

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

**MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, December 9, 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 Sheriff's Association on Domestic Security and Legislative Priorities		
2	Presentation by the Florida Police Chiefs Association on Domestic Security and Legislative Priorities		
Other Related Meeting Documents			



**FLORIDA SHERIFFS**  
**ASSOCIATION**

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**Senate Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and  
Domestic Security Committee  
Sheriff Mike Harrison  
December 9, 2025**

# FSA'S MISSION

- Since 1893, the Florida Sheriffs Association has been the voice of Florida's sheriffs, united in the service of protecting Florida's citizens and visitors. We are committed to fostering the effectiveness of the Office of Sheriff through leadership, innovative practices, legislative initiatives, education and training.



# FSA LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

FSA  
President

- Sheriff Dennis Lemma,  
Seminole County



Legislative  
Chair

- Sheriff Bob Gualtieri,  
Pinellas County



Legislative  
Committee

- Sheriffs  
Appointed  
by the  
President



# 2025-2026 LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

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Sheriff Bobby McCallum (Levy)

Sheriff John Mina (Orange)

Sheriff Al Nienhuis (Hernando)

Sheriff Bill Prummell (Charlotte)

Sheriff Bobby Schultz (Gilchrist)

Sheriff Rick Wells (Manatee)

Sheriff Billy Woods (Marion)





# FSA 2026 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES



# LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

- **Xylazine (HB 309 Rep. Bankson and SB 432 Sen. Yarborough)**
  - This legislation reclassifies xylazine as a Schedule I controlled substance with an exemption for legitimate veterinary use and adds xylazine to the state's drug-trafficking statute.
  - Under the bill, anyone who unlawfully sells, delivers, or manufactures xylazine or a xylazine-laced mixture faces a first-degree felony with mandatory minimum prison term and escalating penalties based on quantity.
  - It also incorporates kratom-related protections by strengthening product-testing and consumer-safety requirements to prevent the sale of adulterated or unsafe kratom products.



# LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

- **Pre-trial Release Violations (HB 397 Rep. Daley and Sen. McClain)**
  - This legislation ensures that pretrial release conditions can be enforced immediately in all violent crime cases, extending protections similar to those in domestic violence law.
  - It makes intentional pretrial violations a first-degree misdemeanor when the underlying arrest was for certain violent crimes such as kidnapping, assault or manslaughter.
    - Allows a warrantless arrest based on probable cause and requires the defendant to be held until first appearance.
    - If the violation involves the same victim or a new act or threat of violence, it is elevated to a third-degree felony.
  - By closing this loophole, the bill gives law enforcement stronger tools to protect victims and enhance public safety.





# LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

- **Tuition Fee Waivers for Sheriff's Office Employees (HB 307 Rep. Johnson and SB 372 Sen. Trumbull)**
  - Provides tuition and fee waivers of up to six credit-hours per term, for full-time employees of sheriff's offices at state universities and Florida College System institutions.
  - This bill supports workforce development, improves recruitment and retention, and enhances the skills and readiness of law enforcement across the state.



# LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

- **Other FI Sheriffs Association 2026 Priorities**
  - **Officer Jason Raynor Act (HB 17/ SB 156)**
    - Increases penalties for violent offenses committed against law-enforcement and other protected personnel.
    - Elevates certain assault and battery charges and imposes a mandatory life sentence when an officer is killed.
  - **Sexual Offender Residency Ban (HB 45/SB 212)**
    - Prohibits sexual offenders from living within 1,000 feet of community pools or bathing places.
  - **Access to the Mental Competency Database (MECOM)**
    - Provides local law enforcement access to MECOM for firearm eligibility determinations.



# Domestic Security Initiatives



# DOMESTIC SECURITY

- **Sheriffs continue to work with FDLE and state fusion center on information dissemination**
  - Fusion Center model works and allows for actionable intelligence to flow from all level of government.
- **Florida Model Jail Standards and New Initiatives**
  - Member of the FMJS are working to ensure all jails are safely inspected.
  - Sheriffs are working to gather and collect intel to share among federal, state and local law enforcement agencies.

