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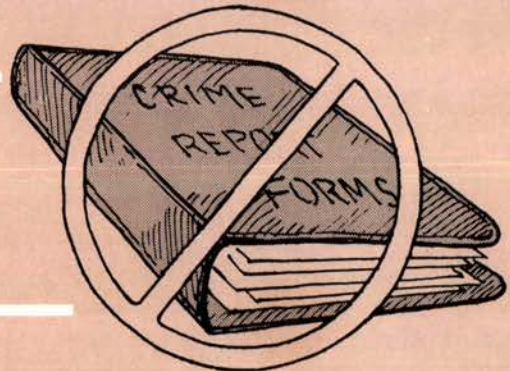
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COVER PHOTO: Sgt. Diane Clarke "keyboards" a crime scene report at a convenience store.

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TITUSVILLE — Calls don't get much more routine than this one: another gas drive-off from another convenience store.

If the Brevard County Sheriff's deputy had taken a notebook or even a blank report form into the store, this call would have been as forgettable as the hundreds of others that come in every year.

But the notebook stayed in the patrol car.

Taking part in a high-tech experiment, the deputy walked into the store with a computer tucked under her arm. Typing information into the 3-pound computer, she asked questions of the clerk and answered them for curious shoppers who'd never seen such a thing.

Four minutes later, the deputy was looking for a telephone to transmit the finished report to the office.

Sheriff C.W. "Jake" Miller had planned to test the units for two months before making a decision on whether to purchase them for all of his deputies and investigators. But the decision took half that time.

"I've heard nothing but good reports. The deputies who are using them don't want to give them up," he said.

"At \$400 each, these computers will pay for themselves in a matter of months," Sheriff Miller said.

Although some south Florida deputies already are using computers built into their patrol cars, the Brevard County Sheriff's Office is believed to be the first in Florida to experiment with fully portable units. Unlike on-board computers, these units are powered by four AA batteries and can be operated anywhere.

The computers, already in daily use by patrolmen of the Lakeland Police Department, are programmed with all of the report forms deputies normally use. As with paper forms, they need only to fill in the blanks.

The lap top computers are about the size of looseleaf



High-tech report writing captivates convenience store customers.

notebooks and have storage capacity for three standard-size reports.

As each report is completed, it is transmitted by telephone line or direct link to the larger personal computer a supervisor uses to check it.

In the unlikely event that the lap computer's memory is filled before the deputy is able to transmit his reports, the information can be temporarily stored on a tape recorder cassette.

To Brevard Sheriff's Office Lt. Bob Scarboro, who is coordinating the computer experiment, the advantages go beyond the obvious cost-savings that come with not having secretaries type finished reports from hand-written ones.

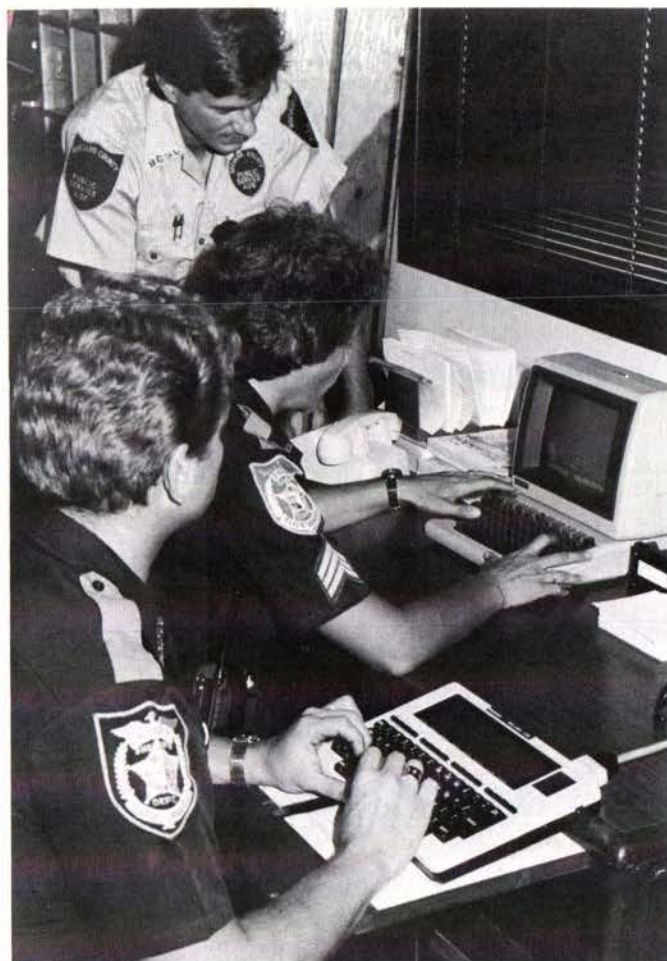
"There are fewer forms for deputies to carry around," he said. "If a deputy makes an error on a paper report, the entire report may have to be rewritten. With the computer, it's easily correctable, and the deputy doesn't have to stumble through nine different report forms to find the correct one. It's all right there."

