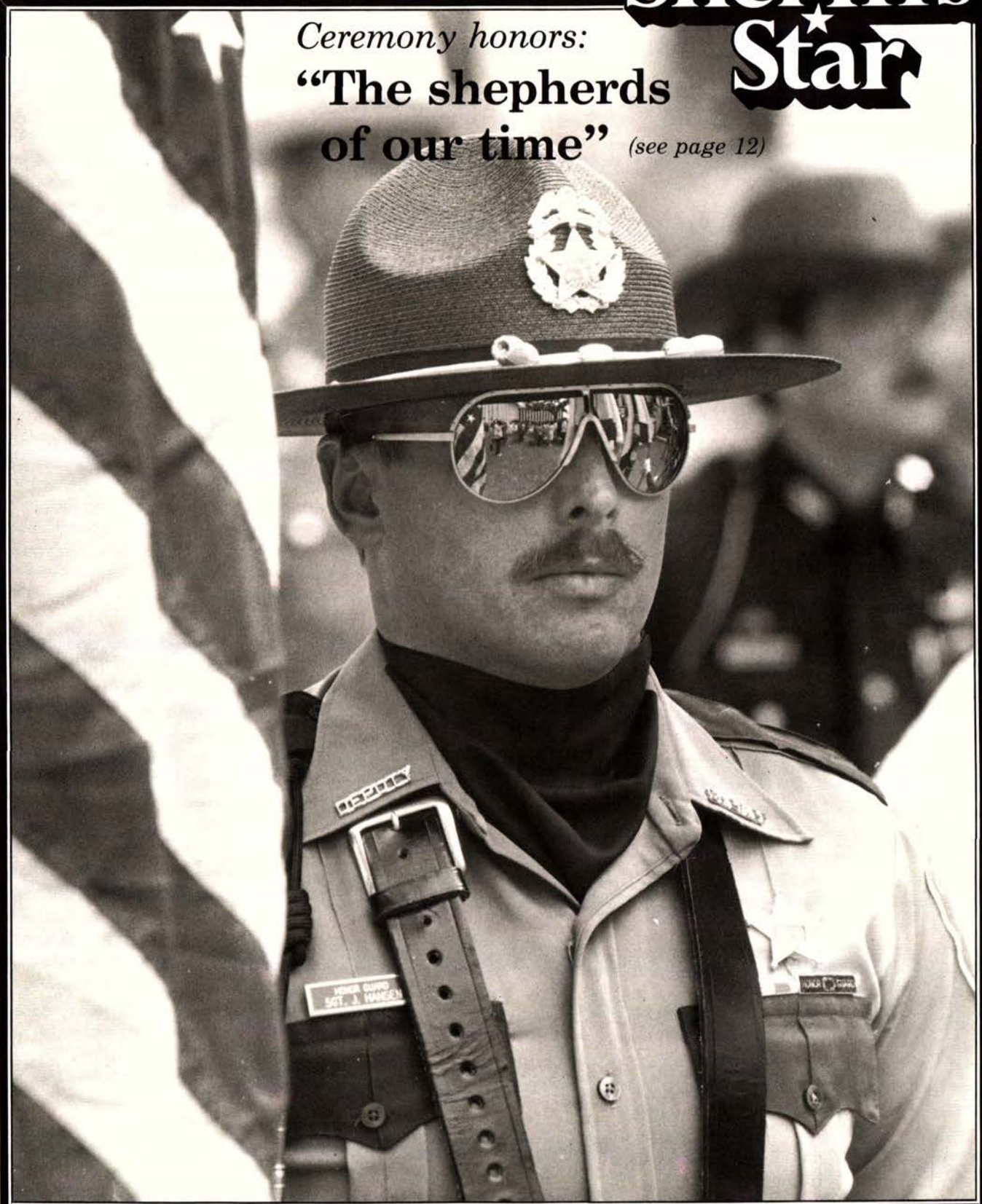


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# the Sheriff's Star

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**"The shepherds  
of our time"** *(see page 12)*





## Hassles might help:

# Lack of needling from press and public seems to be driving British Sheriffs to extinction!

Over here in "the former colonies" Sheriffs get needled frequently by the press and public. They also suffer the stress of hot election campaigns, but they seem to thrive on it.

In jolly old England, it is apparently rare for High Sheriffs to be hassled by the press and public. Her Majesty the Queen chooses them in a ritual called "Pricking the Sheriffs" (pricking their names on paper with a ceremonial bodkin or needle) which is much less stressful than political campaigning, but, by jove, this euphoric state of affairs is driving them to extinction!

The Associated Press reported that the rise of big government and the current economic crunch have caused the Sheriffs of England and Wales to dwindle from more than 30 in the 1950s to only 16 today.

Faced by oblivion, 11 of the survivors got together in Gloucester recently to form the National Shrievalty Association. They hoped that this would help to preserve their status as living mementoes of Britain's heritage.

