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## CITRUS COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER



### New for 2017

### Totally and Permanently Disabled First Responders Exemption

Florida voters passed Amendment 3 in November 2016. Amendment 3 is an ad valorem tax exemption on homestead property for a first responder who is totally and permanently disabled because of an injury sustained in the line of duty. First responder refers to a law enforcement officer, a correctional officer, a firefighter, an emergency medical technician, or a paramedic. In the line of duty means arising out of and in the actual performance of duty required by employment as a first responder.

We have received several calls related to the new First Responders Exemption. If you feel you may qualify for this exemption, please call our office with your contact information. Once our office has received the First responders exemption application from the Department of Revenue we will contact you to begin the application process. The application period for this exemption has been extended to August 1, 2017.

**Effective date:** January 1, 2017 — Applies retroactively to the 2017 tax roll for any person who qualifies for the exemption.

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