# The Pursuit of Efficiency in the Era of DOGE

Florida's Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE)

Florida Statutes Chapter 171 Part II

Outsourcing/Privatizing

Artificial Intelligence



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## "Dr. Strangelove or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb"

#### **Good DOGE**

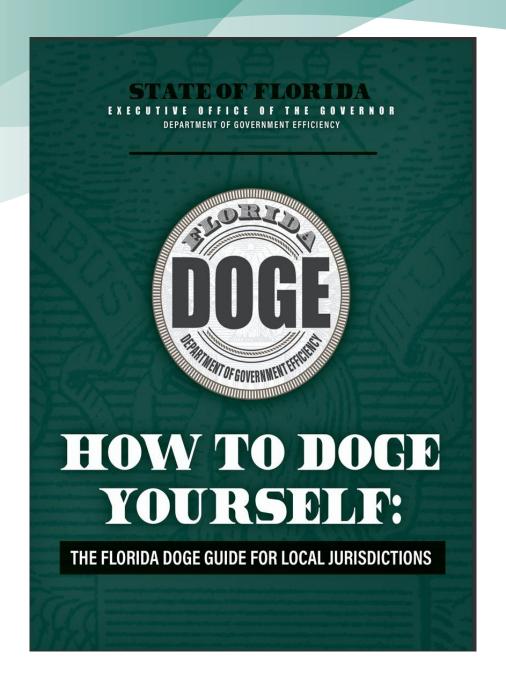
- "I hope you have a DOGE day!"
- Finding ways to maintain effective service delivery at the lowest cost to the customer
- <u>EOGDOGE@laspbs.state.fl.us</u> for consultation resource support
- Florida Governor DeSantis
   Executive Order 25-44

#### **Bad DOGE**

- "Go DOGE Yourself!"
- Local governments are evil (especially the Blue Devils or: Jersey Devils for X-Files Fans)

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 Both political parties (Democrat and Republican) are guilty of wastefully and excessively spending YOUR hard earned tax dollars! Don't believe the narrative of the left when they say we're only targeting "blue" areas. The big government, tax-and-spend apologists are working overtime to try and fool you. Don't buy it.



https://www.fl-counties.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/How-to-DOGE-Yourself-Guide-for-Local-Jurisdictions.pdf



## **DOGE Preliminary Findings 10/1/25**

- 1. City of Jacksonville
- 2. City of Pensacola
- 3. City of Gainesville
- 4. City of Orlando
- 5. City of St. Petersburg
- 6. Alachua County
- 7. Orange County
- 8. Hillsborough County
- 9. Pinellas County
- 10. Broward County

- \$75K hologram / Sidewalk 8X FDOT estimate / \$1.9Mto DEI-focused art groups
- 2. \$150K drag shows / \$300K "equity survey"
- 3. \$189K DEI employee
- 4. \$460K since 2020 on tree inventory / \$150K since 2022 to help illegals evade deportation
- 5. \$258K for Pride events / \$307K on climate action plan
- 6. \$31K to Planned Parenthood
- 7. \$223K for LGBT your services / \$240K to urban planning firm
- 8. \$572K for training of the "unconscious bias" / \$950K for employee vehicle allowances
- \$75K/year for Pride festival
- 10. \$890K on DEI Training since FY 2020 / \$175K on virtual art in Metaverse / \$44K for UN treaty on gender equity



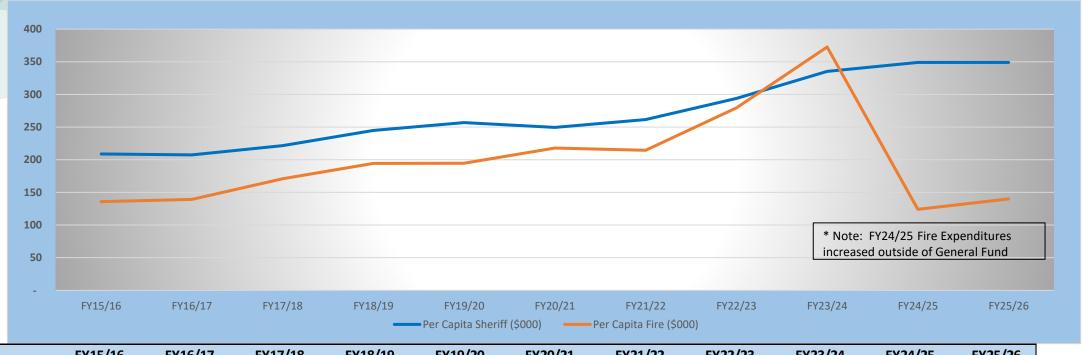
## **Summary of the DOGE Guide**

- Goals
  - Streamline operations
  - Reducing wasteful spending
  - Eliminating programs that conflict with voters' priorities or outdated or ineffective (Purely Political)
  - Ensuring the existence of controls against fraud
  - <u>Delivering services more</u> effectively

- Tips and suggestions on
  - Fraud
  - Performance
  - Contracts
  - Bonuses
  - Reform Approaches to Spending
    - Zero-based budgeting
    - After action reviews
    - Eliminate duplication & consolidate
  - Explore better ways to serve
  - "Regularize" DOGE



