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The Honorable Chris Sprowls
Speaker, Florida House of Representatives
420 The Capitol
402 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1300

Dear Speaker Sprowls:

Pursuant to s. 14.2019(5), F.S., the First Responders Suicide Deterrence Task Force (Task Force) is required to make recommendations on how to reduce the incidence of suicide deaths and attempted suicides among employed or retired first responders in Florida. The statute requires the production of annual reports beginning 2021 and through 2023 listing the Task Force findings and recommendations for training programs and suicide prevention among active and retired first responders.

A copy of this report may be accessed electronically on the department's website at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/samh/publications/> under the sub-heading "First Responder Suicide Deterrence Task Force 2021 Annual Report."

Please let us know if we may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Shevaun L. Harris
Secretary

cc: Chair Jay Trumbull, Appropriations Committee
Chair Bryan Avila, Healthcare Appropriations Subcommittee
Chair Colleen Burton, Health and Human Services Committee
Chair Thad Altman, House Children, Families, and Seniors Subcommittee

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