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Fake Retirements give 663 Statewide Florida Bureaucrats and Politicians \$83.7 Million in cash pension bonuses in January 2023

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In Southwest Florida, 23 Bureaucrats who filed fake retirement paperwork are taking \$3.8 Million in Pension Cash Bonuses and salaries of \$1.9 Million at the same time to do the same job! These “Public Servants” are the only public employees who don’t pay 3% of their salaries \$56,553 to the Florida Pension Program shifting personal responsibility to the taxpayers. The Highest January 2023 Fake Cash Bonus Payout is \$710,166 to Robert Smith, North Collier Fire Control District who takes a salary (W-2) of \$153,028 at the same time to do the same job!

Statewide, 663 Florida Politicians and Bureaucrats who filed fake retirement paperwork are taking **\$83.7 Million** in pension Cash bonuses this January 2023. The Highest January 2023 Fake Pension Cash Bonus Payout is \$763,622 to an Employee with the Miami Dade Fire Department. 6 Politician Judges took pension cash bonuses between \$627,421 and \$535,260. “Triple Dippers are ‘Public Servants’ who take a salary and a pension with interest at the same time to do the same job!” said Dave Jaye, Researcher, www.tripledippers.org “ Triple Dippers *are the only* Florida Public employees who don’t pay 3% of their salary into the Florida retirement system-cheating taxpayers out of \$62.8 Million! No private company allows such abuses.” See the Statewide list of Florida’s Triple Dippers at <https://tripledippers.org/fl-cash-outs-January-2022/>

Add the Cherry on the top – these Triple Dippers are cashing out their unused days off at their final highest salary, not the salary when the days were earned taking more money from taxpayers and artificially increasing the final year’s pay on which their pensions are calculated. Collecting a paycheck and a pension at the same time, Triple Dippers can afford to delay Social Security which then increases 8% per year to age 70. That’s about a 40% increase in Social Security payments! Triple Dippers are formally called the **Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP)**.

Instead of giving overpaid bureaucrats and politicians more money, use our tax money to help 10,000 people left homeless due to Hurricane Ian¹ and Hurricane Nicole's destruction² "Giving "Public Servants" a paycheck and a pension at the same time to do the same job has led to **\$36 Billion in unfunded Florida Retirement obligations**, a \$1,675 liability for every man, and woman and child in Florida³! This abuse of taxpayers must stop."

"Although they never really retired, approximately **27,581 Florida Public Employees and Politicians** just file paperwork pretending to retire but keep on working and pocket approximately \$1 Billion in salaries and \$4.63 Billion in pension payments at the same time to do the same job and are the only Florida Public employees who don't pay 3% of their salary into the Pension System," stated Dave Jaye. "No Retirement Party, No Speeches, No Gold Watch, and No break in Employment! This scheme to rip off taxpayers was approved by Florida Government Entities by a majority vote from Mosquito Districts to Cities, Counties, Schools, Universities, the State Legislature, and the Governor. These Public Employees in conjunction with their supervisors are perpetrating fraud. The Public Manager or Politician simply signs off on the Fake retirement. If the paperwork is in order that's good enough. Even though the public employee and Politician never really left their job".

"Hurricane Ian destroyed the financial security of thousands of Florida retirees whose life savings were invested in houses and condos lost to the storm's winds and flooding"⁴, said Dave Jaye, Researcher, tripledippers.org "Hurricane Ian has displaced thousands of Floridians whose homes are now uninhabitable, taking not only their shelter but their financial safety nets." Replacing the approximately **27,581** Statewide over-the-hill retired Triple Dippers with freshly educated and trained employees would save approximately 40% around \$902.8 Million" stated Dave Jaye.

SW Florida's January 2023 Triple Dippers by pension cash bonus are:

	First	Last	Employer	Job title	Salary or W-2 Box 1	Pension Cash Bonus	Fake Retirement Date	Pension Cash Bonus date	Email
1	ROBERT	SMITH	NORTH COLLIER FIRE CONTROL	Fire Chief	\$153,028	\$ 710,166	2/1/2018	1/31/2023	ncfrsmith@gmail.com
2	JORGE	DIAZ	LEE CO BD OF CO COMMISSIONERS	Port Authority Fire	\$133,188	\$ 449,718	2/1/2018	1/30/2023	swilster@outlook.com
3	ROBERT	MARTIN	LEE CO SCHOOL BOARD	Voc Ed Teacher	\$71,927	\$ 268,929	2/1/2018	1/31/2023	thegarozzo@bellsouth
4	KURT	HARCLERODE	LEE CO BD OF CO COMMISSIONERS	Parks	\$124,478	\$ 240,314	2/1/2018	1/31/2023	thedy.beth@brevards
5	JEFFREY	WALKER	COLLIER CO BD OF CO COMMISSIONERS	Risk Management	\$144,135	\$ 211,757	5/1/2019	1/4/2023	ricardodaye7@gmail.c
6	GAY	BROCCOLO	COLLIER CO SCHOOL BOARD	Kindergarten Teacher	\$80,700	\$ 197,146	12/1/2017	1/4/2023	deena.dickey14@gma