Having all incoming reports stored in computer memory will be an important first step in eventually computerizing all Department incident, arrest and case reports, Scarboro said.

Among the eight deputies who were using the lap-top computers on a daily basis when this article was written, only two had any previous experience with computers.

However, each was trained in a single day.

"There was some apprehension at first. Then they found out it wasn't bad and, in fact, easy," Scarboro said. "After work, they were taking them home to play with them some more."



Sgt. Diane Clarke (right) demonstrates how a report is transmitted from crime scene to Sheriff's Office over telephone lines.

Laptop computers also used in Polk County

BARTOW — Polk County Sheriff's Office is also experimenting with portable "laptop" computers that can be used by deputies to prepare reports in the field. Sheriff Lawrence W. Crow, Jr., recently disclosed that his Crimes Against Property detectives were using the technique. He said he was also in the process of providing laptop computers for his patrol deputies.

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The photos and prints behind Sheriff Wanicka's desk reflect the high priority he has always assigned to his family and his love of the outdoors.

Disappointing news for Wanicka fans: "The Scrapper" is planning to retire

FORT MYERS — A lot of Lee County folks are going to be disappointed to see Sheriff Frank Wanicka go into retirement at the beginning of 1989 — especially those who have enjoyed watching him do battle in the public arena.

One thing certain, this veteran law enforcement officer has been a scrapper during his 16 years as Lee County's chief law enforcement officer, and he has taken on a bunch of formidable opponents.

The "Wanicka versus all comers" roster includes County Commissioners, peddlers of pornography, the news media, topless bars, a U.S. Attorney and skinny-dippers who claimed it was their constitutional right to swim nude

at a public beach.

"If I believe in something, I am going to stand up for it," the Sheriff said recently, and headlines dating back as far as the early 1970s bear him out.

Numerous times he has demonstrated that he believes in his proposed budgets by hassling with County Commissioners who were in a budget-slashing mood. In 1978 he appealed the budget battle to the Florida Cabinet, and the Cabinet ordered the County Commissioners to give him an increase of \$108,571.

The following year, when Commissioners threatened to do violence to his budget, all he had to do was announce that he was going

to appeal it again, and the Commissioners suddenly demonstrated a willingness to compromise.

At the time this article is being written, Wanicka is going through a third budget appeal procedure, and spectators are saying the smart money is being wagered on him.

Wanicka is a consistent winner, and he has been given credit for cleaning up the county by mounting a sustained campaign against pornography and its satellite enterprises. "When you travel through Lee County you are not greeted by X-rated movie houses, topless bars or strip joints," he said recently. He also pointed out that



Against a backdrop of awards, banner headlines and commissions, Sheriff Frank Wanicka (left) and Col. David Wilson, his chief administrative officer, reminisce about their 16 years together in the "high command" of the Lee County Sheriff's Office.

he fought successfully for an ordinance to ban topless bars, and it has survived challenges that took it all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court.

If the Sheriff had any friends and supporters among Lee County's skinnydippers, he lost them when he refused to let them use their favorite beach. In retaliation, Southwest Florida Naturists vowed to fight him in the next election; and he accepted the challenge by declaring that public nudity runs counter to his moral and religious beliefs. "The beaches are for families and children," he added. "We live in a conservative area. Most people like to be clothed. They don't like to be shocked."

In another scrimmage, Wanicka went head-to-head with U.S. Attorney Robert Merkle. He did this, he said, after Merkle conducted a five-year investigation of alleged Sheriff's Office corruption and found nothing illegal.

The Sheriff's first maneuver was to file an "abuse of power" charge with the U.S. Justice Department, and, after this failed to get the desired results, he accepted an opportunity to "blast Merkle" on the CBS "60 Minutes" TV program.



The big smiles at a 1987 press conference by State Attorney Joseph P. D'Alessandro (left), Sheriff Wanicka (right) and their attorney, Allen Parvey, revealed how they felt about winning a landmark libel suit.

These hassles have entertained spectators, regardless of their personal loyalties, but the one that is likely to elevate Wanicka to legendary status began when he and State Attorney Joe D'Alessandro filed a libel suit against a Charlotte County newspaper.

