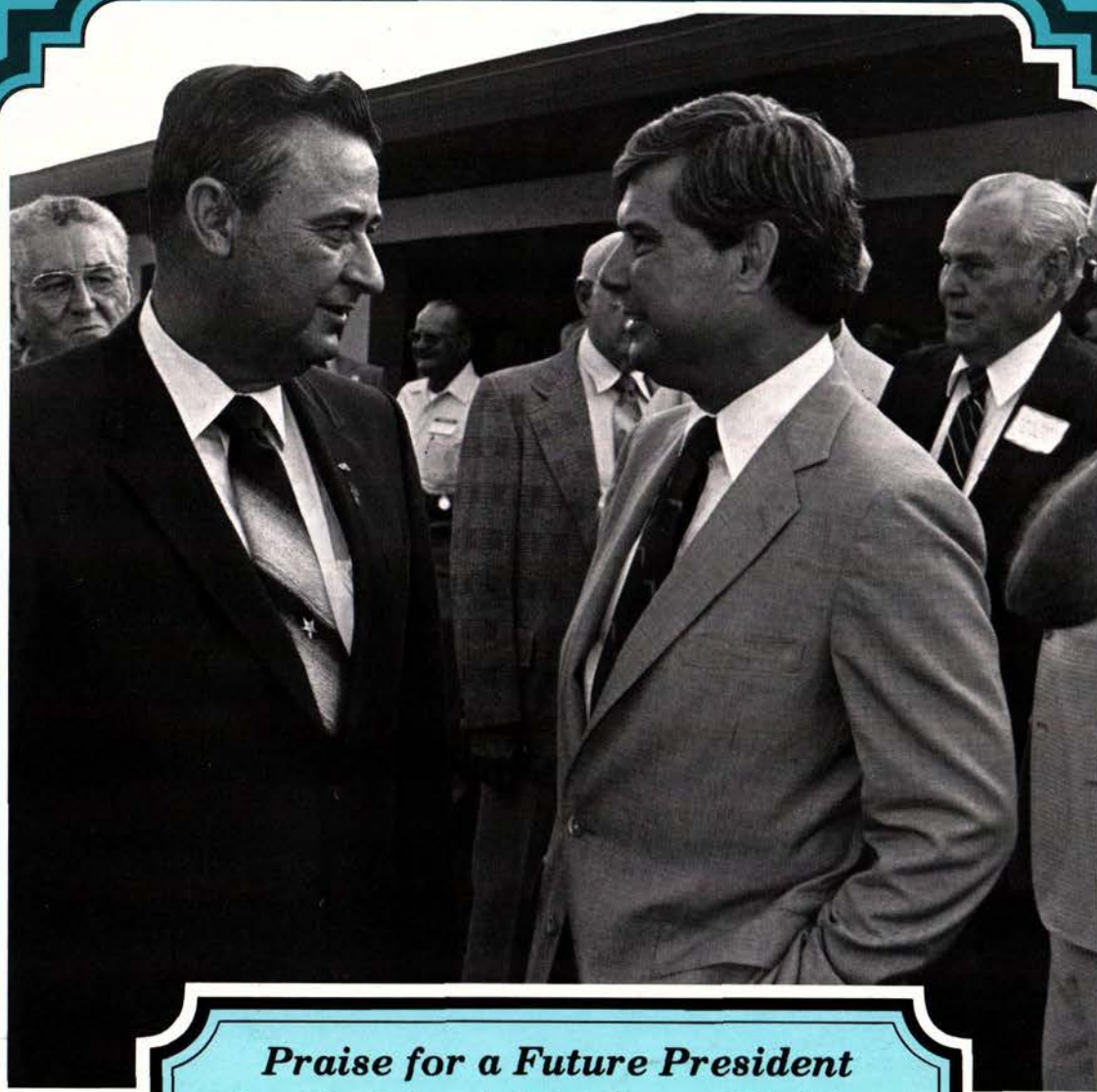


# the Sheriff's Star



## *Praise for a Future President*

Over 500 admirers, including Governor Bob Graham (right), attended a Palatka cookout honoring Putnam County Sheriff Walt Pellicer (left), the soon-to-be-installed President of the National Sheriffs Association. (See story, page 2)



# Peel is 17th Sheriff to Become FBI Academy Grad

CHIPLEY — Washington County Sheriff Fred Peel was graduated from the FBI National Academy, in Quantico, Virginia, on March 26, bringing to 17 the number of Florida Sheriffs currently in office who have attained this distinction.

