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PRESS RELEASE

July 17, 2008

Fraternal Order of Police Pasco County Sheriff's Lodge 29 held its regularly scheduled General Meeting on July 16, 2008. During this meeting the membership voted on the endorsements of political candidates for local Primary races. All candidates who will meet in primaries in Pasco County were invited to attend and present their platform to Lodge 29's Political Screening Committee. The Political Screening Committee started back in February 2008, is a seven-member committee representing a cross section of both active and retired members. No members of our Executive Board participated in the committee. The Screening Committee included one member of each Labor Committee. The Committee held numerous meetings, culminating July 10th and 11th with the interviews of the candidates. During the interviews the Candidates were asked a set of question about their views and position with law enforcement, public safety and labor. Based on these question and the Candidate's qualifications. One from each party were chosen, and recommended to the membership present at the General Meeting on July 16, 2008. A vote was taken; ¾ of the membership present was required for an endorsement.

Prior to the screening and vote, all local Political Candidates were invited to our Lodge on General Membership Meeting nights and were free to mingle with our members and present their platform. In June 2008, Pasco County Fire Fighters and the FOP Lodge 29 held a combined a "Meet the Candidate" night at our Lodge, which was attended by numerous members of both organizations.

The Following are the Results of the Vote:

Sheriff:
Republican: Robert Sullivan
Democrat: Kim Bogart

Note: Sheriff White did not attend or respond to any communication from FOP Lodge 29

County Commissioner:

District 1:
Republican: John Nicolette

District 5:
Republican: Jack Mariano

School Board:
No Party Affiliation: Joanne Hurley

The Fraternal Order of Police, Pasco County Sheriff's Lodge 29 and its members will not only publicly endorse the above candidates as an organization of Law Enforcement and Corrections, they collectively believe they are the best candidates who have the interest of the Citizens of Pasco County as they relate to public safety. The Candidates are also eligible to use our good name and logos on any and all of their campaign material.

The Fraternal Order of Police, Pasco County Sherrill's Lodge 29 has over 500 members of sworn and retired law enforcement and correction members of the Pasco Sheriff's Office, Local, State and Federal Agencies and retired members from law enforcement and correction throughout the United States, who have made Pasco County their home. The Fraternal Order of Police, Pasco County Sherrill's Lodge 29, is not only local, The Fraternal Order of Police is the largest Law Enforcement Organization in the United States representing members throughout the State of Florida and the Nation

If you have any further questions about these endorsements or any other questions about the Fraternal Order of Police, Pasco County Sherrill's Lodge 29, I am the point of contact and feel free to contact me at 352-279-1952 or my email flhrlyrd@tampabay.rr.com.

Fraternally,
Timothy M. Hennigan, President
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