



Sheriff John W. Mina

ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

March 20, 2025

Honorable Daniel Webster
United States House of Representatives
2184 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Support for Orange County Sheriff Office FY 26 Community Project Funding Request for Central Florida Training Equipment Enhancement Efforts

Dear Congressman Webster,

I am pleased to support the Orange County Sheriff Office's **\$685,920.60** Fiscal Year 2026 Community Project Funding Request for training equipment enhancement efforts in Central Florida.

This project will fund the purchase of a new simulator system package from Ti Training that creates scenarios based on actual locations to train officers more conveniently and efficiently. Funding will also be used to purchase PepperBall launchers, projectiles, and associated equipment. This equipment will enable deputies to deploy non-lethal force at distances greater than 50 feet to provide versatility, enhance officer safety, and reduce injuries to suspects. The funding will also be used to purchase the Decision Tactical Active Assailant and De-escalation training to allow law enforcement personnel to engage in de-escalation and crisis training in interactive ways.

Many of these tools are already deployed in effective ways in other areas in Florida. It is vital that the Central Florida community have access to these methods to better protect our local law enforcement officers, minimize harm to our community, improve officer morale, and improve the community's perception of our law enforcement officers. According to the FBI's Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted (LEOKA) statistics, 62% of officers shot in the line of duty between 2005 and 2014 were within 0 to 10 feet of the perpetrator. This data highlights that the closer law enforcement officers are to a potential threat, the greater the likelihood of injury or death. With increased funding for non-lethal options for force, police officers and citizens will be better protected. In Florida, Palm Beach County, Pasco County, and Jacksonville Sheriff's Office have all successfully integrated PepperBall systems. Funding for these programs is vital to better protect Central Floridians.

In closing, I urge your support to fund the Central Florida Training Equipment Enhancement Efforts project. I appreciate your consideration in funding this much-needed project.

Sincerely,

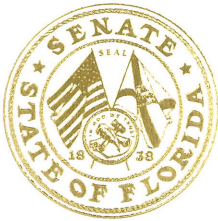

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10th District

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REPLY TO:

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Doug Bankson
State Representative, District 39