But, the outlook is not encouraging, and that's sad m'lud — considering that the Sheriff's title (derived from "shire," meaning county, and "reeve," meaning magistrate) is one of the oldest in Great Britain. It

dates back at least 1,000 years.

According to impeccable sources, Sheriffs levied taxes to finance Ethelred the Unready against the Danish invaders, and the brave Sheriff of Berkshire was killed while fighting the Norman conquerors in 1066.

Sheriffs must have had a megabyte of respect in those days, because the Normans allowed them to continue to run their bailiwicks militarily, legally and financially.

They assumed legendary status in the folk tales about Robin Hood and his arch-enemy, the Sheriff of Nottingham, but charges of corruption caused Henry II to cut their powers in the 12th century, and their clout has declined ever since.

A savage blow was struck in 1972 when the assize courts system was dismantled and the so-called Ordinary Sheriffs, who existed solely to summon juries and serve writs for the assize courts, were left without a practical function.

The High Sheriffs — those picked by the Queen's pricking — have fared only slightly better. They still remain nominally in charge of seizing debtors' property and evicting illegal tenants.

### The folks who keep those frisbees flying

INVERNESS — Citrus County Sheriff Charles Dean and Deputy Cheri Kaufman, School Resource Officer (front, left) are pictured with representatives of sponsors who are helping to finance the Sheriff's anti-drug abuse campaign to distribute 5,000 "keep off the grass" frisbees to middle school students. They are (front row, from left) Richard Brown, Browns' Chrysler, Plymouth, Dodge; Rod Lyons, Florida Automatic Transmission; (middle row) Lt. Oren Woodward, from the Sheriff's Department; Karen Morris, Chrysler Corp.; Julie Green, First Federal of Citrus County; (back row) Jon Wilson, St. Petersburg Times; and Mary Cummins, Executive Vice President, First Federal of Citrus County.



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# Now that computers can talk to each other, crime fighters have become more effective

FORT LAUDERDALE — Linked computer-to-computer, Sheriffs and other law enforcement professionals in Broward, Dade and Palm Beach Counties are sharing vital information through a network that has been described as the first of its kind in the Southeastern United States.

Broward County Sheriff Nick Navarro said the network will provide a free-flowing exchange of information on suspects, physical descriptions, vehicles, weapons, modus operandi and other pertinent investigative information that will make police and She-

riffs' departments more effective in clearing crimes.

"It is saving hundreds of manhours formerly spent by investigators traveling from one records department to another in search of information," said Navarro.

Money is being saved too, he added, explaining that only a micro-computer, a communications modem and appropriate software are needed to exchange information on "Bolos" (be on lookout for), suspects and other important items.

Participating agencies exchange security passwords and phone numbers so they can communicate computer-to-computer.

Navarro said the Broward County Sheriff's Department is also participating in the new SPIN computer program that helps investigators in Dade and Broward Counties to track down robbery suspects, homicidal killers and other career criminals.

"Increasing our ability to exchange crime information is bound to result in the solving of more crimes," he added.

## Academy is McHargue's baby

TALLAHASSEE — M. Michael McHargue has succeeded Bill Westfall as Director of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) Academy here, and Westfall has left FDLE to become head of the Montana Law Enforcement Academy, in Bozeman, Montana.

McHargue has been with FDLE since December, 1973, and previously headed the investigations unit in the Office of Executive Investigations.



### Lois Neubrand honored for her loyalty

DADE CITY — Mrs. Lois Neubrand, of New Port Richey, recently completed 25 years as an Honorary Member of the Florida Sheriffs Association and received a Distinguished Service Award which was presented to her by Pasco County Sheriff Jim Gillum.

### More manpower for Ponte Vedra Beach

ST. AUGUSTINE — St. John's County Sheriff Neil J. Perry (center) with some of the deputies who will be responsible for increased security at Ponte Vedra Beach, a Municipal Service District which has formed its own Law Enforcement Department to augment the usual Sheriff's Department Patrols. The deputies are (from left) Rhonda Williams, Chief Tom Faircloth, Lt. Herb Greenleaf, Capt. James DuPont, Lisa Mitchell, David Herbertson and Robert Morin. Greenleaf and DuPont are Sheriff's Department employees. The others, although deputized by the Sheriff, will be employed by Ponte Vedra Beach.







Sheriff Perry in his new office.

## *Hold the sympathy:* This is a banner year in Perry's career

ST. AUGUSTINE — Sing no sad songs for Neil Perry. The hardships that hobbled him during his first year as Sheriff of St. John's County have been wiped out, and, if he isn't whistling a happy tune, he should be.

Last year Perry was camped out in a makeshift office attached to a couple of single-wide mobile homes. His detectives were bivouacked in an old house across the street, and his correctional officers were trying to cope with overcrowding in an antiquated jail.

The department was "in transit" from former offices in the county courthouse, and although Perry was making numerous operational improvements, it was not the best of times.