He made all A's while completing 11 weeks of intensive executive-level training and placed second in his class in the firearms portion of the course.

"The quality of instruction is unparalleled in this country," Peel said after he returned to Florida. He said his academy training will be a major asset in his efforts to improve the Washington County Sheriff's Department.

Peel was one of 250 law enforcement officers who were graduated from the Academy at the end of its 128th Session. The graduates were from 49 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, six foreign countries, five U.S. military organizations and six federal agencies.

A total of 15,890 officers have graduated from the Academy since it was founded in 1935. More than 10,000 are still active in law enforcement, and many hold top executive positions in their agencies.



## Sheriff's Happy with Judge's Actions

NAPLES — Collier County Sheriff Aubrey Rogers has heard a lot of complaints from Sheriffs and citizens around Florida that judges are too lenient with drug traffickers and other criminals.

"This may happen in other parts of the state," he said recently, "but not in Collier County. We are fortunate to have Judges Tom Trettis, Ted Brousseau and Hugh Hayes presiding in our courts, and none of them is lenient or sympathetic to drug traffickers."

Rogers cited a case in which Judge Brousseau "really lowered the boom" on six men convicted of conspiring to sell nearly two tons of marijuana. The judge dismissed the defense attorneys' pleas for lenience, and imposed maximum prison terms and heavy fines.

"There is a tremendous drug problem in . . . this community," Judge Brousseau commented. "Young, innocent children are being affected by this, by people who are just greedy."

A few days later the Naples Daily News applauded the judge for "throwing the book at those convicted of involvement in this heinous crime."

"Hard-nosed actions like Judge Brousseau's . . . should help greatly in getting the word out to the drug traffickers: Don't mess around in Collier County," the newspaper added.



### Twenty Years With No Pay

GAINESVILLE — Retiring after 20 years of non-paid volunteer service in the Alachua County Sheriff's Department Reserve, Lt. Charlie George (center) received an appreciation plaque from Sheriff L. J. "Lu" Hindery (right) and Reserve Captain Jack Romeis. A Sheriff's Department spokesman said Lt. George "exhibited all the good qualities of a professional and will be truly missed by the Sheriff's Department."

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# Nine Deputy Sheriffs With a Special Knack Win Praise, Plaques and Pats on the Back

This month we salute nine deputy sheriffs who have demonstrated a special knack for doing their jobs in an outstanding manner. Some have received recognition for performing commendably in the line of duty and others have been praised for actions beyond the call of duty. All are a credit to the world's second oldest profession.



C. H. Boydston (left) accepts congratulations from his boss, Sheriff Eddie Boone, after receiving the "Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer of the Year" plaque held by John A. Madigan, Jr., representing the Committee of Ninety-Nine.

## C. H. Boydston

TALLAHASSEE — Sgt. C. H. Boydston, a Leon County Deputy Sheriff, received a plaque and a tax-free check for \$1,000 when he was chosen Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer of the Year by the Committee of Ninety-Nine, an organization that gives financial assistance to the families of officers killed in action.

Characterized as an officer who is concerned about crime victims as well as crime investigations, Boydston was selected for the excellence of his work and for his acts of kindness beyond the call of duty.



Sheriff Don Moreland (right) presenting plaque to C. E. Carr.

## C. E. Carr

OCALA — Marion County Sheriff Don Moreland presented a plaque to C. E. Carr recognizing him as the "Employee of the Year." Carr is the Sheriff's Director of Administrative Services.

## George French

CRESTVIEW — The Okaloosa County Sheriff's Department has chosen Deputy Sheriff George French as its "Law Enforcement Officer of the Year."

Sheriff Larry Gilbert said the choice was based on a shared belief that French had "put in more time and helped more people than any deputy in the department."

## Mike Woods

NAPLES — Collier County Deputy Sheriff Mike Woods was praised for saving the life of a man whose pick-up truck plunged into a canal bank and caught fire.

## Lt. William H. Reilly

PUNTA GORDA — The Charlotte County Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution awarded its Law Enforcement Medal to Lt. William H. Reilly, a Charlotte County deputy sheriff.

