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CITRUS COUNTY SHERIFF EMPLOYEES RACK UP $8.7M IN PENSION BONUSES; MAJOR THOMAS BOSCO TOPS LIST AT $865,963, SHERIFF VINCENT COLLECTS $629,958

Uncapped Banked Leave Hoarding Led by Deputy Timothy Omelian's 2,166 Hours Creates Severe Officer Fatigue, Burnout, and Public Safety Risks while Local Taxpayers Pay 22.02% to FRS

CITRUS COUNTY, FL — A forensic audit by TripleDippers.org reveals 19 retirement-eligible participants at the Citrus County Sheriff's Office have accumulated $8,751,255 in lump-sum pension cash bonuses through the Florida Retirement System (FRS) DROP program.

Major Thomas Bosco leads the department with a projected 8-year pension bonus of $865,963, followed by Colonel Elena Vitt at $745,232, Captain Joseph Casola at $694,011, and Sheriff David Vincent at $629,958 on top of his department-topping 2026 salary of $233,552.

Uncapped Banked Leave Drives Burnout & $512K Taxpayer Liability

Compounding these pension payouts, internal audit records show personnel have stockpiled 17,318 hours of banked leave worth $512,526. Leading the agency's "Dirty Dozen" leave hoarders is Deputy Timothy Omelian with 2,166 banked leave hours ($76,395), followed by Detective Daniel Keszthelyi with 1,943 hours ($71,031), Deputy Robert Greatrex with 1,651 hours ($59,998), and Deputy David Coles with 1,643 hours ($39,257).

"85% of Florida workers don't have a pension, yet local property taxpayers pay 22.02% of contracted salaries directly toward FRS retirement costs while DROP retirees pay 0% into FRS," stated Dave Jaye, Lead Researcher at TripleDippers.org. "Refusing routine paid leave to hoard multi-thousand-hour stockpiles causes severe fatigue, split-second decision errors, and extreme safety risks for active deputies and the public. Vote YES on Amendment 3 to stop treating local homeowners as a bottomless piggy bank."

Top 5 DROP Pension Bonuses (Citrus County Sheriff)

Last	First	Job Title	Salary 2026	8-Yr Bonus	5-Yr Bonus	22.02% FRS Tax
BOSCO	THOMAS	Major	$163,935	$865,963		$36,099
VITT	ELENA	Colonel	$117,241	$745,232	$451,656	$25,816
CASOLA	JOSEPH	Captain	$82,035	$694,011	$374,756	$18,064
VINCENT	DAVID	Sheriff	$233,552	$629,958	$345,530	$51,428
HOWARD	RUSSELL	Deputy / Sworn	$73,362	$590,875		$16,154

Top 5 Banked Leave Hoarders

Last Name	First Name	Job Title	Salary 2026	Banked Hours	Value of Hours
OMELIAN	TIMOTHY	Warrants / Career	$73,362	2,166	$76,395
KESZTHELYI	DANIEL	Detective / Career	$76,024	1,943	$71,031
GREATREX	ROBERT	Deputy / CRO	$75,566	1,651	$59,998
COLES	DAVID	Deputy / Sworn	$49,691	1,643	$39,257
SLINGERLAND	DANIEL	Detective / MCU	$76,024	1,437	$52,522

Four Structural Reforms Needed Immediately:

- **Enforce a Strict 60-Hour Cap on Banked Leave:** Immediately save taxpayers $2.92M and align policy with private-sector standards.
- **Mandate Leave Cash-Outs at Historical Earning Rates:** Stop cashing out accumulated leave at inflated final-year career salaries.
- **Establish an Annual Use-It-or-Lose-It Limit on PTO Accruals:** Cap accruals at 120–160 hours per year; unused hours above 60 expire annually to force rest and prevent burnout.
- **Ban Banked Leave Cash-Outs from Pension Calculations:** Prohibit terminal leave cash-outs from artificially spiking Final Average Compensation (FAC) for annual pensions.

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