

# FIGHTING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS

## SENATOR RICK SCOTT'S LEGISLATIVE ACTION UPDATE

### FIGHTING FOR PROTECTION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS

**Thin Blue Line Act:** Sen. Rick Scott joined his colleagues to introduce this bill to increase penalties for criminals who target law enforcement by expanding the list of statutory aggravating factors in death penalty determinations to include killing or targeting a law enforcement officer, firefighter, or other first responder.

**LEOSA Reform Act:** This bill expands concealed-carry rights of qualified law enforcement officers, including retired and off-duty officers, to allow them to carry across state lines, as well as in school zones, national parks, and certain federal facilities open to the public.

**Preserving Safe Communities by Ending Swatting Act:** Senator Scott reintroduced this bill to expand the federal criminal hoax statute to expressly prohibit “swatting” hoaxes in which false information about a crime is reported to law enforcement with the intent of eliciting an emergency response at a target address. It would also impose strict penalties, including up to 20 years in prison if someone is seriously hurt because of a swatting attack.

### SUPPORTING AMERICA'S LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS

**SOCIAL MEDIA Act:** Senator Scott reintroduced this bill to ensure law enforcement agencies have the tools they need to fight the sale of deadly drugs and illicit activity on social media platforms. This bipartisan bill will improve collaboration between law enforcement and social media platforms in criminal investigations and promote collaboration to ensure platforms use best practices to combat illegal drug sales.

**OPIOIDS Act:** Senator Scott reintroduced this bill to allow for better data collection from law enforcement agencies, grants to contain suspected narcotics and upgrade essential testing and tracing systems, and increased collaboration between the Office of National Drug Control Policy and other federal and state agencies.

**School Guardian Act:** Senator Scott reintroduced this bill to create a federal grant program to support the hiring and training of law enforcement officers to provide security to every K-12 school in the nation. This builds on Senator Scott's efforts as Governor of Florida to improve school safety with increased law enforcement and security measures following the horrific shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in 2018.

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