## Joel D. Mooneyham

PENSACOLA — After Escambia County Deputy Sheriff Joel D. Mooneyham helped to wrap up a narcotics investigation that resulted in the arrest and conviction of 17 persons, including a major New York supplier, the Exchange Club chose him its "Officer of the Month."

Mooneyham has previously been cited for undercover work in neighboring Santa Rosa County. He was also praised by the Escambia County Commission for his skill as a narcotics investigator.

## John Nobles

GAINESVILLE — Sgt. John Nobles, an Alachua County Deputy Sheriff, was chosen "Officer of the Year" by the Gator Exchange Club. He is the officer in charge of Sheriff L. J. "Lu" Hindery's Marine Patrol Search and Rescue Team, and he also serves on the Sheriff's Tactical Response Squad.

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# Praise for a Future President



Governor Graham described Sheriff Pellicer as one of the strongest links in Florida's law enforcement chain.



Walt shared the spotlight with his wife, Pauline, who has been an important asset in his 34-year law enforcement career.

**P**ALATKA — Putnam County Sheriff Walt Pellicer is not scheduled to be installed as the 41st President of the National Sheriffs Association until June 23, but the cheers and applause began nine weeks early when a large crowd of over 500 admirers gathered here April 21, for a reception and cookout in his honor.

Governor Bob Graham, Sheriffs, judges and other prominent guests joined with "home folks" to praise Pellicer for his distinguished 34-year law enforcement career.

Local admirers also presented him with a pair of cowboy boots, a Stetson cowboy hat and a fancy western-style suit to wear to his inauguration. He will be sworn-in during the National Sheriffs Association Convention, in Las Vegas, June 20-23.

Speaking informally to the cookout crowd, Pellicer recalled that he had begun working on nearby Rainbow Ranch in 1941, but had scrapped a budding career as a cowboy when he "saw the lights of Palatka one night and came to town."

A few years after he turned 21 he became a deputy sheriff. Six years later he was elected Sheriff and parlayed an unbroken string of election victories into a 28-year career as Putnam County's chief law enforcement officer.



# Emptying the Jail Was Unique Experience

By John M. Short  
Pasco County Sheriff

**NEW PORT RICHEY** — Recently we had a unique situation here. We closed the new detention center in New Port Richey, which was just one year old, and moved our inmates either to the older jail in Dade City or to facilities in neighboring counties.

The decision to vacate was made after an internal investigation revealed security risks either in the design or the construction of the nearly \$4 million building.

Certain areas in the ceiling of the supposedly maximum security portion were able to be breached with bare hands. Access to the false ceiling area above the cells was, in some places, secured only by a thin wire mesh covered over with plaster. It could be bent with bare hands.

The access hole for duct work cut through walls in the false ceiling area were, in some cases, 24 inches across, allowing passage of a fairly good-sized person without ever removing the duct work.

After review of the problems with the administrative judge for this county, a representative of the Board of County Commissioners, a person representing the contractor and architects, and an inspector for the Florida Department of Corrections, the jail was emptied of all inmates except those classified as trustees.

County crews began work the very next day, reinforcing the ceiling with steel rods over which they poured concrete. They also removed the wire mesh and replaced it with steel panels. The inmates were removed on March 10, and by March 19, we were returning them to the jail in New Port Richey. The County has estimated the cost of the repairs at approximately \$5,500.

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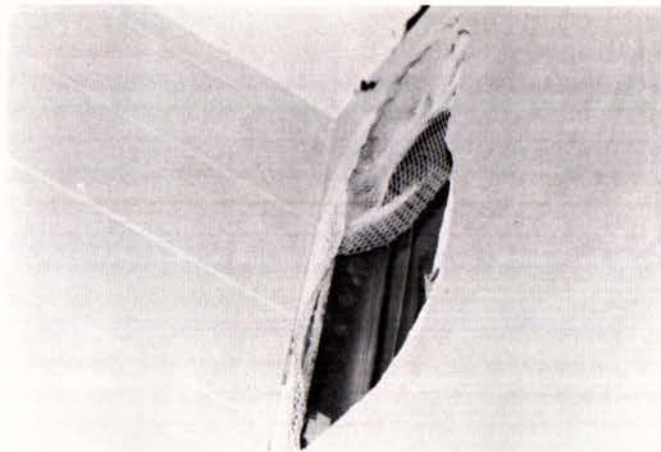
## Ed Burger

**SARASOTA** — Sheriff Jim Hardcastle presented a \$100 bonus and a citation to Sarasota County deputy sheriff Ed Burger, who was chosen "Top Patrol Deputy" after he was credited with capturing 18 felons.

