

# BROWARD COUNTY POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION

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## **Union Requests That Police Departments Abide by SB 264 to Eliminate Citation Quotas and Officer Ratings Based on Citations**

**Fort Lauderdale, Florida – June 9, 2015** – The Broward County Police Benevolent Association ([BCPBA](#)) sent letters to police chiefs at *all* Broward County police departments represented by the PBA advising them of the recently passed State of Florida bill SB 264 which amends Florida State Statute 316.640 to prohibit traffic citation quotas. With the passage of the legislation, the establishment of citation quotas is a violation of state law.

The union mailed the letters on Friday, June 5, 2015. In its letter, union President Jeff Marano requested that police departments "...abide by the law and eliminate all traffic citation quotas from its practices, including but not limited to the current monthly evaluation system whereby an officer is given a rating based on the number of traffic citations and/or enforcement actions taken within a period of time, to wit, a month."

"The PBA sees these citations as revenue sources for their agencies and it makes officers and deputies look like the bad guys. We don't want to have mandates that continue to adversely impact the public," Marano added. "An officer's or deputy's monthly statistics shouldn't reflect the number of citations issued."

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The Broward County Police Benevolent Association is the largest law

enforcement union serving Broward County. BCPBA is a non-profit organization providing labor relations assistance and collective bargaining services for its members. Our mission is to promote professionalism in law enforcement and to protect the rights and privileges of individual law enforcement officers and civilian employees, as well as to keep citizens informed of the challenges facing law enforcement today. We are active in community events including those that support and honor law enforcement. Learn more about us at <http://www.bcpba.org>.