There were, however, reassuring sounds of construction work coming from outside Perry's precarious perch, and those rumbles and roars have since been translated into a spacious new administration building within a short jog of a new fortress-like jail.

Perry and his staff have occupied the new administration building, which gives them under one roof just about triple the space they had formerly in several locations. At this writing, final preparations are also being made to occupy the new jail, and, when pro-



Capt. Hazel McCormick has seen dramatic improvements in the St. John's County Sheriff's Department. She is the department's senior staff member in years of service, and one of the highest ranking women deputies in the state.

posed renovation work is completed at the old jail, overcrowding will become a thing of the past.

So . . . pass the word. No sympathy is needed here. this is shaping up as a banner year in the Perry career.





New administration building just about triples the Sheriff's office space and puts the staff under one roof.



Administration building foyer.



Conference room doubles as an in-service training classroom.

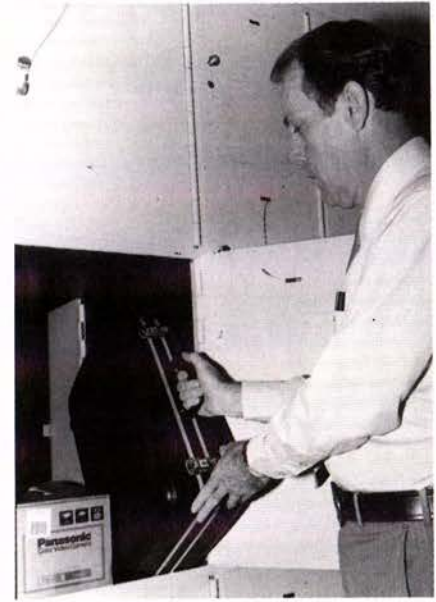
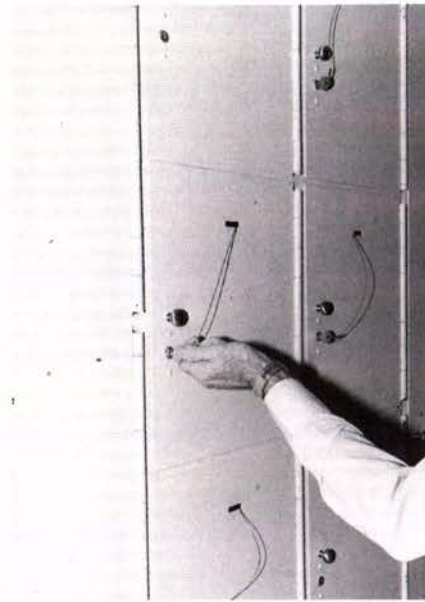
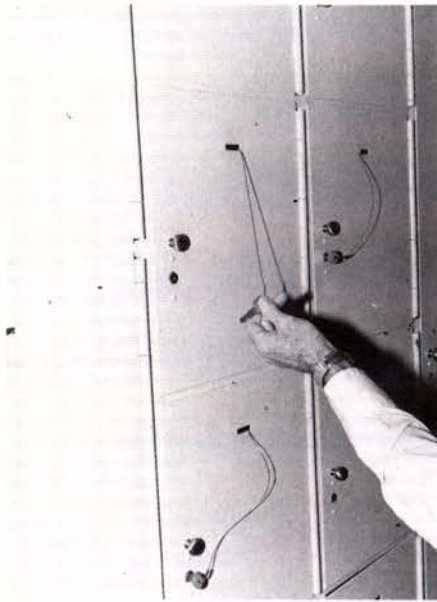


Last year this old house was home (but not-so-sweet-home) for the department's detectives.



Overcrowding is just a bad memory incarcerated in this old jail.



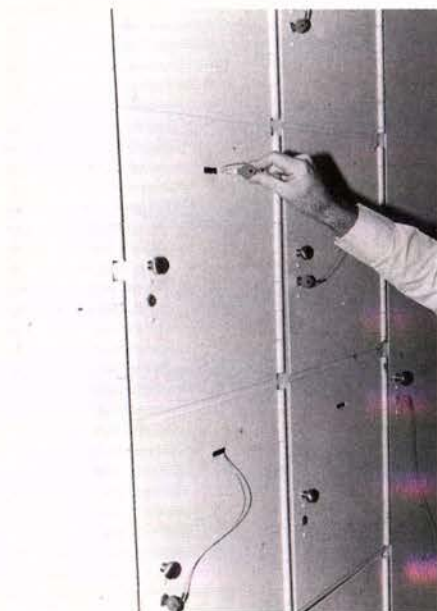


## For criminal evidence — a maximum security system

One of the commendable features of the new Sheriff's Administration Building in St. John's County is a super-secure, fire-proof system of storage for criminal evidence. As demonstrated by Capt. Robert Porter and Detective Sgt. Victoria Padgett, the system features pass-through lockers that provide temporary storage any

time of the day or night, but are only accessible to authorized persons inside the storage room once evidence has been placed in them. As shown in the photos, keys hang outside the pass-through lockers that are not in use and the keys go inside once evidence has been placed in the lockers. (Both pass-through locker doors were open

when Capt. Porter was photographed storing evidence, but in normal use, only the outside door would be open.) On the other side of the pass-through lockers Sgt. Padgett shows how evidence is removed from temporary storage and placed in classified, secure storage.