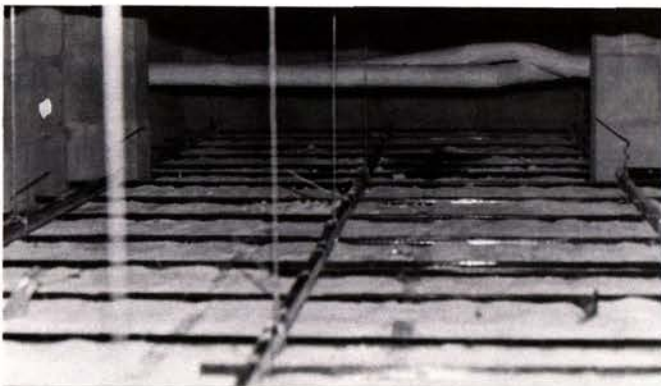
## Mike Brandes

**VERO BEACH** — Indian River County Deputy Sheriff Mike Brandes received special recognition for the important role he played in over 120 arrests made by Sheriff Tim Dobeck's Organized Crime Bureau, and for successfully subduing an armed man who shot at him at close range.

He was chosen "Officer of the Year" by the 100 Club, an organization that gives financial assistance to the families of law enforcement officers and firefighters.



Using bare hands and tools fashioned from parts of light fixtures, inmates made this hole near the ceiling of one of the cell blocks in the year-old jail. The plaster over the thin wire mesh was approximately one-quarter inch thick. The wire mesh could be bent with bare hands.



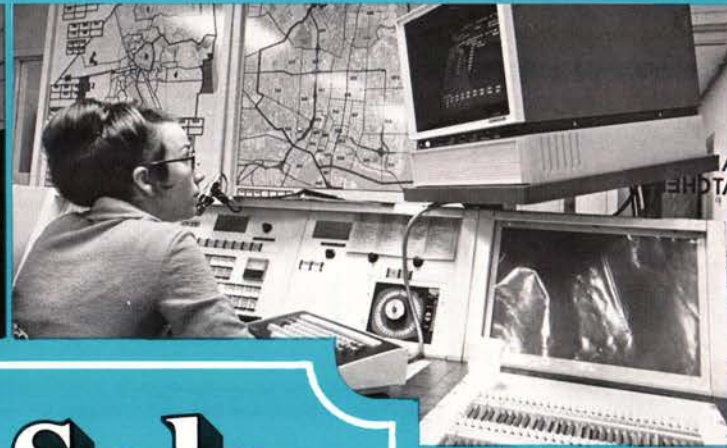
The hole in the wall gave inmates access to a false ceiling area like this. There is room to stand almost erect, and it is possible to gain access not only to the outside from this area, but also to sensitive portions of the jail such as the control room. Switches controlling all the doors and other means of access to the jail, as well as shotguns and other riot equipment, are in the control room.

## Cheer up Kraut — Retired is Better than Fired



**STUART** — Looking lonely, deserted and sad, K-9 Deputy Kraut ponders the end of a long and distinguished career. Health problems forced him to retire from his position as one of Martin County Sheriff Jim Holt's best detectives, and to brighten the days ahead he has his memories of 300 felony arrests credited to him during almost eight years of service in the Miami Police Department and the Martin County Sheriff's Department. (Photo by Detective Bill Sprague.)





# For Sale

## Quality Police Work At Bargain Rates

## Survey Shows That Contract Law Enforcement Business is Booming

Over 100 Florida communities are receiving quality law enforcement services from Sheriffs at bargain rates, and business is booming.

A recent Florida Sheriffs Association survey revealed that 28 of these communities have actually abolished their police departments, and have contracted to turn all policing over to the local Sheriff.

Seventy-nine communities have retained their police departments, but are receiving a variety of special services from Sheriffs.

Other communities are discussing the possibility of purchasing various services from Sheriffs; and thus there is strong evidence that contract law enforcement, although a relatively new idea, is catching on throughout the state at an accelerating rate. Proponents say Sheriffs can offer cities better service at less cost, and with fewer headaches.

In Pinellas County, where contract law enforce-



ment has been flourishing for over 10 years, four communities hold contracts with Sheriff Gerry Coleman for a full spectrum of police work.

