

## Jared Blanton

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**From:** Jared Blanton  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 12, 2021 4:39 PM  
**To:** Katy Graves; kgraves2528@yahoo.com  
**Cc:** Public Records; levyfinanceDistro; Danny J. Shipp; Levy County Commission District 5  
**Subject:** FW: IAFF Union Rep Propaganda

Katy,

Other than the chain with Terry, which I just sent, the below conversation with Commissioner Brooks is the only reply I've gotten to "IAFF Union Rep Propaganda".

I think we can consider this request, received at 3:03 pm today completed. Charge is \$0, didn't take long.

I will start looking now at your other request. I tend to think I can do that for no charge, also, because while I have no doubt referred to you some over the years, it's only when some particular discussion is going on. I'll look up and see what I find and let you know.

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**From:** Levy County Commission District 5 <district5@levycounty.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 12, 2021 3:38 PM  
**To:** Jared Blanton <blanton-jared@levyclerk.com>  
**Subject:** Re: IAFF Union Rep Propaganda

Yes and get rid of stations and just go rest and share facilities with municipalities. We are paying them for coverage already for us so why not pay for a cot, shower and a toilet.

We will come out ahead for sure.

**Matt Brooks**  
Levy County Commissioner

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On Oct 12, 2021, at 3:16 PM, Jared Blanton <[blanton-jared@levyclerk.com](mailto:blanton-jared@levyclerk.com)> wrote:

Gives you a lot more flexibility to target hours purchased to service needs and stagger/fluctuate number of trucks (and therefore hours) based on call loads.

With 24's you have no flexibility – 24 only divides by 24 one time. You're forced to have a static number on the road, regardless of need. Actually, they're not on the road so much as parked or at a convenience store. Put them on shorter shifts they can stay in their trucks.

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**From:** Levy County Commission District 5 <[district5@levycounty.org](mailto:district5@levycounty.org)>  
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**Subject:** Re: IAFF Union Rep Propaganda

Yes sir. I spoke to John MacDonald about 12/24 shifts.

Good insight. We need to see what that looks like.

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On Oct 12, 2021, at 8:49 AM, Jared Blanton <[blanton-jared@levyclerk.com](mailto:blanton-jared@levyclerk.com)> wrote:

I just received the Sheriff Data, we're waiting to see if the Tax Collector is going to cooperate before we build our data models for projecting minimum wage impacts, and I'd like to do this all together. Plus, I'm trying to get on vacation soon. So, I'll have much more to say later, and better models, but here are some quick hits:

- Katy Graves made \$68,118 in the fiscal year just ended.
- That's more than all but 10 employees of the Sheriff, and excepting the Undersheriff, his Chief of Staff, and a Nurse, she's really close to the few employees 7-10 (they make \$70k-\$80k).
- Despite the "shortage of healthcare workers", the **SHERIFF'S NURSE MAKES LESS THAN 5 (FIVE) of your Paramedics (this includes the Nurse's OT)**. FOUR (4) more of them are within \$5K of the Sheriff's Nurse. Don't tell me it's about healthcare workers. OUR DISTORTION HERE IS NOT ENTIRELY MACROECONOMIC, SOME IS DEFINITELY VERY UNIQUE TO US AND SELF-INFLICTED. When we say it's all about healthcare workers it's not honest.
- Katy made \$20K MORE than an experienced leading Drug Task Force Deputy I happen to know who is in mortal danger many times a month. He made \$48K to have Meth Heads point guns at him. Let that sink in.
- Katy made more than every department head you have except the Attorney, Wilbur, Mitch, and David Meyer. That's it.
- Katy is not even in the Top 13 Paramedics, despite making more than all these folks.
- She is not going to make 68K+15K= \$83K in Citrus. Not unless she chooses to turn over a new leaf and actually have to work on people. She won't be afforded so much OT at a station with few calls.
- Wage adjustment is needed. BUT NOT WITHOUT OPERATIONAL AND SCHEDULE RESTRUCTURE to REAPPORTION THE HOURS WHERE THEY ARE NEEDED. Dramatic change of the shift, the lifestyle, etc.

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