Wanicka said the newspaper implicated him and the State Attorney in an alleged cover-up, and named him as a suspect in a "killing . . . made to look like a suicide."

The newspaper decided not to

fight the charges and the plaintiffs accepted a cash settlement. "To our knowledge, said Wanicka, "this is the first time ever where a State Attorney and a Sheriff sued for libel against any news medium and were offered a settlement out of court." The terms of the settlement were not disclosed but were described as substantial. "Joe and I both feel vindicated," Wanicka commented. "Who says the press always has the last word?"

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Disappointing news for Wanicka fans continued . . .

Because Wanicka is a progressive law enforcement "pro", his claim to fame does not rest solely on his success as a scrapper. He also deserves applause for upgrading the Lee County Sheriff's Office while keeping pace with the county's explosive growth.

In the 16 years since Wanicka was elected Sheriff, the county's population has increased from 120,000 to 302,000 (according to a 1988 estimate); and the county jail has experienced an even greater increase from approximately 102 inmates to 617. The current occupancy level is 64 over the rated capacity, in spite of the fact that a relatively new jail is now in use.

In 1973, Wanicka's first year in office, his budget was \$1,522,205. The 1988 total, if the Sheriff wins his appeal, will be \$16,444,053.

Growth of this magnitude has required Wanicka to face many challenges, but because he is a "born again Christian" he feels that he has not faced them alone. He attributes many of his actions and decisions to divine guidance; and when someone comments on his success in law enforcement, marriage, politics, confrontations and other areas, he is likely to respond with: "The Lord is in control."

A native of Philadelphia, the Sheriff was raised a Roman Catholic and served as an altar boy, but he claims he never had a strong commitment to Christ until after he was elected Sheriff the first time in 1972.

He said he became a "born again Christian" because "things were going great," and not due to stress or any particular crisis in his life. He and his wife, Ann, were members of a Baptist Church at that time and have since switched their allegiance to a Pentecostal Church.

Singing with "Cops for Christ," a unique gospel glee club organ-



Five people who were on the "Wanicka team" when Wanicka began his career as Sheriff of Lee County in January, 1973, are still aboard. They are (from left) Capt. Rayfield Newton; Mrs. Jean Schmitt, the Sheriff's Secretary; Maj. Roy Yahl; Maj. Don Schmitt and Col. David Wilson.



Fifteen years ago a unique gospel glee club called "Cops for Christ" was organized in the Sheriff's Office to "sing and witness for the Lord." Current members pictured here, including the Sheriff, are (from left) Cpl. Jeri-Lynn Martin, S/O Dean Williams, F/Sgt. Jim Haerer, Lt. Jim Drake, F/Sgt. Dan Hemphill, Capt. Henry Wright, Sheriff Wanicka, Lt. Rod Shoap, F/Sgt. Andy Stanforth, Dep. Bill Cameron and Cpl. Glenn Ansley. Three members of the group were not present when the photo was taken. They are: C/O Becky Barley, Dep. Barry Futch and Dep. Bob Hazard.

ized in the Sheriff's Office 15 years ago, is one of numerous ways in which Wanicka demonstrates his commitment to his Lord and Savior. When the group was started early in 1974 an invitation went out to all local law enforcement

agencies to join up. Today, "Cops for Christ" has 13 men and women willing to sing and witness for the Lord.

"We are still untrained, untalented, plain ole cops who rejoice that God has been with us through

it all," said one member recently when the group was preparing to go on a singing tour that included a stop in Nashville.

When Wanicka came out of the U.S. Army in 1960 at the age of 23, his love of hunting, fishing and the outdoors prompted him to sign up for a tour of duty with the Florida Marine Patrol. He liked the work, but because he had strong family ties in Fort Myers, and because advancing in the Marine Patrol would have required him to move around from place to place, he stayed aboard for only 3½ years before transferring his talents to the Fort Myers Police Department. Five years later he went to work for the Lee County Sheriff's Office. In 1972 he turned in his deputy's badge and ran a successful race for Sheriff. Since then he has been re-elected three times and is currently winding up a 27-year career in law enforcement.

When a friend asked him why he was retiring at the age of 50 when he seems to be in the prime of his career, this was his answer:

"The biggest mistake I see some Sheriffs making is trying to hang on too long. I think 16 years as Sheriff is a long time, and it's my time to step down and give someone else a chance.

"I'm not dissatisfied with my job as Sheriff, but I've accomplished everything I wanted to accomplish, and it's time for me to do something different... to enjoy the fruits of my labors."