Marion County Sheriff Don Moreland also has four contracts in force. One is with a special taxing district, one is with the U. S. Forest Service for a portion of the Ocala National Forest, and two are with small municipalities.

Alachua County Sheriff L. J. "Lu" Hindery, Broward County Sheriff Robert A. Butterworth and Palm Beach County Sheriff Richard P. Wille each have contracts with three communities to provide full police services. Butterworth is also responsible for contract policing at Port Everglades and the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport.

Twelve Sheriffs each have a policing contract



Broward County Sheriff's Department cars patrolling the City of Lauderhill under a contract agreement have standard green and white markings, but are plainly identified with the name of the city on three sides.



Keystone Heights Mayor William Beam (right) presents a Chief of Police badge to Clay County Sheriff Jennings Murree, while Clay County Attorney Gene Shaw gives legal sanction to the ceremony. A contract making the Clay County Sheriff responsible for policing Keystone Heights became effective November 1, 1981.



Helicopter support is only one of the many special services the Metro-Dade Police Department offers to 28 municipal police departments in Dade County.

with one community; while other Sheriffs are providing special services which fall short of full policing responsibilities in 79 communities. These services include housing city prisoners in the county jail; providing communications and dispatching; maintaining criminal records; making criminal investigations; fingerprinting and photographing prisoners; and operating the 911 emergency telephone system.

In Union County, one of Florida's smallest, Sheriff John Whitehead is the law — period. The Sheriff's Department is the only local law enforcement agency in the county, and Whitehead is responsible for policing two communities. He has a long-standing contract with one of them, Lake Butler, where the police department was abolished about 10 years ago. He has also accepted responsibility for operating the 911 emergency telephone system, and he provides communications services for local fire and rescue units.

Big Dade County (Miami), with its metro-type government, offers a sharp contrast. The Metro-Dade Police Department under Director Bobby L. Jones has county-wide jurisdiction similar to a Sheriff's Department, and it overlaps the jurisdictions of some 28 city police departments.

The Metro-Dade Department offers some 56 different services to the city police departments. These services include testing of drunken drivers, bomb disposal, drug investigations, death investigations, underwater recovery, mobile laboratory service, marine patrol, photograph identification (mug shots), polygraph interrogations, helicopter support, and processing of court documents.

Sheriff Joe Peavy provides communications services for Madison County Communities, but has not become involved in any contract law enforce-

ment deals. He said one of the cities in his county tried to do away with its police department during a double taxation controversy, thus hoping to force the county to take over policing at no cost to the city. However, this scheme failed, Peavy said, and a double taxation study disclosed that the county was already doing more than its share of law enforcement.

The survey conducted by the Sheriffs Association revealed only one law enforcement contract that had been canceled. The Sheriff said he declined to renew the contract because local authorities wanted to give orders to the deputy assigned to their community.

When the survey results were tallied, Sheriffs who said they were sold on contract law enforcement outnumbered skeptics 2 to 1. Quite a few were undecided.

Critics have said contracts with Sheriffs cause city officials to lose control of law enforcement,

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## Contract Law Enforcement continued

but this does not seem to be the case in actual practice. Sheriffs usually appoint liaison officers who keep city officials informed and involved. Sheriffs or their representatives also attend city government meetings regularly to keep lines of communication open.

Some city officials oppose contracts because they fear deputies will be pulled out of the city during emergencies in other areas of the county, thus leaving the city without full protection.

Sheriffs say this seldom, if ever, happens. They also point out that cities maintaining police departments sometimes send officers outside the city to help other agencies in extreme emergencies.

Some city police officers oppose contract law enforcement because they fear they will lose their jobs. Sometimes they do, but in many cases the Sheriff who is taking over simply hires them and puts them in deputy sheriff uniforms.

Police officers in Sunrise, a Broward County city, actually campaigned in favor of the Sheriff's proposed contract when a public referendum was held. They wore pro-merger T-shirts off duty, and some threatened to resign if the contract was not approved.

When Clay County Sheriff Jennings Murrhee signed a contract to police the city of Keystone Heights, City Councilman George Richardson reassured apprehensive police officers. "All you'll

be doing," he said, "is changing uniforms and working for a new boss in a job that has many more benefits for employees than we can offer here in this city."

