

Fake Retirements give Two Powerful Florida Politicians Huge Pension Cash Bonuses

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2023



Sharon Jordan, Suwannee County Tax Collector takes pension cash bonus of \$397,940 breaking her contract promise to resign. <https://suwtax.com/>



Gil Carter, WASHINGTON CO PROPERTY APPRAISER, takes pension cash bonus of \$353,393, breaking his contract promise to resign. <https://www.qpublic.net/fl/washington/>

Statewide, 419 Florida Politicians and Bureaucrats who filed fake retirement paperwork are taking **\$83.7 Million** in pension Cash bonuses this February 2023. The highest Politician Pension Cash Bonus is \$397,940 for Sharon Jordan, Suwannee County Tax Collector. Gil Carter, Washington County Property Appraiser takes a pension cash bonus of \$353,393. “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-february-2023/>

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)**. The Highest February 2023 Fake Pension Cash Bonus Payout is \$819,441 to Alfonso Starling, Corrections Palm Beach Co Sheriff’s Department. The average pension cash bonus is \$132,685 and 226 Triple Dippers are collecting over \$100,000 in cash bonuses from taxpayers.

Every public employee must sign a contract promise to retire as a condition of participating in the DROP Triple Dippers Program. However, both Sharon Jordan and Gil Carter broke their contract promise to resign as a condition of receiving a Paycheck and a Pension at the same time to do the same job. A State Law allows Politicians to make a special request (DP-TEOC-2) to break that contract to retire. Politicians have the option to petition the State to collect that pension cash bonus and continue to collect a taxpayer-paid salary and continue not paying 3% of their salary into the Florida Pension system for “the end of my current, consecutively held or succeeding term of office.”

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 destruction suggested Dave Jaye. “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, woman and child in Florida²! 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”³, 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.

	First	Last	Employer	Fake Retirement Date	Pension Cash Bonus Date	Pension Cash Bonus	Email
1	ALFONSO	STARLING	PALM BEACH CO SHERIFF'S DEPT	3/1/2018	2/28/2023	\$ 819,441	starlinga4@bellsouth.net
2	CHERIF	NAHAS	PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Fire	3/1/2018	2/28/2023	\$ 688,776	cgnahas@gmail.com
3	THOMAS	SHIMANEK	MARTIN CO BD OF CO COMMISSIONERS	7/1/2018	2/11/2023	\$ 509,431	medicinfl@yahoo.com
4	JOY	WILLIAMS	MIAMI-DADE COUNTY	12/1/2017	2/3/2023	\$ 505,204	twintytoes@yahoo.com
5	JARROD	GALLAGHER	PALM BEACH CO SHERIFF'S DEPT	7/1/2019	2/3/2023	\$ 504,730	jrod5346@comcast.net
6	RON	BLAKE	SEMINOLE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS	3/1/2018	2/28/2023	\$ 472,181	fdmd1327@gmail.com
7	LARRY	SLIMICK	ORANGE CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE	3/1/2018	2/28/2023	\$ 450,458	lslimick@gmail.com
8	ALINA	ALONSO	DEPT OF HEALTH - COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENTS	3/1/2018	2/28/2023	\$ 436,993	alina.alonso@comcast.net
9	JOSE	ALVAREZ	BROWARD CO SHERIFF'S DEPT	3/1/2018	2/28/2023	\$ 432,212	ismarya@yahoo.com
10	GARY	GRAY	MIAMI-DADE COUNTY	3/1/2018	2/28/2023	\$ 417,626	wbupload@gmail.com
11	DERIC	MINCY	MIAMI-DADE COUNTY	2/1/2019	2/24/2023	\$ 409,749	deric.mincy@miamidade.gov

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

² <https://alec.org/publication/unaccountable-and-unaffordable-2020/>

³ <https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/hurricane-ian-destroyed-retirees-life-savings/>

12	ENRIQUE	FERNANDEZ	MIAMI-DADE COUNTY	3/1/2018	2/28/2023	\$ 401,498	enriquefernandez8283@yahoo.com
13	SHARON	JORDAN	SUWANNEE CO TAX COLLECTOR	3/1/2018	2/28/2023	\$ 397,940	dnj60@windstream.net

These Florida Triple Dipping Bureaucrats and Politicians don't pay 3% of their salary to the Florida Retirement System shifting personal responsibility to taxpayers.

“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 (taxpayer paid) for Legislators, the Governor and the Florida Cabinet is 66.73%
https://www.dms.myflorida.com/workforce_operations/retirement/employers/contribution_rates .

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