

## **Tobacco Free Partnership of Broward County Teams up with the Florida Panthers to promote tobacco-free communities**



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**Fort Lauderdale, FL** -- For the fourth season in a row the Tobacco Free Partnership of Broward County is teaming up with the Florida Panthers for a night of hockey to highlight the importance of a tobacco-free community. This season's hockey event will take place on Sunday, March 3, at 5:00 PM, when the Florida Panthers will be playing the Ottawa Senators at the BB&T Center in Sunrise.

Promoting healthy communities and protecting citizens from the harmful exposure to tobacco smoke is one of the goals of the Tobacco Free Partnership of Broward County. The Tobacco Free Partnership of Broward County works with its partners to educate the public on the dangers of tobacco litter, tobacco use, and secondhand smoke exposure. It strives to #LiveTobaccoFree.

"The Tobacco Free Partnership of Broward County has been working hard to highlight the dramatic rise in underage use of electronic cigarettes over the past year. Teaming up with our Florida Panthers will help us to share this information with the general public and highlight some of the educational programs available in our community to help us reduce this epidemic locally," said Dr. Barry Hummel, Chairperson of the Tobacco Free Partnership of Broward County.

"The Florida Panthers are committed to the South Florida Community and are always looking to work with key influential partners to benefit Broward County and the surrounding region," said Director of Community Relations John Colombo. "Tobacco Free Florida is an amazing example of this. We're proud to bring awareness to the work they do to educate on the dangers of tobacco and work towards a Tobacco Free Florida."

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### **About the Tobacco Free Partnership of Broward County:**

The mission of the Tobacco Free Partnership of Broward County (TFP) is to prevent or reduce the health risks associated with tobacco use through community education. The TFP meets the third Thursday of every month at 8:00 AM in the Tobacco Prevention Education Center located at the Florida Department of Health in Broward County, 780 SW 24th Street, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33315. For more information, visit <http://www.tfp-broward.org>

### **About the Florida Panthers:**

Entering into the league in 1993, the Florida Panthers and their first head coach Roger Neilson first dropped the puck at Miami Arena. The Cats played four seasons at Miami Arena, reaching the Stanley Cup finals in 1996. Having reached the post-season most recently in 2016, the current Florida Panthers, led by ownership group Vincent J. Viola and Douglas A. Cifu, are looking towards the future. Investing in their core lineup and always looking to add roster members to make the team competitive for years to come.