A referendum in Anna Maria, a Manatee County community, favored a contract with the Sheriff by a landslide vote of 431 to 89. Taxpayers were fed up with the police department after watching a procession of 11 police chiefs come and go in a period of 10 years. Sheriff Thomas M. Burton, Jr. accepted the policing responsibilities in April, 1981.

Proponents of contract law enforcement — including a number of newspaper editorial writers — claim the advantages far outweigh any possible disadvantages.

They say Sheriffs can provide better service at less cost; eliminate duplication and overlapping jurisdictions; and offer support services (such as experienced detectives, computerized files, crime labs, and sophisticated long-range communications) that cities — especially the small ones — cannot afford.

Washington County Sheriff Fred Peel, who is policing the City of Vernon under a contract, summed up the benefits. "It's simply more efficient," he said, "and it provides better coordination of law enforcement personnel."

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### *Case History:*

## Politics Added Spice to City Contract Dickering

**MACCLENNY** — Strong political overtones added spice to the proceedings when Baker County Sheriff Joe Newmans successfully negotiated a contract to provide police services for the City of Macclenny.

Newmans said the contract wasn't his idea originally. He said the city had been paying him to provide radio communications for the police department and the subject of a contract for full police services was brought up when he went to a city commission meeting to ask for more money.

"I was trying to help our financial problem," he

explained," and they asked if I could get a figure as to what we could do the whole thing for. So I did . . . I got a price for them and submitted it to them and . . . it was rejected by the city at that time."

Commissioners Tom Wolfe and Virgil Walker sided with Paul Rhoden to oppose the contract. They were apparently influenced by the fact that Police Chief Jerry Rhoden was Commissioner Rhoden's nephew, and the Chief had several reasons for opposing the contract proposal.

First and foremost, the contract was a threat to the Chief's job. Secondly, he and Newmans had become political enemies during the 1980 election when the Chief had campaigned as an unsuccessful candidate for Sheriff.

Newmans said the Chief had supported him when he was elected Sheriff the first time in 1972, but their friendship deteriorated after Rhoden became interested in running for Sheriff.

Following the bitter election campaign an impossible situation developed between the She-



riff's Department and the Police Department, according to Newmans. There was a serious lack of cooperation, he said, and the police tried to make the Sheriff's Department look bad. Rumors of corruption were flying.

Meanwhile, the city budget was increasing, taxes were increasing, and taxpayers were clamoring for economy in the city government.

In 1981, when Police Chief Rhoden asked for \$215,000 to run the Police Department for the coming fiscal year, Newmans offered to do the job for \$126,000. This proposed saving of approximately \$89,000 appealed to a group of tax-conscious downtown merchants, and, according to newspaper accounts, they campaigned hard to elect new city commissioners who would accept the proposed contract.

They were successful. Commissioners Rhoden and Wolfe were defeated by James "Smitty" Smith and Tom Covington in the September, 1981, city election. Shortly thereafter, in the first session after the election, the commission reversed itself and accepted the Sheriff's proposal.

After the contract was signed on October 15, 1981, Police Chief Rhoden was ousted from his job, and Sheriff Newmans accepted responsibility for Macclenny's law enforcement.

The transition went smoothly, and soon Sheriff Newmans was being praised in the press for his handling of the contract. Even Commissioner Virgil Walker, who had originally opposed the contract, appeared happy with the way the new system was working out, according to a newspaper article dated December 17, 1981.

City Manager Gerald Dopson was also pleased. "It's working real good," he was quoted as saying. "I have not had the first complaint because of the new setup."

Most of the provisions in the one-year contract are standard — such as the city agreeing to turn its police equipment over to the Sheriff — but one stipulation is unique. It requires the Sheriff to retain black and white markings on cars assigned to city patrols, and blue uniforms on the deputies operating them.

The Sheriff agreed to this readily, since the city commissioners had no objection to Sheriff's Department star emblems being placed on the cars, and deputy sheriff shoulder patches on the uniforms.

Usually, when Sheriffs contract with cities, patrol cars and deputies' uniforms are green and white regardless of whether they are on county patrol or city patrol. However, cars assigned to contract cities usually have the city name painted on them.



Sheriff Joe Newmans with one of the police cars he added to his fleet after he signed a contract to provide law enforcement services for the City of Macclenny. He agreed to keep black and white markings on the cars patrolling the city, but the police emblem will be replaced by a Sheriff's star emblem.

