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Statement Regarding Investigation into St. Augustine Police Benevolent Organization Funds

St. Augustine, FL — Discrepancies have been identified in the financial accounts of the St. Augustine Police Benevolent Organization (PBO), a private, officer-funded nonprofit organization that operates independently of the City of St. Augustine and the St. Augustine Police Department (SAPD).

The PBO is not supported by taxpayer funds, is not a city-controlled entity, and is funded through voluntary donations from SAPD officers. The organization exists to provide financial assistance to officers and their families in times of need.

Former Assistant Chief of the St. Augustine Police Department, **Anthony Cuthbert**, served as treasurer of the St. Augustine PBO beginning in 2003. Mr. Cuthbert retired from SAPD in November 2025. Financial discrepancies were discovered during a review of PBO accounts conducted shortly after his retirement.

The Office of the State Attorney is conducting an investigation into the matter, which includes a review of financial records from the past five years. At this time, the investigation remains ongoing.

The City of St. Augustine and the St. Augustine Police Department have no authority over, nor involvement in, the administration or financial management of the PBO. City officials and SAPD leadership are cooperating fully with any requests related to the investigation.

Out of respect for due process and the integrity of the investigation, no further details will be released at this time.