approved by the Cabinet. Headquartered in Tallahassee, FDLE employs nearly 2,000 members statewide who work at the Department's 7 Regional Operations Centers, 15 Field Offices and 7 Crime Laboratories. The members of FDLE are guided by four fundamental values as they respond to the needs of Florida's citizens and criminal justice community: service, integrity, respect, and quality.

SERVICE	to the law enforcement community and others we serve;
INTEGRITY	of the organization and the individual;
RESPECT	for each member as our most valuable asset; and
QUALITY	in every thing we do.



FDLE is structured to deliver services in five program areas: Executive Direction and Business Support Program, Criminal Investigations and Forensic Science Program, Florida Capitol Police Program, Criminal

Justice Information Program, and Criminal Justice Professionalism Program.

FDLE is one of few state law enforcement agencies in the country to have earned triple accreditation. FDLE is accredited by the National Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, the American Society of Crime Lab Directors, and the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTION AND BUSINESS SUPPORT

The Office of Executive Direction provides management, coordination, and leadership to the agency, and ensures that FDLE's mission and objectives are being followed. The Office of Executive Direction consists of the Commissioner's Office, the General Counsel's Office, the Office of the Inspector General, the Public Information Office, and the Office of Executive Investigations.

Business Support assists FDLE's programs by coordinating and providing the business activities necessary for the daily operations of the agency. Business Support includes finance and accounting, human resources, budget, general services, and criminal justice grants.




CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS AND FORENSIC SCIENCE

FDLE conducts independent investigations and coordinates multi-jurisdictional and special criminal investigations with local, state, and federal authorities in five key investigative focus areas: domestic security, major drugs, violent crime, public integrity, and fraud/economic crime. FDLE provides specialized investigative assistance for computer crime cases, and gathers and shares intelligence information with other criminal justice agencies through the Office of Statewide Intelligence.

FDLE also serves as the agency responsible for coordinating and directing counter-terrorism efforts for the state of Florida, and works closely with the Division of Emergency Management and other federal, state, and local agencies to implement Florida's Domestic Security Strategy. This includes the coordination of the state's

seven Regional Domestic Security Task Forces, which are co-chaired by FDLE Special Agents in Charge and Florida Sheriffs and serve as the foundation of Florida's integrated efforts for homeland security.





FDLE also investigates fraud and abuse in Florida's public assistance programs. Primarily, these investigations are in the cash assistance, food stamp, Medicaid, school readiness and subsidized child day care programs. Investigations are conducted on program recipients, employees of the various assistance programs suspected of compromising their official positions, and providers of day care services.

FDLE is responsible for administering the Florida Mutual Aid Plan, which coordinates state and local law enforcement response during a declared state of emergency.

FDLE responds to the requests of law enforcement agencies for crime scene processing by recording, collecting, and preserving physical evidence for investigative and laboratory examinations. Using state of the art equipment and scientific techniques, FDLE provides expert and professional examination of evidentiary materials in the following disciplines: chemistry, toxicology, microanalysis, latent prints, serology/DNA, firearms, crime scene, and computer evidence recovery. FDLE also houses the state's DNA Database, which collects, analyzes, and stores DNA samples from offenders convicted of designated crimes.



FLORIDA CAPITOL POLICE

The Florida Capitol Police serve as a specially trained security and law enforcement unit assigned to protect the security of the Governor, members of the Cabinet, Legislature, state officials, and employees and visitors to the Capitol Complex.

Patrol, communications, protective services, and a bike squad, make up the Operations Unit. The Special Operations Unit consists of Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD), K-9, and Investigations. Capitol Police has trained and certified Bomb Technicians assigned to respond to bomb threats and bomb related emergencies. Capitol Police Investigators conduct intelligence related activities as well as investigate reports of criminal activity within the Capitol Complex.

Through the Protective Operations Section FDLE also provides protection for the Governor and First Family, the Governor's Mansion and Office, and visiting dignitaries.



CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION

Florida Department of Law Enforcement is committed to providing timely and accurate criminal justice information to prevent crime, solve cases, recover property, and to identify persons with criminal warrants, arrests, and convictions. The Department also provides statistical and analytical information about crime to policymakers and the public so that informed decisions can be made on the best way to combat and prevent crime.

FDLE maintains the central repository of criminal history records, as well as “hot files” that provide data about wanted and missing persons; stolen guns, vehicles, and other property; domestic violence injunctions; parole statuses; deported aliens; and registered sexual predators. These databases are accessible to all criminal justice agencies statewide using the Florida Crime Information Center (FCIC II) network, which also links Florida agencies to other states via the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) network. FDLE’s Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) provides immediate positive identification of

fingerprints of arrested persons and an automatic update of the criminal history files. The Criminal Justice Information Program also provides criminal identification



screening services to criminal justice agencies, non-criminal justice agencies, and private citizens to identify persons with criminal warrants, arrests, and convictions. The goal of this service is to prevent persons with criminal histories from gaining sensitive employment and licensing in certain professions. FDLE also maintains a clearinghouse of missing children information, and collects and maintains information on Florida's registered sexual predators/offenders and career offenders.