He said he wants an opportunity to spend some time with his family; also to take his wife and two children on vacations so he can sort of compensate them for some of the painful experiences they have encountered during his political career.

Asked what some of the painful experiences have been, he mentioned the numerous death threats he has received and the distress he and his family went through when he was falsely accused of being involved in a killing. This accusation resulted in the libel suit and



Junior Woman's Club representatives

Donated dolls help deputies do difficult job

CLEARWATER — Specially trained Pinellas County deputy sheriffs assigned to the difficult task of questioning sexually abused children are using anatomically explicit dolls donated by the Junior Woman's Club and Kappa Delta Alumnae. The representatives of the two organizations pictured here with Sheriff Gerry Coleman are (from left) Kappa Delta Alumnae — Lindsey Trench (holding Colby), Lois Filbey, Karen Barnes (holding Brady) and Pat Weldon; Junior Woman's Club — Sue Potter, Karen Roeding and Colette Runge.

Kappa Delta Alumnae representatives



substantial settlement mentioned earlier.

"I'm happy about the settlement," said Wanicka, "but it will never eliminate the pain experienced by my family and by the

family of the boy who died.

"It's my time to go," added the "Happy Warrior" (shades of Presidential Candidate Al Smith). "I'm ready."



We salute!



Joseph M. Doyle, Sr.

TALLAHASSEE — For 20 years the Tallahassee Optimist Club has been presenting an annual Law Enforcement Officer of the Year award. This year's choice is Detective Joseph Michael Doyle, Sr., from the Leon County Sheriff's Office.

Doyle was cited for twice rescuing female victims who were being sexually assaulted and for apprehending the rapists. He was also honored for his achievements as a Hazardous Devices Investigator (bomb technician).

Sheriff Eddie Boone, who nominated Doyle for the award, said that Doyle has over 1,230 hours of training in Explosive Technology, Bombing and Terrorism Trends, Criminal Law and other law enforcement courses. He said Doyle's duties include investigating arson, auto theft, forgery, fraud and embezzlement cases.

VOCAL

ORLANDO — The Victims of Crime Assistance League (VOCAL), an internal volunteer program of the Orange County Sheriff's Office, received one of the five Community Service Awards presented annually by Walt Disney World to Florida programs.

Staffed by a paid coordinator and 26 elderly volunteers, VOCAL offers assistance to crime victims who are over 55. Services provided include referring victims to community resource agencies, assisting victims in replacing damaged eyeglasses or wheelchairs, assisting them in applying for financial compensation, making funeral arrangements and offering crime prevention information.



Leon County Sheriff Eddie Boone (right) congratulates Detective Joseph M. Doyle, Sr.

James Drewery

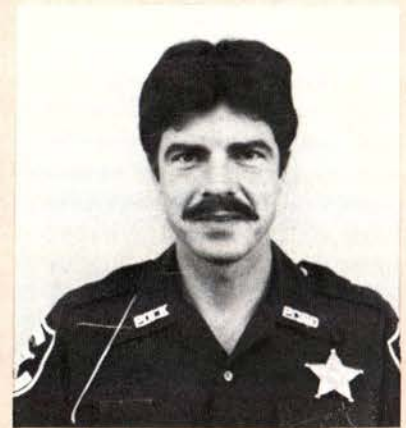
CAPE CORAL — When the Elks Lodge held its annual "Law and Order Night," Lee County Deputy Sheriff James Drewery received recognition for his outstanding performance of duty. He was praised for apprehending an armed burglary suspect "without undue violence or incident."

Michael Woodley

FROSTPROOF — Congressman Andy Ireland presented a Congressional Award to Michael Woodley, whose extensive volunteer service led to a full-time job as a Polk County deputy sheriff.

During the presentation ceremony Woodley, 21, was praised for serving hundreds of hours as a reserve deputy and as a volunteer on the Sheriff's dive team before becoming a full-time officer. He was also cited for his service to the Boy Scouts, the Volunteer Fire Department and to the Junior ROTC program at Lake Wales High School.

"The Congressional Award is presented to a very select group of men and women from around the nation who have demonstrated a superior capacity for, and a commitment to, personal initiative, achievement and service," said Ireland.



Patrick Fennelly, "Officer of the Year" in the Lakeland area.

Patrick Fennelly

LAKELAND — After he rescued two seriously injured civilians during an armed disturbance in a Lakeland neighborhood, Polk County Deputy Sheriff Patrick Fennelly was chosen Officer of the Year by the presidents of the major civic clubs in the greater Lakeland area.

Born in County Carlow, Ireland, Fennelly was one of 14 children in his family. He came to the United States at the age of 17 to study law enforcement.

