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## Attorney General Moody's Week In Review - Aug. 14, 2020



We are now seeing more law enforcement line-of-duty deaths this year than all were lost in 2019. As Florida's Attorney General and the wife of a law enforcement officer, the increase in line-of-duty deaths is both heartbreaking and infuriating.

Many law enforcement officers on the front lines of this pandemic have contracted COVID-19—some fatally. At least six officers in Florida have died due to the virus with many others becoming seriously ill.

We have also seen deliberate, brutal attacks on officers across the country, even right here in Florida. According to the Federal Bureau of Investigations, [28 law enforcement officers were feloniously killed](#) in the line of duty during the first half of 2020; an increase of approximately 17% from the same time period last year. This madness MUST end.

I can tell you from a lifetime of public service, that the vast majority of law enforcement are good people dedicated to selfless service. They are heroes, willing to pay the ultimate price to protect us from crime and uphold order.

I am constantly exploring ways to promote positive impacts of law enforcement officers on local communities—from [launching a statewide Back the Blue campaign](#), to [partnering with law enforcement agencies](#) by encouraging the growth of the Bigs in Blue mentorship program of Big Brothers Big Sisters. These officers, citizens and organizations are taking extraordinary steps to forge positive relationships in their communities.

The great men and women who swore an oath to protect and serve need our support now more than ever before. Thank them for their service, even if they've pulled you over, because without these heroes, chaos, disorder and violence would destroy this great nation we all love.

Stay safe, Florida.



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