¹ <https://www.cbc.ca/player/play/2079623235780#:~:text=The%20magnitude%20of%20Hurricane%20Ian's,millions%20more%20still%20without%20power>

² <https://www.cnn.com/2022/11/10/weather/hurricane-nicole-florida-thursday>

³ <https://alec.org/publication/unaccountable-and-unaffordable-2020/>

⁴ <https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/hurricane-ian-destroyed-retirees-life-savings/>

7	SUSAN	EDWARDS	COLLIER CO SCHOOL BOARD	Counselor	\$86,900	\$ 164,305	9/1/2018	1/3/2023	pintousa426@gmail.c
8	DONNA	ROBSON	LEE CO SCHOOL BOARD	ESE Teacher	\$75,589	\$ 163,593	6/1/2018	1/31/2023	243208@dadeschool
9	NILDA	HERRERA	COLLIER CO SCHOOL BOARD	Pre-K Teacher	\$64,200	\$ 140,998	2/1/2018	1/31/2023	edeb510@gmail.com
10	MARTHA	UHLAR	LEE CO SCHOOL BOARD	ESE Teacher	\$69,417	\$ 136,622	2/1/2018	1/31/2023	lilipaz@gmail.com
11	STEPHANIE	BIRTMAN	FL HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES	State Rep. Staff Dir	\$149,388	\$ 134,607	5/1/2021	1/6/2023	dadspoerl@aol.com
12	SUZETTE	MONROE	FL HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES	Politician Assistant	\$67,994	\$ 128,834	3/1/2018	1/31/2023	oslowalt@aol.com
13	DEAN	JOHNSON	LEE CO SCHOOL BOARD	Tech	\$74,825	\$ 118,243	3/1/2018	1/31/2023	debpowell58@gmail.c
14	RUTH	ROBEY	COLLIER CO SCHOOL BOARD	Accountant	\$60,301	\$ 108,656	2/1/2018	1/31/2023	robeyru@aol.com
15	KIMBERLY	GONDER	COLLIER CO SCHOOL BOARD	Middle School Teacher	\$73,680	\$ 98,863	5/1/2020	1/6/2023	jimandkimhuffman@v
16	DEBRA	OGDEN	COLLIER CO SCHOOL BOARD	Driver Ed Teacher	\$73,680	\$ 98,275	9/1/2020	1/17/2023	doodle0209@aol.com
17	MELONY	AUER	LEE CO SCHOOL BOARD	Asst to Teacher	\$43,267	\$ 85,243	2/1/2018	1/31/2023	grahamk57@hotmail.
18	KAREN	KOCSES	COLLIER CO BD OF CO COMMISSIONERS	Librarian	\$76,130	\$ 82,882	6/1/2020	1/27/2023	cdixon2153@att.net
19	THOMAS	BROWN	LEE CO SCHOOL BOARD	ESE Teacher	\$31,850	\$ 81,551	5/1/2020	1/31/2023	glennogolf@yahoo.co
20	MARTHA	CRUZADO	LEE CO SCHOOL BOARD	Asst to Teacher	\$30,092	\$ 53,494	2/1/2018	1/31/2023	cindy_hartley@scps.k
21	ANN	DONOHUE	LEE CO BD OF CO COMMISSIONERS	Secretary	\$46,315	\$ 47,150	5/1/2018	1/31/2023	rjd323@hotmail.com
22	EDWARD	PARKE	LEE CO BD OF CO COMMISSIONERS	Bus Driver	\$42,885	\$ 41,133	9/1/2019	1/4/2023	shirlg8561@hotmail.c
23	JODIE	ARCADI	LEE CO SCHOOL BOARD	Spec Safety	\$36,172	\$ 35,746	12/1/2019	1/20/2023	elouisj305@yahoo.co
24	ARLENE	OLSON	LEE CO SCHOOL BOARD	Teacher	\$47,662	\$ 24,829	11/1/2020	1/27/2023	oaj_57@hotmail.com
25	MARIA	MIGLIAZZO	LEE CO SCHOOL BOARD	Bus Attendant	\$27,303	\$ 19,407	7/1/2021	1/11/2023	divinciml@bellsouth.n
	Total				\$1,885,106	\$3,842,462			

