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## **LAW ENFORCEMENT LINING UP BEHIND ED HOOPER FOR STATE SENATE**

**Tallahassee** – The Sun Coast Police Benevolent Association (PBA) and Florida PBA endorsed Ed Hooper this week in his bid for the Florida State Senate!

Matt Puckett, President of the Florida PBA said, "As a State Representative, Hooper was a go to lawmaker that law enforcement could rely on. We proudly endorse Ed Hooper for the Florida State Senate and look forward to continue working with him."

"The Sun Coast PBA is proud to endorse Ed Hooper for Florida Senate District 16. Ed has spent his life in service to this community. As a fellow first responder and Legislator he has shown the proven leadership that is critically needed for our community. Ed has earned the respect and the trust of the men and women who wear a badge and risk their lives for their respective communities," said George Lofton, President of the Sun coast PBA.

"My proudest endorsements are having the men and women of public safety supporting my candidacy," Hooper said, "The work they do every day keeps us safe from harm."

The Police Benevolent Association represents law enforcement employees in municipal, county, and state levels.

Ed Hooper was born in North Carolina and moved to Clearwater in 1972. He attended St. Petersburg Junior College where he studied fire science and emergency medicine studies. Hooper retired from the Clearwater Fire Department after 24 years of service. He was previously elected to the Clearwater City Council and spent eight years in the Florida House before retiring in 2014 due to term limits. Hooper, who currently spends his time as a consultant, has a long history of involvement in the Clearwater Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Pinellas, and the Pinellas County Republican Executive Committee. He and his wife Lee live in Clearwater. They have four children and ten grandchildren.

Florida Senate District 16 includes northern Pinellas County and southwestern Pasco County. Other recent endorsements include State Senators Jack Latvala, Jeff Brandes and Dana Young, Pinellas County Sheriff Bob Gualtieri, Pasco County Sheriff Chris Nocco, the entire Oldsmar City Council, and Florida Professional Firefighters.

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