



Dear Sheriff, Chief, and other valued law enforcement leaders,

As you know, **2021 Police Week and Peace Officers Memorial Day** (May 9-15) is fast approaching. We all know that it has been a tough year for law enforcement officers around our country. After losing two FBI agents in Miami and three local officers, this year's event will be even more meaningful for all our communities.

To help honor local law enforcement, the nonprofit FBI Tampa Citizens Academy Alumni Association (FBITCAAA) is excited to introduce the first annual [Paint the Town Blue](#) event.

This important week aims to get the public to recognize and salute all law enforcement officers (not just the fallen) for what they do every day, no matter their role or department, by "Painting" the town [Blue](#).

We want to light up buildings and bridges Blue, encourage people to wear Blue, display Blue holiday lights at homes and much more! This could also include everything from Blue front porch lighting to Proclamations from Mayors and City Councils about the initiative to daily news stories and editorials about the positive things law enforcement does every day. We are planning special private events to thank the men and women in blue and their families. The week will conclude with memorial services honoring our recent fallen heroes and their families.

We are asking you and your team to join in the planning and celebration.

There are four things you can do to make the week special:

- 1. Provide us with multiple stories we can pitch to the media. (PR firm [National Strategies Public Relations](#), will assist with the planning and media outreach).**
- 2. Ramp up your community outreach that week with school and community visits and events.**
- 3. Help us promote the events to your staff and community.**
- 4. Let us know any plans you have for the week and we will assist in promoting and add them to our calendar of events if appropriate.**

If you want to participate in the special week, please contact us at info@FBITCAAA.org with point of contact information and we will immediately start working to maximize your agency's exposure.

We really appreciate your assistance in our effort to thank and recognize those who serve and protect our communities.

Sincerely,

FBITCAAA Board of Directors

Mission Statement - The Federal Bureau of Investigation Tampa Citizens Academy Alumni Association (FBITCAAA) is a community-based and supported 501(c)(3) organization **Federal Tax ID# 20-3269302** that promotes a safer community through outreach and educational events, with emphasis on the mission and leadership role the FBI takes in protecting our communities and nation. The FBITCAAA is a nonprofit organization and is apart from the FBI. www.FBITCAAA.org FBITCAAA, P.O. Box 22652, Tampa, FL 33622-22652

