

FLORIDA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION



Support Adding a Sheriff to the Joint Taskforce on State Agency Law Enforcement Communications

Florida's Statewide Law Enforcement Radio System (SLERS) is a single, unified digital radio network that meets the radio voice communications needs of state law enforcement officers and other participating agencies throughout the state. The Department of Management Services is responsible for the implementation of this system and supports the Joint Task Force on State Agency Law Enforcement Communications that assists the Department with the planning, designing and management of the system. There are seven state agencies that are statutorily required to serve on the Joint Task Force:

- Department of Business and Professional Regulation:
Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco
- Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles:
Division of Florida Highway Patrol
- Department of Law Enforcement: Criminal Investigations & Florida Capitol Police
- Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission
- Department of Corrections
- Department of Financial Services: Insurance Fraud & State Fire Marshal
- Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

There is no local agency representation on the Joint Task Force. Local public-sector entities may become a SLERS Partner and currently twenty sheriffs' offices are a part of the SLERS system:

- Baker County Sheriff's Office
- Bradford County Sheriff's Office
- Collier County Sheriff's Office
- Franklin County Sheriff's Office
- Glades County Sheriff's Office
- Hendry County Sheriff's Office
- Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office
- Lafayette County Sheriff's Office
- Leon County Sheriff's Office
- Levy County Sheriff's Office
- Liberty County Sheriff's Office
- Madison County Sheriff's Office
- Monroe County Sheriff's Office
- Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office
- Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office
- Orange County Sheriff's Office
- St. John's County Sheriff's Office
- Sumter County Sheriff's Office
- Taylor County Sheriff's Office
- Walton County Sheriff's Office

As a large portion of the SLERS users across the state, which utilize the system to protect Florida citizens, sheriffs' offices can provide the Joint Task Force with unique input on the SLERS' features and use. Statutorily adding a position to the Joint Task Force that allows sheriffs' offices representation ensures important feedback directly related to public safety is always taken into account.

This bill has no effect on the current solicitation by the Department of Management Services

Support HB 1177 by Rep. Ingoglia & SB 1460 by Sen. Montford