Jim Gillum

DADE CITY — Pasco County Sheriff Jim Gillum has been appointed by Governor Bob Martinez to the State Council of the Governor's Constituency for Children, an organization committed to "promote the highest possible quality of life for all of the children of Florida."

Gillum said he readily accepted the honor and responsibility of the appointment. "Even if I didn't have two young children of my own," he added, "I would still be vitally interested in the welfare of all our children. They are our future and our most precious asset."

**Jeff Georgevich
Dawn Tracey
Michael Tame
Lawrence Hayward
John Palmer**

FORT LAUDERDALE — Employees of the Year awards for 1988 were presented by the Broward County Sheriff's Office as follows:

Medal of Honor (highest award the Sheriff's Office bestows) — Awarded posthumously to Detective Jeff Georgevich, who founded the Missing Children's Unit in 1985, resolved every parental abduction case he worked (81 in all) and cleared better than 96 percent of the runaway cases he handled.

Civilian Employee of the Year — Dawn Tracey, whose suggestions for Uniform Crime Reporting Guidelines were adopted statewide.

Detention Deputy of the Year — Michael Tame, whose alertness resulted in the arrest of two men caught entering the Broward County Jail with three handguns hidden in a bag of clothing. "He averted a very serious situation," said Sheriff Nick Navarro.

Law Enforcement Deputy of the Year — Lawrence Hayward, who helped to resuscitate a one-year-old baby that had fallen into a hot tub.

Detective of the Year — John Palmer, whose diligence and investigative skills led to the arrest of a drug dealer charged with murder. "An outstanding effort," said Navarro.

Unit of the Year — The Special Racketeering Unit of the Organized Crime Division won this one for "Operation Cherokee," an undercover assignment that required officers to infiltrate the Mafia. The deputies involved were Lt. Dave Green, Sgt. Don Velicky, and Detectives Peter Stephens, John Sampson and Sam Pagano.

"Deputy of the Quarter" awards — St. Lucie County



From left, Detective Diane Thompson, Sheriff Robert C. "Bobby" Knowles, Deputy Jerry Rothman and Cpl. Al Young.

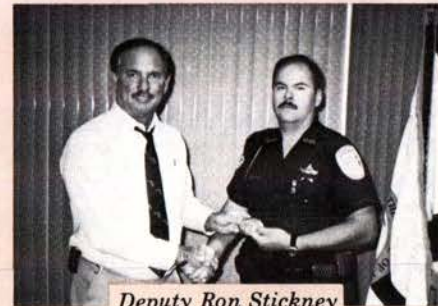
St. Lucie County Sheriff Robert C. "Bobby" Knowles has presented "Deputy of the Quarter" awards during 1988 to the deputies pictured here in recognition of their outstanding performance, professionalism and dedication to duty.



Corrections Officer Doug Devlin



Detective Bob Schmitz



Deputy Ron Stickney

Greg Bare Steve Rockefeller

LEESBURG — The Rotary Club broke tradition this year by splitting its Officer of the Year award between Lake County Sheriff's Office Investigator Greg Bare and Leesburg Police Officer Steve Rockefeller.

Bare was cited for maintaining one of the highest arrest records in the criminal investigations division; and Rockefeller for his "intrinsic motivation and commitment to public service."

Douglas Roth Richard Schnieders Rory Van Deusen Michael Cunningham

FORT MYERS — After two shrimp boats collided and one sank, divers from the Lee County Sheriff's Office braved tangled nets and dark, deep water saturated with diesel fuel to recover the body of a crewman.

This act of bravery resulted in "Officer of the Month" awards from Douglas Roth, Richard Schnieders, Rory Van Deusen and Michael Cunningham.

We salute continued . . .



Cpl. William Roche from the Pinellas County Sheriffs Office, received the 16th Annual Ruth and Tim Johnson Award when the Kiwanis Club of Clearwater honored him as "The Outstanding Deputy of the Year." He was chosen after he persuaded an armed and intoxicated man to surrender without either of them drawing a weapon. Participating in the presentation were (from left) Sheriff Gerry Coleman, Mrs. Elizabeth Roche, Cpl. Roche and Tim Johnson.



BARTOW — These Polk County deputies returned from the 1988 Police Olympics with five medals. They are (from left) David Dallas, gold for power lifting and silver for bench press; Nona Dyess, gold for power lifting; and David Jones, silver for bench press and bronze for power lifting. (William Haynes, who is not pictured, won a silver medal for bench press.)

