

# **DIRECT SUPPORT ORGANIZATION REPORT IN COMPLIANCE SECTION 20.058, FLORIDA STATUTES**

(a) Name: *Auto Insurance Fraud Strike Force*  
Mailing Address: *200 East Gaines Street*  
*Tallahassee, Florida 32399*  
Telephone Number:  
Website Address: [www.myfloridacfo.com/AutoFraud/](http://www.myfloridacfo.com/AutoFraud/)

(b) Statutory Authority: *Section 626.9895, Florida Statutes*

(c) Mission and Results:

*Mission: The 2012 Legislature directed the Department of Financial Services to organize the Automobile Insurance Fraud Strike Force with the end goal of better protecting consumers by monitoring fraudulent activity in the marketplace and identifying resources to proactively assist law enforcement, state attorneys and other partners in the fight against auto insurance fraud.*

***Background:***

*Governor Rick Scott signed legislation to lower the cost of auto insurance premiums for Florida drivers by limiting fraud in Personal Injury Protection (PIP). As of January 1, 2013, the new legislation requires an accident victim to obtain treatment within 14 days in an ambulance or hospital, or from a physician, osteopathic physician, chiropractic physician or dentist. The full \$10,000 benefit can only be used if it is determined that the insured has an emergency medical condition. If not, the PIP benefit is limited to \$2,500 dollars. Massage therapists and acupuncturist were both eliminated from eligibility for the PIP benefits. Such efforts were supported by the Auto Insurance Fraud Strike Force.*

***Results:***

*Below are Division of Insurance Fraud's PIP results during FY 2013-2014.*

- All major counties (except Orange) showed a decrease in PIP referrals. Dade County showed over a 20% decrease from the previous year.*
- PIP arrests in Orange County increased by 49% and Duval increased by 32%.*
- PIP arrests were down 10% statewide for FY 2013-14 and approximately 55 clinics were closed.*

- (d) Descriptions of plans for the next three fiscal years: *Still evaluating the impact of the 2012 PIP Legislation to help determine the future need of the AIFSF.*
- (e) Code of Ethics: *The Strike Force shall comply with all applicable State and Federal laws in the conduct of its business.*
- (f) Copy of the organization's most recent federal Internal Revenue Service Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax form (Form 990): *The AIFSF is currently working with the Thomas, Howell & Ferguson (P.A./CPA) on completing the application for the Form 990. AIFSF has received no proceeds for the DSO nor have they made any expenditures.*



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**DREW J. BREAKSPEAR**  
COMMISSIONER

August 12, 2014

The Honorable Rick Scott, Governor  
State of Florida  
PL-05, The Capitol  
The Capitol  
400 S. Monroe St.  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

The Honorable Don Gaetz  
President, The Florida Senate  
409, The Capitol  
404 S. Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

The Honorable Will Weatherford  
Speaker, Florida House of Representatives  
420, The Capitol  
402 South Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300

Mr. R. Philip Twogood  
Coordinator, Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability  
111 West Madison, Room 312  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1475

Dear Governor Scott, President Gaetz, Speaker Weatherford, and Mr. Twogood:

Section 20.058, Florida Statutes, directs all citizen support and direct support organizations created, approved, or authorized by an agency to submit information relating to their organization, mission, and finances to the agency it was created to support. Per the law, agencies are required to report this information to the Governor, President of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability annually by August 15, along with recommendations related to the agency's association with each organization.

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In accordance with section 20.058, Florida Statutes, the Florida Office of Financial Regulation has not created and does not approve or administer any citizen support or direct support organizations, nor do we receive information from these organizations. Please consider this letter as compliance with this section of law.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact myself or Meredith Brock Stanfield, Director of Legislative and Cabinet Affairs, at (850) 410-9544 or [Meredith.Stanfield@lofr.com](mailto:Meredith.Stanfield@lofr.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Drew J. Breakspear". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the beginning.

Drew J. Breakspear, Commissioner



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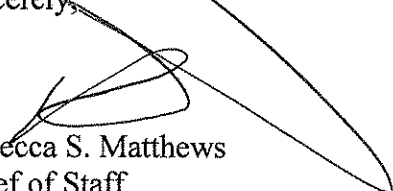
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By August 15<sup>th</sup> of each year, agencies are required to report this information to the Governor, the Legislature, and the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability and to provide a recommendation on whether to continue, terminate, or modify the agency's association with the organization. The Florida Office of Insurance Regulation has not created and does not approve or administer any citizen support or direct-support organizations, nor do we receive information from these organizations.

If you have any questions, please do hesitate contacting me at 413-5086 or Monte Stevens at 413-5005.

Sincerely,

  
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212 Senate Office Building  
404 South Monroe Street  
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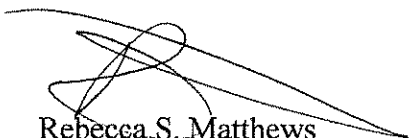
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