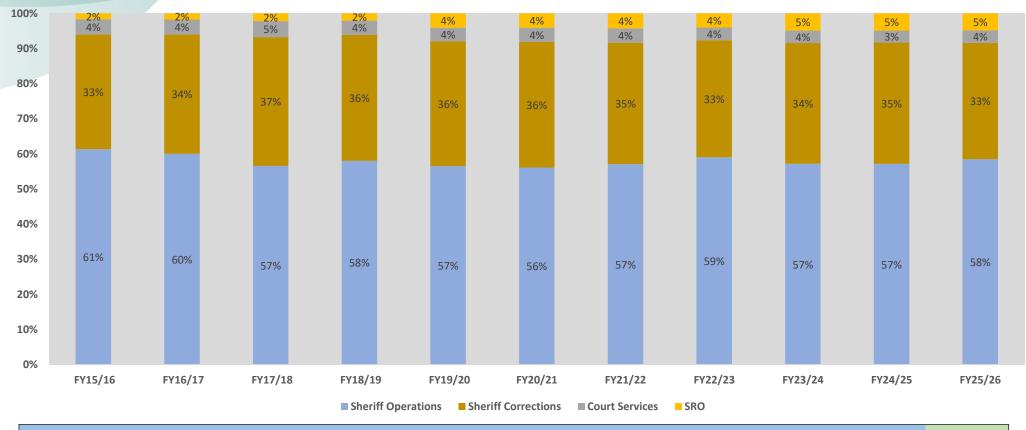
## General Fund Sheriff & Fire Expenditures Per Capita



	FY15/16	FY16/17	FY17/18	FY18/19	FY19/20	FY20/21	FY21/22	FY22/23	FY23/24	FY24/25	FY25/26
Population	122	125	129	134	139	141	145	147	149	155	155
Sheriff's Budget	25,537	25,990	28,672	32,751	35,713	35,290	37,898	43,314	49,959	53,988	59,247
Combined Fire Budget	16,599	17,451	22,091	26,015	27,075	30,802	31,086	41,168	55,505	19,191	20,045
Per Capita Sheriff	209	207	222	245	257	250	261	294	335	349	383
Per Capita Fire	136	139	171	194	195	218	214	279	373	124	130



## **Sheriff's Office Adopted Budget**



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Sheriff's Office	FY15/16	FY16/17	FY17/18	FY18/19	FY19/20	FY20/21	FY21/22	FY22/23	FY23/24	FY24/25	FY25/26
Adopted Bud in (\$000)	\$25,537	\$25,990	\$28,672	\$32,751	\$35,713	\$35,290	\$37,898	\$43,314	\$49,959	\$53,988	\$ 59,247



## Interlocal Service Boundary Agreements (ISBA) Consolidation of Services – F.S. 171 Part II

- 1. 911 Coordination and Street Addressing
- 2. 911 Call Taking
- 3. Ambulance & Fire Dispatch
  - Includes Dependent District Government
- 4. Law Enforcement Dispatch
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- 7. Emergency Management
- 8. Public Safety Radio
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- 13. Household Hazardous Waste Amnesty
- 14. Tax Collection
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- 20. Housing
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- 22. Floodplain Management
- 23. Stormwater Basin Studies
- 24. Veteran Services
- 25. Misdemeanor Probation
- 26. Regional Road Construction & Maintenance
- 27. Regional Road Street Lighting
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- 28. Traffic Impact Analysis Reviews
- Traffic Counts and Modeling
- 30. Traffic Signalization
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## ISBA Consolidation & Coordination of Services

#### **Consolidation (continued)**

#### 4 of 5 Cities

- 32. Code Enforcement
- 33. GIS
  - Includes Development District Governments
- 34. Law Enforcement
- 35. \*Environmental Resource Permit Inspection and Reporting

#### **Consolidation (continued)**

3 of 5 Cities

36. Planning

#### **Coordination with all cities**

- Parks and Recreation
- 2. Water & Sewer Services
- 3. Stormwater Management
- Solid Waste

#### • F.S. Chapter 171 Part II

 "The principal goal of this part is to encourage local governments to jointly determine how to provide services to residents and property in the most efficient and effective manner while balancing the needs and desires of the community."



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### **General Overhead Consolidation**

- MOUs with Constitutional Officers
  - Tax Collector
    - Benefits / Legal / Courier / HR / IT / Mail / GIS / Copiers / Fleet
  - Supervisor of Elections
    - Benefits / Legal / Courier / HR / IT / Mail / GIS / Copiers / Fleet
  - Property Appraiser
    - Benefits / Courier / IT / Copiers / Fleet
  - Sheriff's Office
    - Benefits / Courier / Copiers
  - Clerk of Court
    - Courier / Copiers\* / Fleet

- Centralized Purchasing
  - Copiers / Requisitions / Travel
  - Warehousing and Inventory / Courier
- Centralized Administration
  - Open records mgt and claims mgt
  - Website and social media mgt / PIO
  - Call handling
- Centralized Budgeting
  - Invoicing and asset management
- Centralized HR
  - Single point of hiring/firing decisions\*
  - Recruitment / Onboarding / Benefits
- Centralized IT
- Centralized Fleet



## **Artificial Intelligence (AI) Tools for Efficiency**

- EffiGov
  - Call Handling
    - Animal Services
    - Building inspection scheduling
    - Integration with ZenDesk
    - Overflow during activations
    - Real time translation
      - Phone
      - Animal Services Field Operations
  - PulsePoint FAQ/Links for Countywide AED Program
- Deccan
  - Apparatus deployment and capital planning for Fire & EMS

- ESO
  - EPCR from filling
- Motorola
  - Smart Assist transcription with sentiment of 911 calls and reference to policies to make recommendations based on the policies
- Grammarly
- MS Co-Pilot (Paid version)
  - Office 365 support tool

