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Attorney General James Uthmeier Recognizes Outstanding Law Enforcement and Victims' Advocates during 2025 Crime Victims' Rights Awards Ceremony

Courtesy of the Office of the Attorney General

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General James Uthmeier announced the Distinguished Victim Services Award recipients during the National Crime Victims' Rights Week Ceremony. Every year, the Florida Attorney General's Office honors victim advocates and law enforcement officers who go above and beyond the call of duty to assist crime victims. Attorney General Uthmeier recognized the 2025 award winners during a ceremony in the Florida Cabinet Meeting Room this morning.

"These law enforcement officers and victim advocates meet victims on the worst days of their lives and make the choice to fight for them every day," **said Attorney General James Uthmeier.** "It is an honor to recognize them for their service to our great state. We will stand together to ensure victims' rights come first."

The following law enforcement officers received the Attorney General's Distinguished Victim Services Award:

- Corporal Amanda Baranowski, Tampa Police Department;
- Detective Stephen Buscemi, Palm Beach Police Department;
- Detective Cora Milliken, Green Cove Springs Police Department; and
- Commander Daniel Mosquera, Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office.

The following victim advocates received the Attorney General's Distinguished Victim Services Award:

- Fawn Bascom, Dana Milton, Britney Noyes, and Annalise Spotts, Tallahassee Police Department Victim Advocates Unit;
- Johanne Baxter, Manatee County Sheriff's Office; and
- Rose Desmornes, Pembroke Pines Police Department.

Since 1981, National Crime Victims' Rights Week helps citizens and advocates reflect on commitments to serving victims of all crime. The Florida Constitution and Florida Crime Victims' Bill of Rights give crime victims or lawful representatives, including the next of kin of homicide victims, granted rights. These include the right to be informed, present and heard when relevant at all crucial stages of criminal proceedings, to be free from harassment, intimidation or abuse, and to have the safety of the victim and the victim's family considered when setting bail or pretrial release conditions.

The Attorney General's Division of Victim Services and Criminal Justice Programs serves as an advocate for crime victims. For more information on crime victim services offered by the Attorney General's Office, click here.

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