June 28, 2011

2011 Florida Retail Federation Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Dear Distinguished Florida Law Officer:

The Florida Retail Federation (FRF) is currently seeking nominations for its annual Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award (LEOY). The selected officer will receive a $3,000 cash award, among other honors. Please take a few moments now to review this nomination information, which includes qualification details, and then make your nomination.

NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE FRF OFFICE NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, AUGUST 19, 2011.

FRF created the LEOY award in 1974 to support and encourage outstanding law enforcement work throughout the state and to recognize the important contributions Florida's law enforcement professionals make in promoting safety and security in places of business. The annual award has been presented to 41 individuals who have embodied the epitome of excellence in law enforcement. LEOY’s time-tested theme, “Often taken for granted, they never stop serving because they care,” remains as relevant today as when the program was introduced more than three decades ago.

QUICK FACTS and QUALIFICATIONS

- Eligible nominees are officers up to and including the rank of sergeant from police and sheriff’s departments, the Florida Highway Patrol, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, and the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation’s Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco Bureau of Law Enforcement.

- Nominations should be based on overall performance from July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2011. Supporting material that does not fall within this time period may not be considered.

- We respectfully request that you send only one nomination from your department or agency.

- The nominator should complete the enclosed nomination form and include a letter of recommendation from the department head and/or nominating superior, and any supporting documentation relating to the nominee’s accomplishments such as letters of commendation, other awards, and newspaper clippings. Please feel free to include as many additional pages as necessary to highlight your nominee’s accomplishments and contributions.

- Please carefully read and follow all instructions on the two-sided nomination form. In past years, some outstanding LEOY nominees could not be adequately considered by the selection committee because their nominations were not detailed enough.

A selection committee that includes representatives from retail security, law enforcement and government entities will select a winner from the eligible nominations. The officer deemed the best representative of Florida law enforcement will be named the “2011 Florida Retail Federation Law Enforcement Officer of the Year.” Both the winning and nominating officers will be invited as guests of the Florida Retail Federation to attend FRF’s Annual Awards Banquet on Tuesday, October 11, 2011, at the Omni Orlando Resort at ChampionsGate in Orlando, FL.

If you need further information about the LEOY program, please contact Brenda Grindstaff at 1.888.FL.RETAIL (357.3824) or FRFAwards@frf.org. The Florida Retail Federation salutes and appreciates our state’s many fine officers. We look forward to receiving your nomination.

Sincerely,

Dan Doyle  
Chairman of the Board  
Florida Retail Federation  
Senior VP, Beall’s, Inc.  
Bradenton

Richard A. McAllister  
Florida Retail Federation  
President and CEO

P.S. — Nominating an officer to be considered for this award is a great way to recognize his or her accomplishments, professionalism, and say “thanks for a job well done.” All eligible nominees will receive a certificate of recognition noting the honor of being nominated for the LEOY award.
**2011 FLORIDA RETAIL FEDERATION LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

**NOMINATION FORM**

**ELIGIBILITY:**
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- We respectfully request that you send only one nomination from your department or agency.

Please complete the information requested on BOTH sides of this form, include additional materials as warranted, and return by mail to:

LEOY AWARD COMMITTEE
FLORIDA RETAIL FEDERATION
227 SOUTH ADAMS STREET
TALLAHASSEE FL 32301-1720

**DEADLINE: NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE FLORIDA RETAIL FEDERATION OFFICE NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, AUGUST 19, 2011.**

Note: Nominations can also be submitted by email to FRFAwards@frf.org no later than August 19. Nomination forms can also be downloaded at www.frf.org. Look for the LEOY logo on FRF’s home page for details.

**NOMINEE INFORMATION**

Name, including rank: ____________________________________________

Name of nominee’s agency: ____________________________________________

Agency address: _______________________________________________________

City: __________________________ State: __________ Zip: __________

Phone number: __________________________ Fax: __________________________

Email: __________________________

How long has this nominee worked for this agency? __________________________

How long has this nominee worked in law enforcement, if different from above? __________________________

**NOMINATOR INFORMATION:**

Your name: __________________________________________________________

Your address: _________________________________________________________

City: __________________________ State: __________ Zip: __________

Phone number: __________________________ Fax: __________________________

Email: __________________________

Relationship to nominee: ______________________________________________

This nominee was approved by the Chief, Sheriff, or Agency Head ________ (Check, if approved)

Agency website, if applicable: __________________________________________

Agency Public Information Officer and contact information, if applicable (name, phone, email): __________________________
PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION PRINTED ON A SEPARATE SHEET OR SHEETS OF PAPER:

1. A letter of recommendation from the department or agency head, and / or the nominating superior.

2. The LEOY is awarded for outstanding service to Florida’s retail industry. Please give examples of the nominee’s efforts and achievements in each of the following areas. (Remember, in order for the judges to properly evaluate your candidate for the award, it is crucial that they get the “big picture” of your candidate’s well-rounded work as a law enforcement officer.)

   A. Hard work and commitment to the vows taken as a law enforcement officer
   B. Outstanding or significant achievements that go above and beyond the call of duty
   C. Consistency in performing day-to-day essential functions
   D. How the officer represents your agency and the law enforcement profession to the community and public at large
   E. Community volunteer work, if any, the officer does in his or her own time

3. Please include any supporting documentation relating to these achievements, such as letters of commendation, mention of other awards, and newspaper clippings.

These criteria should be considered only for the performance period from July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2011.

LEOY WINNER RECEIVES:

- A $3,000 cash award;
- Accommodations and travel for the winner, spouse or guest, and the winner’s nominating officer to FRF’s annual awards banquet which will be held Tuesday, October 11, 2011, at the Omni Orlando Resort at ChampionsGate in Orlando, FL;
- A customized LEOY medallion;
- Recognition in FRF publications, on its web site, and in press releases sent to the media;
- Plus, the officer’s name will be inscribed on a permanent plaque, which can be displayed for one year in the department headquarters and lists all LEOY recipients since the program’s inception in 1974.

For more information, please contact Brenda Grindstaff, toll-free, at 1.888.FL.RETAIL (357.3824) or FRFAwards@frf.org. Award information is also available on the FRF web site at www.frf.org. We regret that nomination materials cannot be returned. Please feel free, however, to include photocopied photos, documents, etc.

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ALL NOMINEES PROVIDING AN EMAIL ADDRESS WILL BE SENT A RECEIPT RESPONSE WHEN THEIR NOMINATION IS RECEIVED.

We appreciate your participation and look forward to receiving a nomination from you! Your participation helps raise the public’s awareness of the importance of law enforcement officers in our communities.