# Handler and super dog share awards spotlight with fleet-footed runner

NEW PORT RICHEY — Law enforcement award ceremonies held by the Noon Optimist Club focused fame on Ninja, a male German Shepherd from the Pasco County Sheriff's Office canine squad; his handler, Deputy Jack Hypes; and Michael Champagne, a 17-year-old high school junior, who chased down a stabbing suspect.

Praised for tracking nine crime suspects in one year, and twice saving the life of his handler, Ninja was chosen as "Deputy Dog of the Year," and awarded a big juicy bone. His buddy, Hypes, was named "Law Enforcement Officer of the Year."

Working as a team, Hypes and Ninja were credited with nabbing nine suspected lawbreakers on charges ranging from attempted murder to burglary and assault.

On one occasion, Ninja saved Hypes' life by attacking a man who was firing a gun at him. Two months later when they were tracking a suspect in the woods, Ninja warned Hypes just before a striking rattlesnake imbedded its fangs in his boot. Restraining Ninja with one hand, Hypes drew his service revolver with the other and killed the 5½ foot snake.

Champagne, who is rated as one of the best cross-country runners in Florida, was praised by the Optimist Club and Sheriff Jim Gillum for winning an impromptu foot race with a 26-year-old man who had stabbed a department store security guard.

Sheriff Gillum said Champagne pursued the stabber through parking lots, behind buildings and

along busy U.S. 19 until he cornered the panting fugitive in the back yard of a residence shortly before deputies arrived to make an arrest.

Devotion to duty was cited by Gillum as one of the primary reasons Hypes was chosen "Law Enforcement Officer of the Year." The Sheriff said Hypes' positive attitude and willingness to expend extra effort "have instilled such confidence in his fellow deputies and supervisors that he is frequently called from home for assistance."

Enroute home from work, Hypes often responds to radio calls he overhears in his patrol car to determine if canine tracking is needed, Gillum added.



**Award-winning school crossing guards**

LARGO — Pinellas County's three outstanding school crossing guards for 1986 are pictured here with their sponsor, Sheriff Gerry Coleman, and Mrs. Thomas R. Turner (left), whose mother is memorialized by the annual Maybelle Rollins Bradford Awards. The award recipients are (from left) Charlotte Sokol, Mary Lou Ham and Dorothy Hodgson.

## Help insurance:

## For just 4 dollars — a sign that really hollers!

TAMPA — It's big, blatant and beneficial — a handy distress message for stranded motorists who are facing serious emergencies, or the risk of becoming crime victims.

The orange, fluorescent "CALL SHERIFF" banner pictured here can be displayed to alert law enforcement officers or passing drivers that a problem exists, and it offers the additional benefit of repelling predatory punks who might be tempted to rob or harm the potential victims.

Funded by First Florida Bank, the banners are being sold for \$4 each to raise funds for the Explorer Post sponsored by the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department. They have a self-adhering backing and can be peeled off and reused.

To purchase, call Crime Prevention Bureau, Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department, 813/247-6411, extension 2330. The mailing address is P.O. Box 3371, Tampa, FL 33601.



Hillsborough County Sheriff Walter C. Heinrich (right) and First National Bank President Daniel L. Murphy demonstrate the "CALL SHERIFF" distress banner.



# We Salute!

## David "Bucky" Walters

FORT PIERCE — To save his own life and the life of a hostage, Lt. David "Bucky" Walters, from the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Department, had to shoot and kill an armed man who was described as violent and intoxicated. He was awarded a Medal of Valor by the Treasure Coast Chapter of the International Police Association.

**Clyde Russell III**  
**David Rule**  
**Edward Kellner**  
**Ernest Powell**

TAMPA — A teenager who lost his life, and three other citizens who risked theirs at crime scenes, but survived, were honored with special awards by Hillsborough County Sheriff Walter C. Heinrich.

Parents of 14-year-old Clyde Russell III, accepted an award for the Brandon youth who, although mortally wounded, ran for help after a man armed with a knife went berserk on a bus.

Also honored for their actions in the same incident were Edward Kellner, a bus passenger who was seriously wounded while protecting the bus driver; and Auxiliary Deputy David Rule, who responded to the alarm raised by Russell and was credited with saving many lives.

The fourth award went to Ernest Powell, who was seriously wounded while pursuing an armed robber. The robber had shot two young girls, killing one and critically wounding the other. Powell's pursuit led to the gunman's arrest.

