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## Deputy Longway Honored - First Responders Virtual Memorial Unveiled

Last month, Commissioner Beckner unveiled the First Responders Fallen Heroes Fund & Memorial Tribute website. The site will act as a virtual memorial for those Hillsborough County First Responders who paid the ultimate sacrifice.

The Commissioner was joined by police, fire rescue, union leadership of our first responders from across the county to launch [hillsboroughfallenheroes.org](http://hillsboroughfallenheroes.org). The site is made up of individual memorial pages for each first responder who died while serving our community. The pages include photographs, obituaries and eulogies to memorialize their sacrifice.

The unveiling on the website followed the BOCC recognition of the life and service of Deputy Mark Longway. Deputy Longway passed away on September 21, 2010 in a traffic accident while driving his police cruiser. His wife and daughter attended the BOCC meeting and were presented with a video slide show and a memorial plaque.



“Our first responders provide the safety and security that is vital to a successful community. We must stand with the families of our fallen heroes in their time of need, and ensure that the sacrifice made for our community is never forgotten,” commented Beckner.

Click [HERE](#) to see the presentation of the memorial plaque to Mrs. Longway. Click [HERE](#) to see the unveiling of the website.

## Upcoming Community Office Hours (11:00am – 1:00pm)

Please click [HERE](#) for a complete list of 2011 dates

Friday, May 27, 2011: Seminole Heights Branch Library, 4711 Central Avenue  
Tampa, FL 33603 813-273-3787

Friday, June 24, 2011: Bruton Memorial Library, 302 McLendon Street  
Plant City, FL 33563 813-757-9215

## District 1 Neighborhood Meeting

Commissioner Beckner will be hosting the second of four neighborhood meetings. Each quarter, the Commissioner will travel to another district.

The town hall style meeting will continue to act as a way for the Commissioner to remain connected with the citizens of Hillsborough County. Residents are invited to attend to voice their concerns, questions and share their ideas about how to improve their community.

The next meeting will be held in District 1 at the Jan K. Platt Regional Library, 3910 South

Manhattan Ave, Tampa, FL 33611 on Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm.

"I invite citizens to join me in a conversation about the current state of County government and share their vision for a better Hillsborough County," commented Beckner.

The final two Neighborhood Meetings will take place on Tuesday, September 20 and Tuesday December 13 from 6-8pm.



## MLK Memorial Scholarship Recipients

Last month, thanks to the donations from Hillsborough County employees, 15 high school graduates received the 2011 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Scholarship.

County employees established the fund in 1988 to commemorate the life and legacy of the slain civil rights leader. County employees donate through payroll deduction from their checks to support this scholarship and have been doing so since 1989.

A total of \$15,000 was awarded to high school seniors who plan to further their education following graduation to attend the college of their choice. The scholarships are awarded regardless of race, creed or color.

Commissioner Beckner was present to congratulate this years recipients of the scholarships.

The 2011 scholarship winners each received \$1,000. They are: Antonio Booth, Amber Nicole Brooks, Jessica Craig, Corey Christopher Engel, Max Girling, Analise Marie Griffith, Jordan Kinsey, Diandra Latibeaudiere, Michael Lowe, Dominique Mapson, Andres Plato, Allazandra Reddick, Jasmine Roberts, Anais Rodriguez, Randell Stephens.

"Congratulations to all our scholarship recipients. They are shining examples of the best and brightest Hillsborough County has to offer," said Beckner.



**Current Boards**

- Arts Council
- Children's Board
- EPC- Chair
- HART
- MPO
- Public Safety Coordinating Council
- Value Adjustment Board

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**Keeping You Informed**

There are seven members of the Board of County Commissioners for Hillsborough County. Four are elected from single-member districts, and three are elected county wide. The Board approves the County's operating and capital budgets and the County's capital improvement program. It may take action on any programs for the improvement of the county and the welfare of its residents.

Under a Charter Ordinance that went into effect in May 1985, County Commissioners are to perform legislative functions of government by developing policy for the overall management of Hillsborough County. The County administrative staff are entrusted with the implementation of these policies.



**Getting Involved in Your County Government**

Regular meetings of the Board of County Commissioners are open to the public and are held on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, beginning at 9 a.m. Speakers generally are limited to 3 minutes. The Commissioners' offices and boardroom are located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the County Center, 601 E. Kennedy Boulevard in downtown Tampa.

The meetings also aired live on Hillsborough Television. Check your cable listings for the appropriate channel in your area. Or you can watch the live streaming broadcast at [www.CommissionerBeckner.com](http://www.CommissionerBeckner.com).

