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LCSO Deputy Sets Priorities as New President of Statewide School Resource Officer Association

Leon County Sheriff's Office Deputy Paul Emmons is stepping into a new leadership role as President of the Florida Association of School Resource Officers (FASRO). Emmons was sworn in last week during the association's annual conference.

FASRO is the largest school policing organization in the country, with more than 900 members. The Association provides comprehensive training for its members across the state of Florida.

"My goal is to increase membership, even more, to get everyone actively engaged in extensive training to protect our most precious resources, our children in our schools. With more members, we will have more successful conferences to provide top-of-the-line training to as many people as possible and provide takeaways that members can reflect upon and utilize for the rest of their careers," said Emmons.

Emmons began his career with the Leon County Sheriff's Office as a Reserve Deputy in 1991 and has served as a School Resource Deputy for LCSO for 25 years, currently assigned to Chiles High School. Emmons joined FASRO in 2000 and has served in the roles of Regional I Director and Secretary, prior to running unopposed for the role of President-Elect. He was also awarded the Medal of Valor from the association in 2020 for his actions in de-escalating an incident with a student armed with a knife.



Deputy Paul Emmons, shown with his wife Cindy, during the 43rd Annual Safety Conference in Orlando.

"Deputy Emmons is a shining example of the outstanding leaders within the Leon County Sheriff's Office. We are immensely proud of his accomplishments and are looking forward to him propelling the role of school resource officers in the state of Florida to a new level, safeguarding our schools and our children," said Sheriff Walt McNeil.

Emmons will serve a two-year term as President of FASRO.

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