**Mrs. Ahren Ditoro**  
**Mrs. Claire Kelly**  
**Hector Adriles**

HUDSON — Pasco County Sheriff Jim Gillum presented CARE



TITUSVILLE — Brevard County Sheriff C.W. "Jake" Miller (left) poses with four outstanding deputies. They are (from left) Cpl. Barry Liford, Sgt. George DeRise, Cpl. Jesse Carver, and Deputy O'Dell Kiser. Recently Kiser, who is a K-9 deputy, was named as the Department's Employee of the Year. The others attained "Deputy of the Month" status.

awards (Certificate of Appreciation for Responding in an Emergency) to three Hudson neighbors for assisting a deputy who had been struggling with a suspected drunken driver.

When the trio saw deputy Charles Grant, Jr., needed help, Mrs. Claire Kelly phoned the Sheriff's Department while Mrs. Ahren Ditoro went to the deputy's patrol car to send a radio message for assistance.

Meanwhile, the suspect had broken free and fled into the woods with Deputy Grant in pursuit.

Entering the woods, Mrs. Ditoro and Hector Adriles found that Deputy Grant was still involved in a struggle, and helped him to restrain the suspect.

After expressing his appreciation to the three neighbors, Sheriff Gillum said he and his deputies do not normally expect civilians to risk injury by becoming physically involved, and for

their own safety it is better to call the Sheriff's Department for assistance.

## Mark Stottlemeyer

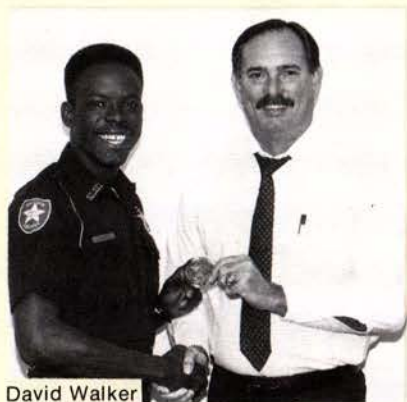
SARASOTA — The ability to stay alert, and to be at the right place at the right time enabled Deputy Sheriff Mark Stottlemeyer to qualify for the annual Felony Arrest Award at the Sarasota County Sheriff's Department. He was credited with seven felony-in-progress arrests in 1985, which entitled him to receive a medallion bar for his uniform and a \$100 cash bonus.

## Clyde Gill

BRADENTON — Clyde Gill, one of law enforcement's most highly respected old-timers, was named as Manatee County's "Distinguished Citizen of the Year," an honor which entitled him to have his footprints immortalized in concrete in front of the county courthouse.

A Manatee County native, Gill began his 40-year law enforcement career in 1944 when he





David Walker



James Dixon

FORT PIERCE — St. Lucie County Sheriff Robert C. "Bobby" Knowles awards Florida Sheriffs Association belt buckles to David Walker and James Dixon who were chosen "Deputy of the Month" for February and March respectively. Walker serves on the Sheriff's Special Operations Team, in addition to his regular duties. Dixon is the traffic officer and field training officer on his shift.

became a Bradenton police officer. He advanced through the ranks while shuttling between Police and Sheriff's Departments, and was appointed Police Chief in 1971.

Five years later he returned to the Sheriff's Department as second in command, and remained there until he retired in 1984 with the rank of major. Unable to stay fully retired, he eventually returned to the Sheriff's Department as a courier.

Sheriff Charlie Wells called Gill's career "exemplary in every respect." He said Gill was noted for taking strong positions "for what was right and fair, with little regard for his own welfare."

The Florida Prosecuting Investigators Association named Gill "Police Officer of the Year" in 1974.

#### **John Cardell Diane Thompson**

FORT PIERCE — Elks Lodge No. 1520 honored St. Lucie County deputies John Cardell and Diane Thompson with meritorious service awards after they rescued a young man from a burning house. Sheriff Robert C. "Bobby" Knowles said the rescue was only one of many accomplishments attributed to the two deputies, but was also typical of

the type of service they had been giving to county residents.

#### **Dean Longo**

VERO BEACH — Lt. Dean Longo, from the Indian River County Sheriff's Department, has been elected president of the Florida Police Training Officers Association, an organization that is seeking to improve law enforcement training techniques throughout the state.

#### **Clarence J. Smith**

ST. AUGUSTINE — Impressed by Deputy Sheriff Clarence J. Smith's actions in arresting two murder suspects single-handedly, the Exchange Club of St. Augustine presented him with an outstanding service award. His boss, St. John's County Sheriff Neil Perry, praised him for his courage and initiative.

#### **Scott Ivey**

TALLAHASSEE — While on patrol, Leon County Deputy Sheriff Scott Ivey saw a tractor-trailer truck swerve off the road, knock down a power line pole, somersault and land upside down.

Running to the truck cab, he found the driver alive, but pinned inside, while flames began flaring up from the engine.

Aided by Jacksonville trucker Craig Kelly who had arrived at

the scene, Ivey was able to free the driver from the crushed cab just minutes before the whole truck was engulfed in flames.