Newmans sees some advantage in starting off with black and white cars and blue uniforms. He said these distinctive markings will help him to convince skeptics that cars and men assigned to city patrols are not being pulled away from the city to assist with sudden emergencies out in the county.

The contract gives deputy sheriffs police powers to enforce city ordinances, and therefore the city is not expected to lose any revenue from fines and forfeitures.

Newmans feels the contract will be beneficial to both the county and the city. He said law enforcement activities will be better coordinated, the city will get better coverage, and the combined cost of city and county law enforcement will be less than it would have been under the old setup.

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# Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund



# Honor Roll

On these pages the Florida Sheriffs Association gives special recognition to generous supporters of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund and its child care institutions: The Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, Girls Villa and Youth Ranch. Those listed as "Builders" have given gifts totaling \$100 or more.

Those listed as "Lifetime Honorary Members" of the Florida Sheriffs Association have given \$1,000 or more. Builders receive certificates suitable for framing. Each honorary lifetime member receives a plaque, a lifetime identification card and a lifetime subscription to The Sheriff's Star.

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WEST PALM BEACH — Palm Beach County Sheriff Richard P. Wille (right) presents a Lifetime Honorary Membership plaque to Dr. and Mrs. Gilbert F. Bickel, II.



LIVE OAK — Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund President Harry K. Weaver (right), assisted by Youth Fund Staff Member Linda Mathews (left), presents a Lifetime Honorary Membership plaque to Mrs. Dorothy M. Wenziker, from Advent Christian Village, Dowling Park.



CLEARWATER — Selma Grotto, represented by Frank Popper (second from right), gave a substantial cash contribution to the Don Genung Activity Center, which is now under construction at the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch. It was accepted by (from left) Don Genung, Pinellas County Sheriff Gerry Coleman, and Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund Vice President Joe Spenard.



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**CLEARWATER** — Lifetime Honorary Membership plaques were presented to Edwin E. Livengood and Mrs. Bernice Lang by officials of the Pinellas County Sheriffs Department. Warren McNeely (left), Director of Law Enforcement Services, is pictured with Livengood; and Carl Hernandez, Director of Administrative Support Services, is pictured with Mrs. Lang.



**CRYSTAL RIVER** — Citrus County Sheriff Charles S. Dean (left) presents a Lifetime Honorary Membership plaque to Mr. & Mrs. W. W. Caruth.



**TAMPA** — When a billboard advertising the 25th Anniversary of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch was unveiled here (the first of over 200 that will be displayed rent-free all over Florida), Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund officials presented a Lifetime Honorary Membership plaque to Foster and Kleiser, an outdoor advertising firm that played a major role in the billboard project. Involved in the presentation were (from left) Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund President Harry K. Weaver; Pinellas County Sheriff Gerry Coleman; Hillsborough County Sheriff Walter Heinrich; Ray Pyle, representing Foster and Kleiser; and Polk County Sheriff Louie Mims, Chairman of the Youth Fund Board.





Mr. & Mrs. Reiter

TALLAHASSEE — Leon County Sheriff Eddie Boone presents Builder Certificates to Robert Melin, Dorothy Ley, Stanley Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. Lou Reiter, and Willie Crooms; also Lifetime Honorary Membership plaques to Walter Culley, Sr., and Van Jones.



Melin



Ley



Marshall



Crooms



Culley



Jones



PUNTA GORDA — Charlotte County Sheriff Glen E. Sapp (right) presents a Builder Certificate to Mr. and Mrs. Russell Bassel.



MADISON — Madison County Sheriff Joe C. Peavy (left) presents Builder Certificates to (from left) The Rev. Thad Entzminger, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Brinson, Henry Messer and Henry Allen.



Mr. and Mrs. Macera



McMullen

LIVE OAK — Suwannee County Sheriff Robert Leonard presents Builder Certificates to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Macera, and to Teena McMullen, owner of the Superburger in Live Oak. Mr. and Mrs. Macera are on the staff at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.



WAUCHULA — Hardee County Sheriff Doyle W. Bryan (right) accepts a generous Boys Ranch-Girls Villa donation from the Wauchula Elks Lodge, represented by Frank Tayntor.



