

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Executive Order Number 12-182

(Law Enforcement Coordination for Republican National Convention)

WHEREAS, the 2012 Republican National Convention (“Convention”) will be held in the Tampa Bay area on August 27-30, 2012, and Convention related events will be scheduled prior to, during, or after the Convention itself; and

WHEREAS, multiple local governments and communities in the Tampa Bay area and throughout the State will be affected by the Convention and its various associated events; and

WHEREAS, many thousands of Florida residents and visitors to the State are expected to attend the Convention and its associated events, placing significant demands on critical infrastructure, public safety and human services, and public- and private-sector resources throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of contingency plans and ongoing related action is required to protect critical infrastructure in the State, to protect the health, safety, and welfare of Florida residents and our visitors, and to safeguard public and private property; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has designated the Convention as a National Special Security Event (“NSSE”); and

WHEREAS, NSSE security is planned, exercised, and implemented through a unified command model that is comprised of representatives of participating federal, state, and local agencies with NSSE responsibilities, including the U.S. Secret Service and Florida law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, to help ensure that State and local entities are sufficiently prepared to deal with any security and safety issues related to the Convention, there is a need to develop, exercise, and implement a cooperative and coordinated security plan among State and local law-enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that a coordinated approach be taken in planning for, managing, and implementing law enforcement responses and support services.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK SCOTT, Governor of the State of Florida, by the powers vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Florida, do hereby issue the following Executive Order, effective immediately.

Section 1.

Because of the foregoing conditions and pursuant to sections 252.31-252.63 and sections 23.12-23.127, Florida Statutes, I hereby declare, for the purposes of coordinating state law enforcement resources and providing for local law enforcement agencies rendering assistance to the Tampa Bay area, that the potential exists for an occurrence that may result in substantial damage to or loss of property that will likely exceed local capabilities and require a broad range of state and federal assistance for the weeks prior to, during, and after the Convention, primarily for Hillsborough, Pinellas, Polk, Pasco, Manatee, and Osceola counties, but extending statewide as necessary.

Section 2.

I hereby activate the Florida Mutual Aid Plan pursuant to Chapter 23, Florida Statutes, and other applicable plans as required by section 252.36(3)(a), Florida Statutes, to ensure that public safety and security will be safeguarded and critical infrastructure and public and private property will be protected.

Section 3.

I hereby delegate to the Executive Director of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement the authority to, as authorized by the Florida Mutual Aid Plan and other applicable Florida law, after consultation with the Governor and after reasonably considering the advice and needs of the primarily involved local law-enforcement agencies, coordinate and direct all state and local law enforcement resources that respond in accordance with the Florida Mutual Aid Plan. I hereby place all responding state and local law enforcement resources, as authorized by the Florida Mutual Aid Plan and other applicable Florida law, under the operational authority of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement while this Executive Order or any extensions thereof remain in effect. I hereby grant the Executive Director the authority to exercise the powers required to perform the functions enumerated in this Order and in section 23.1231, Florida Statutes.

Section 4.

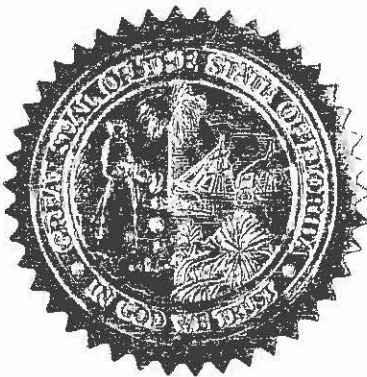
Pursuant to this Executive Order and section 23.1225, Florida Statutes, I direct that each local law enforcement officer, responding beyond the officer's normal jurisdiction to assist with the Convention pursuant to the Florida Mutual Aid Plan and this Executive Order, shall enjoy the same powers, privileges, and immunities, including law enforcement authority, as if the officer was performing duties inside the officer's jurisdiction, while acting under the Mutual Aid Plan and provisions set forth in this Executive Order. I declare that the powers, privileges, immunities, duties, and law enforcement authority contemplated under the Florida Mutual Aid Act, including sections 23.1225 and 23.127, Florida Statutes, shall be deemed to be conferred on law enforcement officers responding to the Convention and its associated events, as authorized by this Executive Order.

Section 5.

I hereby order the Adjutant General to activate the Florida National Guard, and I direct the Florida National Guard to coordinate with the Executive Director for security missions and assignments while this Executive Order or any extensions thereof remain in effect.

Section 6.

Pursuant to the Constitution and the Laws of the State of Florida, the Governor retains the final authority to amend or rescind all actions taken and all decisions made under this Executive Order. This Executive Order shall be initially effective for a period of sixty days from date of issuance, subject to extension as may be required.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed, at Tallahassee, the Capitol, this 10th day of August, 2012.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ron DeSantis', written over a horizontal line.

GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken Retzner', written over a horizontal line.

SECRETARY OF STATE

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