



Florida Police Chiefs Association

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Center for Disease Control and Prevention
1600 Clifton Road
Atlanta, Georgia 30333

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Florida Police Chiefs Association, please accept this formal letter in support of the Florida Department of Health, Injury and Violence Prevention Sections' application for the 2016 Enhanced State Surveillance of Opioid-Involved Morbidity and Mortality grant.

The FPCA understands the critical role law enforcement has in working with the FDOH to respond to opioid-involved drug overdoses in our state. We believe that FDOH, with the support of this grant, will increase the timeliness of aggregate nonfatal opioid overdose reporting, increase the timeliness of fatal opioid overdose and associated risk factor reporting, and disseminate surveillance findings to key stakeholders working to prevent or respond to opioid overdoses.

Thank you for your consideration, and please do not hesitate to contact Executive Director Amy Mercer at 850-219-3631 or amercer@fpca.com if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Chief Brett Railey
President

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cc: Amy Mercer, Executive Director
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