After the truck driver was rushed to a hospital for treatment of broken ribs and other injuries, Ivey told a news reporter: "God was really looking out for him."

Sheriff Eddie Boone's reaction was an announcement that Ivey and Kelly would receive certificates of commendation.

#### **Donald Wampner**

SARASOTA — Last year Cpl. Donald Wampner's associates in the Sarasota County Sheriff's Department named him Investigator of the Year. This year the Englewood Veterans of Foreign Wars singled him out as "Outstanding Officer of the Year," and news articles praised his skill in handling child abuse cases, but Wampner was modest about his accomplishments.

"Law enforcement is like any other field of endeavor," he told a news reporter. "You really have to like it and give it 110 percent to do the job right."

#### **Jim Griffin**

LaBELLE — When Hendry County Deputy Sheriff Jim Griffin risked his life to rescue two people trapped inside a car that had crashed and caught on fire, his heroism did not go unnoticed. Weeks later the LaBelle Lions Club honored him with an award for heroism "above and beyond the call of duty."

#### **Eddie Lopez Paul Guarino**

TAMPA — Added to the long list of award winning deputies in the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department recently were the names of Eddie Lopez, who received an "Outstanding Officer of the Year" award from the Hillsborough County Bar Association for his youth work activities; and Paul Guarino, who received a similar award from the North





# We Salute!

*continued...*



Tampa American Legion Post.

A Tampa newspaper editor commented that Lopez "has received more awards and honors... than we care to count."

Commenting on Guarino's award, Sheriff Walter C. Heinrich said, "He has served with distinction throughout his career, often risking his life for the protection of others."

**John L. Newmans  
Joseph C. Romer**

ST. AUGUSTINE — Top honors went to St. John's County Deputy Sheriffs John L. Newmans and Joseph C. Romer during an awards banquet jointly sponsored by Sheriff Neil Perry and Fraternal Order of Police Lodge No. 113. They were honored for risking their own lives to save others.

## Palm Beach K-9 Unit

WEST PALM BEACH — The K-9 unit in the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Department has won its second consecutive championship in regional field trials involving K-9 teams from Florida, Georgia and eastern Alabama.

A news report said this was the first time in the history of the

BROOKSVILLE — After walking off with top honors at the 5th Annual North Florida Pistol Match, in Palatka, (their first competition together) the members of the Hernando County Sheriff's Department Pistol Team posed with Sheriff Thomas Mylander (left). They are (from left) Lt. Jerry Calhoun, Cpl. Danny Spiece, Detective John Cameron and Cpl. Bob Miller. An overall high score of 573 out of a possible 600 points gave Cameron top ranking in the expert division. He teamed with Calhoun to tie down third place in the expert team competition. Spiece and Miller took first place in the sharpshooter team division.

U.S. Police Canine Association that a law enforcement agency had won two regional trials in a row.

## Aubrey Rogers

NAPLES — When the Naples chapter of 40 & 8, an American Legion honor society, chose Collier County Sheriff Aubrey Rogers as its "Law Officer of the Year," the annual award added one more laurel to the long and distinguished career of one of Florida's outstanding law enforcement practitioners.

40 & 8 spokesman Dick Chamberlain pointed out that Rogers' 39-year career has been marked by many accomplishments, including the successful war he declared on illegal drug traffic by teaming up with federal, state and local law enforcement agencies.

This campaign won him national acclaim in 1984 when he was selected for the U.S. Attor-



MIAMI — Joseph Keefe, who is in charge of the Teletraining Section in the Metro-Dade Police Department, has been named to the International Television Association's "Who's Who in Corporate Television". This gives recognition to the graphic support his section provides for the Department's training programs.

ney's Law Enforcement Officer Award.

During Rogers' tenure as Sheriff, which began in 1975, said Chamberlain, the Department has grown from six full-time employees in a predominantly rural area to more than 400 employees in a rapidly growing urban area.





Candidates featured at the forum were (from left) Mayor Bob Martinez, former State Representative Steve Pajcic, and Attorney General Jim Smith.



Sheriff Dan Daniels presents awards to Michael Drew (left) and Duane Swindell for saving the lives of some companions at a bus stop.

## Yea Team! is Dan Daniels' theme

BARTOW — It's no secret that Polk County Sheriff Dan Daniels looks at law enforcement as a team effort involving paid professionals and private citizens.

This has become obvious through the encouragement he has given to volunteers in his dive team, civil aircraft patrol and mounted posse; and the support he has demonstrated for crime prevention projects such as Crime Watch. This penchant for public participation also emerged as the guiding motive behind a public forum Daniels arranged in May so that candidates for Governor of Florida could express their views on vital law enforcement issues.

Tampa Mayor Bob Martinez, Attorney General Jim Smith and former State Representative Steve Pajcic accepted the Sheriff's invitation to attend, and three other announced candidates sent regrets.

Comments by candidates were the prime attraction, but the forum also featured crime prevention displays and award presentations. Two of the awards went to Duane Swindell and Michael Drew for saving the lives of some companions when a large truck went out of control at a school bus stop.