## *The Pinellas Story:*

# Contract Law Enforcement Has Ten-Year History of Success

**C**LEARWATER — Pinellas County has been called “the cradle of contract law enforcement,” and former Pinellas County Sheriff Don Genung deserves to be called its midwife.

Genung was Sheriff here in 1971 when the newly-incorporated city of Seminole, population 4,700, asked him to provide municipal police services under a contract agreement.

That was the beginning of a ten-year success story, and Pinellas Sheriff Gerry Coleman is writing the current chapter by providing contract law enforcement in four communities. Seminole is still under contract. The others are South Pasadena, Oldsmar and Safety Harbor — all with populations under 7,000.

Contract law enforcement is thriving here, and, from its modest beginning a little over ten years ago it has spread to 17 other Florida counties.

Sheriff Coleman has assigned 18 deputies to the contract cities, and he also provides relief deputies to give police protection 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Deputies' salaries, patrol car expenses, uniforms, employee benefits and other budget items are pro-rated. Impressive cost savings have resulted.

A Safety Harbor city councilman was recently quoted as saying that the city's present law enforcement contract is actually less than the police department's budget was four years ago. His experience as Safety Harbor's former police chief led him to estimate that the police department budget would be in the neighborhood of \$700,000 today if the city had continued to provide its own police services. Sheriff Coleman is charging the city \$198,000 for police services in the current budget year.

John Wolf, Director of Law Enforcement Services for Sheriff Coleman, said contract law enforcement gives cities a number of superlative benefits, including a high level of professionalism. He

explained that a Sheriff's Department policy allowing deputies to bid for shifts and working areas, plus incentives offered to those who choose to work in contract cities, has consistently drawn seasoned deputies into the cities.

“The most common complaints heard from the city governments is their reluctance to lose seasoned deputies through transfers, promotions, and so forth,” he said. “Those sentiments are largely due to the development of good working relationships.”

Deputies assigned to contract work are closely identified with the cities they patrol. Each cruiser has the appropriate city's name boldly displayed on three sides.

Wolf said cities receive important financial and administrative benefits from contract law enforcement. “Gone is the cost of creating, adding to, remodeling or maintaining a police building; and the cost of employing support personnel to supervise, keep records, handle payrolls and dispatch officers,” he explained.

“Also gone,” he said, “are the administrative headaches of hiring personnel, losing qualified young officers to other agencies that are large enough to provide positions of specializations . . . also the writing of purchase specifications for cruisers and other equipment. The list goes on and on.”

Contract cities receive specialized services from various Sheriff's Department divisions such as Detective, Communications, Vice and Identification — services they could ill afford if they maintained their own police departments.

Contract law enforcement obviously benefits cities in many ways, and it also has positive budgetary, tactical and growth advantages for the Sheriff. Consequently, when the Sheriffs Association asked Sheriff Coleman if he was sold on contract law enforcement, his prompt “yes” came as no surprise.



## Sheriff's Workshop Brought Crime Prevention into Focus

DADE CITY — "Sometimes we felt like we were going in 12 directions in our crime prevention-community involvement programs and not really getting any nearer to our goals," said Pasco County Sheriff John M. Short.

"But recently we found a good way to sort of focus on where we have been, evaluate where we are now, and project where we want to be in the future."

Short was talking about a Crime Prevention Workshop he and members of his staff held recently to discuss Operation I.D., Neighborhood Watch, Whistlestop, Volunteer Security Patrols and other crime prevention programs which have been developed during the past six years.

"We invited the folks we have been giving these programs to," Short said, "and they produced some valuable input. We feel we were also able to give some beneficial information to them."

Harvey Cotten, Jr., Project Director for Florida's Help Stop Crime! Program, was the keynote speaker. Police Chiefs from Pasco County municipalities discussed several crime prevention topics. Assistant State Attorney Bill Webb, described the "do's and don't's" of volunteer citizen security patrols; and a film was presented to describe CB radio techniques for citizen patrols.

"The turnout for the workshop was terrific," said Short, "and since then we have gotten very positive feedback from the community. The main purpose of the workshop was to exchange information, and to reinforce the close ties that we in law enforcement like to maintain with the citizens we serve."



Sheriff John M. Short (center) planned the workshop, while Detective Sam Falzone (right), Director of the Community Services/Crime Prevention Division, and Detective Tom Kinsella carried out his plans.



Sheriff John M. Short (back to camera) received an enthusiastic response from over 200 citizens who attended the workshop.