BROOKSVILLE — Sheriff Thomas A. Mylander (left) posed with three members of the Hernando County Sheriff's Office Pistol Team after they returned from the 7th Annual North Florida Combat Match. They are (from left) Lt. Gerald Calhoun, Sgt. John Cameron and Deputy Danny Spiese. A fourth member, Detective David Lee, was not present when the picture was taken. Spiese placed first as an individual sharpshooter, and shared third place honors with Lee in the team sharpshooter competition. Cameron placed fourth as an individual expert, and joined up with Calhoun to take first place team honors at the Expert level.



153 officers killed in 1987

A newspaper article reported that 153 U.S. law enforcement officers were killed in the line of duty in 1987. It listed the following names from Florida, including the agencies they served and the date of death:

Waymon Allen, Polk County Sheriff's Office, March 15; **Ray Barnes**, Game & Freshwater Commission, Nov. 21; **Frederick Clark Sr.** and **Donna Miller**, Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, May 8; **Grover Cooper III**, Fort Pierce Police, Jan. 12; **Fred Griffis**, Corrections Department, June 23;

Ronald Grogan and **Gerald Johnson**, Palm Bay Police, April 23; **Robert Nicol**, Brevard County Sheriff's Office, Sept. 30; **Timothy Pollard**, Ponce Inlet Police, Sept. 22; **Jeffrey Ritchey Sr.**, Jacksonville Police, Aug. 18; **Stephen Rouse**, Highway Patrol, March 28; **Laverne Schuoz**, South Miami Police, Nov. 27; **James Wouters**, Fort Pierce Police, Jan. 13; **Jeffrey Young**, Highway Patrol, Aug. 18.



Memorial Park Established in Pinellas County
LARGO — A flag raising ceremony was held during the dedication of a memorial park established by the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office to honor officers killed in the line of duty. See back cover of this issue for details.



FLORIDA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION HONOR ROLL



The Florida Sheriffs Association Honor Roll gives special recognition to individuals who have demonstrated their commitment to progressive law enforcement by giving loyal and substantial support to the Sheriffs Association, or by attaining outstanding career goals. Those who have supported the Sheriffs Association as Honorary Members for 25 years or more receive Distinguished Service Awards. Law enforcement veterans whose careers span 40 years or more receive Lifetime Honorary Memberships.



Lifetime Honorary Membership

BRADENTON — Presented by Manatee County Sheriff Charles B. Wells (left) to former Manatee County Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy Clyde M. Gill. At the time this picture was taken, Gill was still in the law enforcement mainstream as a courier for the Sheriff's Office. His 44-year career began in 1944 when he was employed by the Bradenton Police Department. In 1953 he began pulling weekend duty with the Sheriff's Office, and moved up to Chief Deputy in 1955. He returned to the Police Department as Chief in 1971, and shuttled back to the Sheriff's Office in 1977. He retired from the position of Undersheriff in 1984, then served as a special deputy until June, 1985. He remained active thereafter as a courier.



Lifetime Honorary Membership

TALLAHASSEE — Presented to Fred Williams (second from left), Tallahassee, by (from left) Leon County Sheriff Eddie Boone, Gadsden County Sheriff W. A. Woodham, and Franklin County Sheriff Jack Taylor.

Distinguished Service Awards



WAUCHULA — Presented by Hardee County Sheriff Doyle W. Bryan to Mrs. Roland Banks.



FORT MYERS — Presented by Lee County Sheriff Frank Wanicka (right) to Jack Westover.



LAKE CITY — Presented by Columbia County Sheriff Tom Tramel, III (left), to State Senator Wayne Hollingsworth.



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.

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.

American Coon Hunters
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Mr. & Mrs. Rolf W.
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Mr. & Mrs. Donald F.
Ross

Sea World of Florida,
Inc.

Mr. Russell J. Stutsman

Mr. & Mrs. J. B.
Templeton



LARGO — Presented by Pinellas County Sheriff Gerry Coleman to Rex Weathers, representing Animated Billboards, Inc.; and Harold Dunn.



Dunn

Youth Ranches Honor Roll continued . . .



Laniers



Kneitz

LARGO — Presented by Pinellas County Sheriff Gerry Coleman (right) and Youth Ranches Regional Director Fred "Mac" Stones (left) to Mr. and Mrs. William Lanier, Ms. Florence Cooper, Lucky Lovett and Mrs. Phoebe E. Kneitz.



Lovett



Cooper



JACKSONVILLE — Presented by Jacksonville Sheriff James E. McMillan to Arthur Conner, 14.



Carlton



Bildersee

FORT PIERCE — Presented by St. Lucie County Sheriff Robert C. "Bobby" Knowles to Carl Carlton, Mrs. Margo Bildersee and Joe Miller.