Groups participating in the forum as sponsors included the Retired Officers Association; PRIDE of Polk County, a parent resources group; POW/MIA



Association; the Sheriff's Department Sertoma Club; Citizen's Crime Watch; Cypress Gardens Sertoma; Justice for Children; Victim Justice Coalition; Cops for Christ; Sheriff's Support Group; Fraternal Order of Police; and Mothers Against Drunk Driving.





# Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches

## Honor Roll

### Roster of Lifetime Honorary Members

#### *Home towns eliminated*

To protect our Lifetime Honorary Members from receiving unwanted solicitations and junk mail, we have discontinued printing their home towns when we print their names.

We decided this was necessary after we learned that certain organizations of questionable legitimacy were adding our Lifetimers to their mailing lists. Obtaining a complete mailing address was relatively easy for them as long as they had the Lifetimers' home towns. Without the home towns, it will be extremely difficult.

We have never permitted other organizations to use our membership lists, and we will continue to do everything possible to protect the privacy of our members.

Mr. & Mrs. E. Dumont Ackerman	Frank Fearnley
Mr. & Mrs. Stanley J. Adamski	Florida Woodlands, Inc.
Mr. & Mrs. Frank M. Albritton	Mrs. Halsey L. Ford
Mrs. Gwenyth L. Angwin	Mike Gillette
Ms. Jane Armstrong	Mrs. Georgia Gordon
Mr. & Mrs. George Baldwin	Mr. & Mrs. William Hartman
William M. Bell	Miss Ann Heffernan
Richard M. Blaney	Miss Lois I. Humphrey
Benjamin F. Bowen	Hunt Insurance Group, Inc.
Mrs. Rebecca M. Bradford	Mrs. Elizabeth F. Johnson
Jerry Brooks	Mr. & Mrs. William Johnson
C&E Arabian Farm and Feeds	Henry Kollock
Carlyle House	Loomis C. Leedy, Jr.
Mrs. Gladys Christie	Mr. & Mrs. Robert J. McEvoy
Ms. Shirli Deal	Ms. Mary T. Moeser
Roger H. Dean	Mr. & Mrs. Edward J. Nelson
Deltona Woman's Club, Inc.	Mr. & Mrs. Edward G. Oppenheimer
DeSoto County Sheriff's Auxiliary	Mrs. Debra Porte
Ms. Joann Douglass	Mrs. Jack Powell
W. C. Dupree, Sr.	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph A. Powers
Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd E. Dutcher	John Roberson

On these pages we give special recognition to generous supporters of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches who have qualified for Lifetime Honorary Memberships in the Florida Sheriffs Association by giving \$1,000 or more to the Youth Ranches. Each Lifetime Honorary Member receives a plaque, a lifetime identification card and a lifetime subscription to *The Sheriff's Star*. Under a new regulation which became effective in 1984, those whose gifts total over \$5,000 will receive additional gold stars on their plaques — one for \$5,000, two for \$10,000, and so on, up to a maximum of five stars for gifts totaling over \$25,000.

### Presentations

We regret that photos of Lifetime Honorary Members are not always available when their names appear on the membership roster. Consequently, we often find it necessary to print the names in one issue of *The Sheriff's Star* and the photos in a subsequent issue.



LIVE OAK — Presented by Suwannee County Sheriff Robert Leonard (right); Presented to (from left) Claude Crapps III, P.C. Crapps, Jr., and Betsy Burch, representing the First National Bank, Live Oak.

Mr. & Mrs. Walter Russack	United States Post Office
Sarasota County Sheriff's Posse, Inc.	Indian Rocks Beach
Mrs. Helen T. Schultze	Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary #4643
Dr. & Mrs. Frank T. Scott	Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary #10178
Seminole Electric Co.	W. C. Webb
Sheila Smith	John E. Wilkinson
Joe Stephenson	Douglas Winkvist, Sr.
Ms. Roxanne Stephenson	WKRL Gulf Coast Radio, Inc.
The Dunsbaugh-Dalton Foundation, Inc.	Mr. & Mrs. Rollin Young





MADISON — Presented by Madison County Sheriff Joe Peavy (right); Presented to President Wayne Clark, representing the Bank of Madison County.



TALLAHASSEE — Presented by Leon County Sheriff Eddie Boone; Presented to Helen Price, representing herself and her husband, Edward.



Presented by Youth Ranches Vice President Ed Waldron (left); Presented to Charles E. Hendrix, Jr.



TAVARES — Presented by Lake County Sheriff Noel E. Griffin, Jr. (left) and Youth Ranches Vice President Terry Knox (right) to Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Ivan.



FORT LAUDERDALE — Presented by Broward County Sheriff Nick Navarro (second from left); Presented to Mrs. Joseph Driscoll, Mike Basak, Louise McDaniel, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Gates, Robert Fogarty, Marlene Lemm, Alice Richards, Judy Tozzi, Julie Barfield, Patricia Russo Trax, Warren Miller and Michael Swartz.



