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SHERIFF HARRISON JOINS GOVERNOR DESANTIS AND CONGRESSMAN DUNN TO RECOGNIZE NEW LAW ENFORCEMENT RECRUITS

PANAMA CITY, FL – Sheriff Mike Harrison, along with Governor Ron DeSantis, Congressman Neal Dunn, and other law enforcement leaders from across Northwest Florida, attended a press conference yesterday celebrating the newest law enforcement recruits in our region. The event welcomed new deputies and officers from Bay, Franklin, Gulf, and Walton Counties and recognized them with \$5,000 recruitment bonuses through Florida's Law Enforcement Recruitment Bonus Program.

Two of the Gulf County Sheriff's Office's newest deputies, Deputy Chelsey Higdon and Deputy Dylan Ake, were among those honored and received their bonuses in person. Both deputies are graduates of the Law Enforcement Apprenticeship Program (LEAP), a local initiative designed to prepare and guide individuals into careers in law enforcement. Since launching this first-of-its-kind recruitment program in 2022, Florida has awarded more than 9,400 bonuses to newly hired law enforcement officers across the state.

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