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### **Pasco County Professional Firefighters Secure \$3.4 Million State Appropriation for Station 4 and Decontamination Equipment**

**Pasco County, FL — March 19, 2026** — Pasco County Professional Firefighters, IAFF Local 4420, announce the successful securing of a **\$3.4 million state appropriation** to support improvements to Station 4 and the acquisition of a new decontamination extractor.

This funding represents years of dedicated advocacy and relationship-building at the state level and serves as a direct investment in firefighter safety, health, and the well-being of the community they serve.

“This funding is the result of years of work behind the scenes,” said IAFF Local 4420 President Dixon Phillips. “It’s an investment in our firefighters and in the safety of our community, and we’re proud to see it come to life.”

The appropriation was sponsored by Representative Brad Yeager and Senator Danny Burgess. Pasco County Professional Firefighters also recognize and thank Senator Ed Hooper and Chief Financial Officer Blaise Ingoglia for their continued support of public safety initiatives across Florida.

Additional appreciation is extended to Randy Maggard, Jeff Holcomb, and Kevin Steele for their support throughout the process.

The presentation of this funding took place at Hillsborough County Fire Rescue Station 46. IAFF Local 4420 would also like to thank Hillsborough County Fire Rescue for hosting the event.

This appropriation underscores the ongoing commitment of state leadership to strengthening public safety infrastructure and supporting the men and women who serve on the front lines.

#### **About IAFF Local 4420**

Pasco County Professional Firefighters, IAFF Local 4420, represent the dedicated firefighters and paramedics serving Pasco County, Florida. The organization is committed to protecting the safety of its members while delivering the highest level of service to the community.

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