Many of these informational tools are available on FDLE's award winning website at www.fdle.state.fl.us. From this site citizens can search for missing property, search for sexual predators, search for violent criminals, search the missing children database, and research other criminal justice issues. Citizens can also request background checks and view current crime statistics. Also included on the site are press releases and current information regarding domestic security.

SEXUAL
OFFENDER
DATABASE
CLICK HERE

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE). At the top, there is a header with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement logo and the text "FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT". Below the header is a banner image featuring the Florida state flag and the text "SERVICE • INTEGRITY • ACCOUNTABILITY". The main content area includes a search bar, a "Home" button, and a "FDLE Headlines:" section with a news item titled "DNA Hit Links Florida Sex Offender to South Carolina Murder". On the right side, there are two prominent buttons: "SEXUAL OFFENDER DATABASE" and "CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS SEARCH". A navigation menu is visible on the left side of the page.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROFESSIONALISM

To ensure that Florida's citizens are served by a qualified, well trained, competent, and ethical law enforcement community, a 19-member Commission, made up of elected and appointed criminal justice officials, works with FDLE to promote professionalism at the highest level. Training programs are offered to sworn officers to enhance their law enforcement knowledge and skills. FDLE certifies qualified officers and revokes the certification of officers who fail to maintain minimum standards. FDLE also coordinates the statewide D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Program, providing training and monitoring of D.A.R.E. officers.

FDLE also provides executive-level training for Florida's criminal justice community. Through the Florida Criminal Justice Executive Institute, Sheriffs, Police Chiefs, law enforcement managers, and consultants come together in a think-tank atmosphere to discuss crime trends and to plan for the future.



TALLAHASSEE HEADQUARTERS

Office of Executive Director	850/410-7001
Executive Investigations.....	850/410-8240
General Counsel.....	850/410-7676
Human Resources	850/410-7900
Inspector General	850/410-7225
Information Program.....	850/410-7100
Investigations & Forensic Science	
Services Program	850/410-8300
Business Support Program.....	850/410-7260
Professionalism Program	850/410-8600
Public Information Office	850/410-7001
Capitol Police.....	850/488-1790

REGIONAL OPERATIONS CENTERS/FIELD OFFICES

SUNCOM NUMBER

Ft. Myers

Operations Center	729-7170	239/278-7170
.....		1-800-407-4880
Sarasota	742-6085	863/386-6085
.....		1-800-226-9216

Jacksonville

Operations Center	807-7100	904/360-7100
.....		1-800-226-6481
Gainesville	N/A	386/418-5400
.....		1-800-226-8520
St. Augustine	865-4657	904/827-3000
.....		1-800-738-4635

Miami

Operations Center	429-5500	305/470-5500
.....		1-800-226-3023
Broward.....	423-5400	954/958-5400
.....		1-800-226-3024
Key West	464-6705	305/292-6705
.....		1-800-226-3018
West Palm Beach	256-2840	561/640-2840
.....		1-800-226-3019

Orlando

Operations Center	344-0888	407/245-0888
.....		1-800-226-8521
Daytona Beach	370-3829	386/274-3829
.....		1-800-226-1512
Ft. Pierce	240-5692	561/468-5692
.....		1-800-226-1514
Melbourne	350-4880	321/984-4880
.....		1-800-226-4880

Pensacola

Operations Center	695-2100	850/595-2100
.....	.....	1-800-226-8574
Marianna (Satellite)	789-9337	850/482-9337
.....	.....	N/A
Panama City	777-4545	850/767-3490
.....	.....	1-800-226-4554

Tallahassee

Operations Center	210-7645	850/410-7645
.....	.....	1-800-342-0820
Live Oak.....	N/A	386/330-2800
.....	.....	1-800-226-5630

Tampa Bay

Operations Center	556-7300	813/878-7300
.....	.....	1-800-226-1140
Brooksville.....	663-2384	352/544-2384
.....	.....	1-800-358-5306
Clearwater	513-7901	727/298-2482
.....	.....	1-800-226-7203
Lakeland.....	515-8864	863/701-1474
.....	.....	1-800-226-3133
Sebring	742-6085	863/386-6085
.....	.....	1-800-226-2028

REGIONAL CRIME LABORATORIES

Ft. Myers	729-7170	239/278-7170
.....	.....	1-800-407-4880
Jacksonville	807-7100	904/360-7100
.....	.....	1-800-226-6481
Orlando	344-0888	407/245-0888
.....	.....	1-800-226-8521
Daytona Beach Satellite	370-3829	386/274-3829
.....	.....	1-800-226-1512
Pensacola.....	695-2100	850/595-2100
.....	.....	1-800-226-8574
Tallahassee	210-7645	850/410-7645
.....	.....	1-800-342-0820
Tampa.....	556-7300	813/878-7300
.....	.....	1-800-226-1140

The Sexual Predator Hotline 1-888-FL PREDATOR (1-888-357-7332) and the Missing Children Information Clearinghouse Hotline 1-888-FL MISSING (1-888-356-4774) are open 24 hours a day.

To report suspected marijuana growing sites, call 1-800-342-SPOT (7768).



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