Joe Miller

Artist may prove: "The pen is mightier than the pistol"

"The pen is mightier than the sword" became a famous saying in England during the 19th century.

If Sheriffs some day update it by claiming that "the pen is mightier than the pistol," much of the blame will rest upon a Tallahassee artist who has the energy of an aerobics instructor and the zeal of a crusader.

Linda Galeener is the suspect, and her "rap sheet" identifies her as a portrait artist, a full-time insurance agency employee, a law enforcement academy instructor, a certified Identi-Kit expert and a reserve deputy sheriff.

Add to this profile her widely recognized skill as a forensic artist (a sketcher of sketches used in law enforcement and legal proceedings) and the object of her one-woman crusade begins to emerge.

Linda's self-appointed mission is to "carry the torch" for forensic art and establish it as a potent weapon in law enforcement's arsenal. Her multifaceted strategy includes scoring an impressive array of "hits" by producing sketches that have helped law enforcement agencies to trace missing children, identify crime victims and capture fugitive lawbreakers.

This phase of her scenario has enabled her to prove to law enforcement practitioners that (here comes another old saying with a twist) "there's no tool like an old tool" — the old tool being her pen or pencil.

In fact, the proof has been so convincing that Sheriffs who would only as a last resort fire a pistol at a human target, never hesitate more than a heartbeat to enlist Linda and her pen to skewer some "wanted" character they are trying to find. Citrus County Sheriff Charles S. Dean is one of these.

Linda remembers the evening she got a summons from Dean and promptly agreed to help him catch a culprit who had murdered a 67-year-old woman. She was transported to Inverness in the Sheriff's airplane so she could interview witnesses who could describe, but not identify, the suspect.

She labored from 9 p.m. until 3 a.m. to produce sketches of the suspect. Later when one of the sketches turned out to be a "dead hit" and a 17-year-old youth was held for trial as an adult, she decided her sleepless night had been worth the effort.

Dixie County Sheriff Glen Dyals is another Galeener fan. She made him a "believer" in a case that began when some men digging around in an old Indian burial ground found a skeleton of modern vintage.

Dyals called Linda. She viewed the unidentified skeleton, which had also been examined by Forensic Anthropologist William Maples, from the University of Florida, and Dr. C.A. Pound, the District Medical



Highlands County Sheriff Joe Sheppard, immediate Past President of the Florida Sheriffs Association, accepting a portrait prepared by Donna Cormier (center), forensic artist from the Alachua County Sheriff's Office. Linda Galeener assisted in the presentation during the 1988 Mid-Winter Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association.

Examiner. Then she produced sketches of a young woman based upon her own observations and information provided by investigators.

Copies of the sketch were circulated. A woman who saw one of the copies called to report that it resembled her missing daughter. Dental records confirmed that the skeleton belonged to the missing young woman. An in-depth investigation also revealed that the victim had been shot several times, and focused attention on a suspect. At last report an arrest was anticipated.

No need to ask Glen Dyals if pens and pencils are effective law enforcement tools. Linda has made her point with him and other law enforcement officials time after time. But, for Linda the crusader, scoring an impressive string of "hits" is not enough.

Her real zeal is focused on creating artistic clones in law enforcement agencies all over Florida so that the skills of forensic artists will be readily available when needed. Responsibilities at home and on-the-job make it difficult for her to mount a full-scale campaign, but somehow she has managed to work out a strategic plan that, although exhausting to contemplate, seems to be working.

When the campaign began less than a year ago, Linda's roster of forensic artists located in Florida



Numerous "hits" have been scored by Linda Galeener through her sketches. Hits are scored when unidentified bodies are identified, missing persons located, or fugitives found.

contained three names. As this is being written, the total has increased to 18. Two of these have FBI training. The remaining newcomers have been trained in classes conducted by Linda at Lively Law Enforcement Academy, near Tallahassee.

These training sessions are expected to continue, but meanwhile Linda is also "leading the charge" to develop a forensic art task force in cooperation with the Florida Sheriffs Association and numerous interested Sheriffs. She recently described "pilot operations" that are spinning off from the task force project. They include:

1. Encourage Sheriffs to employ full-time forensic artists. (Linda said Escambia County Sheriff Vince Seely already has one. His name is Brooks Sanderson.)

2. Maximize utilization of the four artists (Linda included) who are currently involved in the forensic art task force.

3. Develop computerized forensic art as a useful tool to supplement the work of forensic artists. (The Leon County Sheriff's Office is already running experiments.)