Not paying 3% of salary to the Florida Retirement System like every other public employee .03% x \$1,885,106 = **\$56,553**

Florida's January 2023 Baker's Dozen Triple Dippers by pension cash bonus are:

	First	Last	Employer	Job title	Fake Retirement Date	Pension Cash Bonus Date	Pension Cash Bonus	
1	JUAN	GARRANDES	MIAMI-DADE COUNTY	Fire	2/1/2018	1/31/2023	\$763,622	mvinson@jud11.flcourts.org
2	MELANIE	MAY	OFFICE OF STATE COURTS	Politician Judge West Palm Beach	2/1/2018	1/31/2023	\$749,722	martysmalley@tampabay.rr.com
3	ROBERT	SMITH	NORTH COLLIER FIRE CONTROL & RESCUE	Fire	2/1/2018	1/31/2023	\$710,166	rfuhr@bellsouth.net
4	JILL	WALKER	OFFICE OF STATE COURTS	Politician Judge Wakulla County	3/1/2018	1/2/2023	\$704,190	pdeltoro@bellsouth.net
5	DOUGLAS	PEACOCK	MIAMI-DADE COUNTY	Sergeant	2/1/2018	1/31/2023	\$669,295	pahern254@gmail.com
6	MERRILL	CAMEL	MIAMI-DADE COUNTY	Fire	2/1/2018	1/31/2023	\$626,102	ptst528@gmail.com
7	DARREN	WILLIAMS	MIAMI-DADE COUNTY	Fire	2/1/2018	1/31/2023	\$611,861	blevay@marionso.com
8	PATRICE	QUINN	PALM BEACH CO SHERIFF'S DEPT	Lieutenant	7/1/2018	1/31/2023	\$594,675	bass@windstream.net
9	EDDIE	JONES	PALM BEACH CO SHERIFF'S DEPT	Fire	2/1/2018	1/31/2023	\$589,257	tboggus1@gmail.com
10	JORGE	LEGRA	MIAMI-DADE COUNTY	Waste Water	2/1/2018	1/31/2023	\$562,972	editllc3@gmail.com
11	ANTONIO	COTARELO	MIAMI-DADE COUNTY	Waste Water	2/1/2018	1/31/2023	\$531,262	kentw54@hotmail.com
12	MICHAEL	WALKER	PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS	Zoning	2/1/2018	1/31/2023	\$497,304	sweetlinda75@gmail.com
13	TIMOTHY	COLLINS	OFFICE OF STATE COURTS	Politician Judge	2/1/2018	1/31/2023	\$492,788	eunicesmith053@gmail.com

These Florida Triple Dipping Bureaucrats and Politicians don't pay 3% of their salary to the Florida Retirement System shifting personal responsibility to taxpayers \$8,103,216* .03= **\$243,096**

“This abuse of taxpayers must stop”. “We need to create opportunities for young people to move into these jobs to buy a home and start a family replacing these overpriced-cum-golden oldie Triple Dippers who are just putting \$763,622 or more of cash bonuses into the bank. Young people have much lower health care costs, are better educated and have much more energy than these Senior Citizen Triple Dippers,” noted Dave Jaye.

Law enforcement employees typically collect huge amounts of overtime which results in outrageous pension cash bonuses. In 2022 the Governor and Legislature approved increasing the Triple Dipper time for Law Enforcement and their Secretaries by 60% from 5 to 8 years of collecting a fake pension and paycheck at the same time. <https://tripleedippers.org/fl-cops-tripleedippers-july-2022/>

“The Florida Legislature and Governor should require Triple Dippers to contribute 3% of pay to the State Pension program just like every other ‘Public Servant’ and increase the ‘Public Servant’ contribution from 3% to 5% as proposed by then-Governor Rick Scott. Retirement cash bonuses should be eliminated”.
<https://www.sun-sentinel.com/news/fl-xpm-2011-02-01-fl-scott-announces-pension-reforms-20110201-story.html>

The public employer (taxpayer-paid) match of DROP Triple Dippers’ salary to the Florida pension system has increased to 21.34% compared to 13.82% for regular class employees. In 2012 the Employer match for DROP employees was 4.33%. <https://fastdemocracy.com/bill-search/fl/2022/bills/FLB00027524/>
A major reason Triple Dippers Program is expanding is that many Triple Dippers work for the Florida State Senate, State House, and Governor’s office and are Elected Politicians. The Employer contribution rate for Legislators, the Governor and Cabinet is 66.73%
https://www.dms.myflorida.com/workforce_operations/retirement/employers/contribution_rates .