Sheriffs,

Please review the following message from FSA President Sheriff Gualtieri.

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The Governor entered E.O. 20-80 requiring COVID-19 screening of all persons flying into Florida airports from any airport in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut, and that all persons on the flights quarantine for 14 days. The E.O. was attached to the email you received earlier today. The DOH has a paper screening form it will use for all arriving passengers (see attached). Law enforcement and the National Guard are required to be present at the airports during the DOH screening. The National Guard will be present to assist DOH but the National Guard is NOT there in a law enforcement capacity.

The E.O. requires screening of all persons on commercial and private flights, including non-stop and connecting flights. The E.O. has been implemented at Tampa, Jacksonville, Miami, Orlando, and Miami airports. The Department of Health will be phasing in implementation at other Florida airports over the next few days. Sheriffs who provide law enforcement at airports should communicate with their local Department of Health director to find out when screening will be implemented at your airport.

Screening is initially occurring on direct flights and will be implemented for connecting flights during subsequent phases. Screening at FBOs for private aircraft will also be phased in by DOH.
We have asked the governor’s office for clarification on whether the governor expects us to verify quarantine compliance with the individuals arriving from these states. The E.O. does specify that it is a crime not to comply with order. We have not received an answer and as soon as we do we will let you know. As of right now we advise not to engage in any monitoring or enforcement.

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