Col. Von Sabo



Mr. and Mrs. Barr



Mr. and Mrs. Pore

LARGO — Presented by Pinellas County Sheriff Gerry Coleman; Presented to Col. Theodore Von Sabo; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Barr; Mr. and Mrs. J. Oliver Pore; Mrs. Margery G. Steele; The Encores of Dunedin, represented by Mrs. A. Young (In this presentation the Sheriff was assisted by Youth Ranches Vice President Joe Spenard, on left); Western Hemisphere Sales, represented by Barbara Paxon (left) and Wendi Hoffman.



Mrs. Steele



The Encores



Western Hemisphere Sales



*Ceremony honors:*

# “The shepherds of our time”

*Tallahassee Democrat photos by Phil Coale*

TALLAHASSEE — Solemn-faced men and women wearing black bands on their badges stood in silent formation on the Capitol Plaza while Governor Bob Graham laid a wreath on a monument dedicated to the memory of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.

They continued to hold formation while songs were sung, poems were read and a pair of buglers played taps.

Gathered nearby were wives, sons, daughters, fathers, mothers and friends of fallen officers. Many wept during the singing of “Amazing Grace,” and when they heard Jacksonville Sheriff’s Department Chaplain James Crosby describe police officers as the good shepherds of their communities.

“The police officer is the shepherd of our time,” said Crosby. “When it is hot, he is hot. When it is cold, he is cold. When it is wet, he is wet. . .”

Thus did Florida on May 12 honor the eight officers who had died on duty within the state during the previous 12 months. These included FBI Special Agents Gerald Dove and Benjamin P. Grogan, who were fatally wounded in April during a suburban Miami gun battle.

The other officers died between April 15, 1985, and April 15, 1986. They included John C. Baxter, Jr., Florida Highway Patrol; John Melendez, Bal Harbor Police Department; Floyd Moore, Jr., Bay County Sheriff’s Department; George T. Hanchey, Brevard County Sheriff’s Department; John K. Healy, Seminole Police Department; and Harold Holerger, St. Lucie County Sheriff’s Department.

Members of the St. John’s County Sheriff’s Department color guard.



**COVER PHOTO:** Sgt. J. Hansen, a member of the Collier County Sheriff’s Department color guard.







A blue carnation was placed on a relief map of Florida for each officer who died on duty. The Martin County deputy sheriff in the photo is Marsha L. Clerico.



The color guard from the Collier County Sheriff's Department.



Officers advance the colors on Florida's Capitol Plaza.



# Shaping a sharper image



The instructor during this classroom session was Inspector Buddy Phillips, from the Division of Local Law Enforcement Assistance in the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.



Photographed during a coffee break, Sheriffs in this photo include (front row, from left) Walt Pellicer, Putnam County; Jennings Murrhee, Clay County; David Harvey, Wakulla County; Eddie Boone, Leon; Bob Fornes, Osceola; Larry Gilbert, Okaloosa; (center row) Harrell Revell, Liberty; C.W. "Jake" Miller, Brevard; John McDaniel, Jackson; Tom Tramel, Columbia; Quentin Whittle, Taylor; Dan Daniels, Polk; Quinn McMillian, Walton; (back row) Bobby McCray, Lafayette; Joe Newmans, Baker; Joe Peavy, Madison; Al Harrison, Gulf; John McDougall, Charlotte; "Jamie" Adams, Sumter; Gerry Coleman, Pinellas; Thomas Strickland, Holmes; Dale Carson, Jacksonville (Duval County); and Bobby Knowles, St. Lucie. Also enrolled at the Institute but not photographed were Sheriffs Charles Dean, Citrus County; John Polk, Seminole County; Joe Varnadore, DeSoto County; and LaVelle Pitts, Bay County.

In Florida's criminal justice hierarchy, Sheriffs are recognized as leaders and innovators, with a proud history of professional progress. In the past 35 years they have enhanced their public image tremendously — and with due cause — but success has not caused them to relax their search for excellence.

Evidence of this is not difficult to find — one example being their frequent involvement in workshops and seminars such as the Executive Institutes held periodically by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

These photos were taken in May when 26 Sheriffs attended an Executive Institute to belabor the subject of "Disaster Response Management," and to "interface" with instructors from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, the U.S. Weather Bureau's National Hurricane Center, the Metro Dade Police Department, the Florida Division of Forestry and the Florida Division of Emergency Management.

In typical fashion, this three-day session of intensive training offered a broad overview of the problems and techniques involved in handling many types of emergencies such as acts of terrorism, natural disasters, toxic waste spills, forest fires and aircraft crashes.

After it was over, Sheriffs went home better prepared to deal with doomsday and disasters, but this was not their only accomplishment. They also scored a few more points in the game they have been dominating for more than 35 years. It's called "Shaping a Sharper Image."

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