

STATE OF FLORIDA

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RELATIONS COMMISSION

INTERNATIONAL UNION OF POLICE :
ASSOCIATIONS, AFL-CIO, :

Petitioner, :

v. :

SHERIFF OF ST. LUCIE COUNTY, :

Respondent, :

v. :

COASTAL FLORIDA POLICE :
BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION, INC., :

Intervenor. :

Case No. RC-2009-045

HEARING OFFICER'S ORDER
DIRECTING A RESPONSE

Aaron M. Nisenson, Sarasota, attorney for petitioner.

Robert L. Norton and Luke C. Savage, Coral Gables, attorneys for respondent.

Johnny D. Bingham, Daytona Beach, representative for intervenor.

On October 30, 2009, the International Union of Police Associations, AFL-CIO (IUPA) filed a representation-certification petition seeking to represent a unit of deputy sheriff's employed by the Sheriff of St. Lucie County. The employees in the proposed unit are currently represented by Coastal Florida Police Benevolent Association, Inc. (PBA). See Certification 1566. The petition was found sufficient; a telephone hearing was scheduled for December 10, and the undersigned was assigned as hearing officer.

On November 6, the County filed a response to the petition agreeing that the proposed unit is appropriate for the purpose of collective bargaining. The PBA has not

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filed a response to the petition. The PBA is directed to file its response to the petition by December 3. If the PBA does not file a response, I will assume that it does not object to the petition or the relief sought and issue an order recommending that the Commission direct that an election be held in the proposed unit to determine whether the employees desire to be represented by IUPA, the PBA, or to be unrepresented.

ISSUED and SERVED on all parties this 24th day of November, 2009.


SHARON A. ZAHNER
Hearing Officer

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