



Florida Fire Chiefs' Association

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POSITION STATEMENT

On July 9, 2026, the Board of Directors of the Florida Fire Chiefs' Association met during its Summer Board Meeting and officially adopted the Association's position on the Florida Legislature's proposed Amendment 3, Property Tax Reform. This position reflects the Board's commitment to ensuring that any changes to Florida's property tax structure preserve the ability of local governments to provide essential public safety services, including fire rescue and emergency medical services, to the residents and visitors of our state. The adopted positions states:

The Florida Fire Chiefs' Association believes Florida taxpayers deserve thoughtful tax policy and dependable public safety. Tax relief and reliable emergency services are not mutually exclusive, but both require responsible long-term planning.

As currently proposed, Constitutional Amendment No. 3 creates substantial uncertainty regarding the future funding of fire protection, emergency medical services, and disaster response without identifying a sustainable replacement revenue source.

Until a comprehensive funding plan is established that preserves local governments' ability to provide these essential services, the Florida Fire Chiefs' Association cannot support the amendment in its current form. We remain committed to working with state leaders to develop solutions that protect both Florida taxpayers and the emergency services that safeguard every community.