4. Compose a non-profit training booklet for artists who are learning forensic skull reconstruction techniques.

5. Organize a training and education committee within the Florida Division of the International Association for Identification.

6. Increase the number of trained "child update sketch artists" who can use outdated photos to show what a long lost child is likely to look like currently.

7. Create a coloring book to teach children how to identify facial features of suspects so that the children can do it effectively if they ever become crime victims.

To contemplate an agenda of this scope is daunting to outsiders, but from Linda's perspective it represents a set of attainable goals. She seems to possess unlimited enthusiasm for the challenges that lie ahead due to her conviction that forensic art is an extremely valuable law enforcement tool.

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This sketch prepared by Linda Galeener for Dixie County Sheriff Glen Dyals enabled investigators to establish the identity of skeletal remains.

Artists need your child's photos

Training artists to do child update sketches is one of the goals adopted by the Forensic Art Task Force. These sketches of children who have been missing for a long time show what the children are likely to look like currently, based upon biological growth patterns.

"Sheriff's Star" readers can support the training project by donating "serial" photos of their children spaced numerous years apart. They can be mailed to Linda Galeener, 417 East Call Street, Tallahassee, FL 32301. They do not need to be indetified. They cannot be returned.

In training sessions artists will be given photos of young children and requested to sketch what the child will look like years in the future. Later the authenticity of the sketch can be checked by comparing it to a photo of the child taken in later years.

Parents are reluctant to part with pictures of their children, but in this case the sacrifice they make could be a factor in helping investigators to solve future missing child cases.



The Memorial Park monument contains 19 names and, sadly, room for many more.

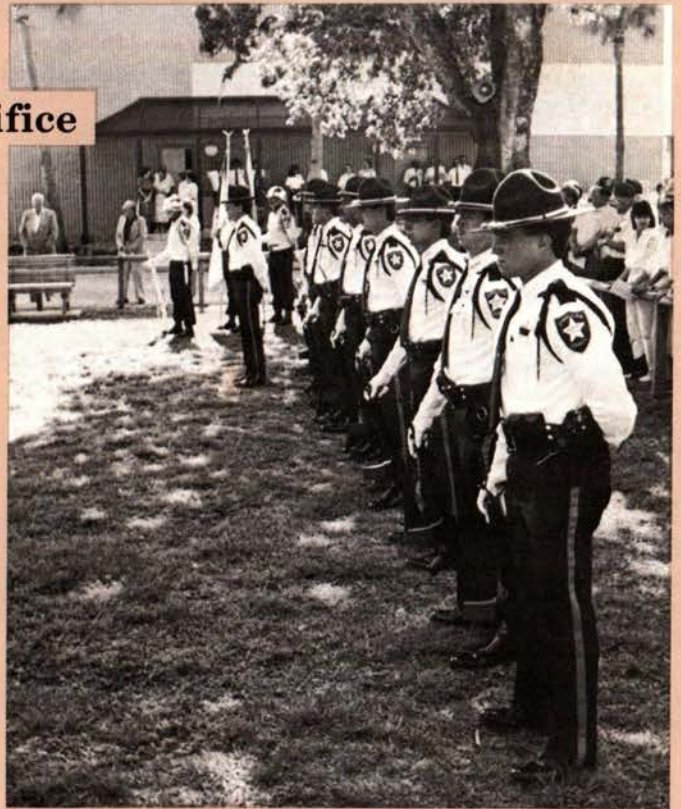
Memorial Park honors officers who have made the supreme sacrifice

LARGO — The Pinellas County Sheriff's Office, in collaboration with private sector organizations, has established a Law Enforcement Memorial Park to honor the memory of law enforcement and corrections officers (past and future) who have sacrificed their lives in the line of duty. It was financed with generous contributions from both public and private organizations.

The park is located in Largo adjacent to the Sheriff's Office. It was dedicated on May 16 in a ceremony attended by city, county, state and federal law enforcement officers.

A granite monument in the park contains the names of 19 officers who were serving in Pinellas County when they made the supreme sacrifice. The list begins with James Mitchell, St. Petersburg Police Chief, who was killed in 1905. The most recent addition to the roll call is Margaret "Peggy" Park, who was shot and killed with her own service revolver after she stopped a van occupied by two teen-agers.

According to the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office, Mitchell arrested a black man on Christmas day, and the black man pulled a butcher knife out of his sleeve and stabbed Mitchell to death. The suspect was apprehended in the street and hung on the spot, so the story goes, but a newspaper account four months later simply reported: "black man dies, killed by persons unknown."



The Pinellas County Sheriff's Office honor guard participated in dedication ceremonies on May 16, 1988.