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Dedication Ceremony

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Welcome and Introduction of

Honored Guests Sheriff J. Harrell Reid, FSA President

Presentation of Colors Leon County Sheriff's Office Color Guard

Pledge of Allegiance Sheriff Wendell Hall, FSA Sgt. at Arms

National Anthem Warren Halstrom
"The Star Spangled Banner"

Retirement of Colors Leon County Sheriff's Office Color Guard

Invocation Sheriff Ed Dean Jr., FSA Chaplain

Introduction of Guest Speakers Sheriff J. Harrell Reid
FSA President

Speakers

Sheriff William O. "Bill" Farmer, Jr., FSA Immediate Past-President

Sheriff Joey B. Dobson, Baker County, FSA Past-President

Sheriff Jerry Whitehead, Union County, FSA Past-President

Bill Rutherford, President, Clemons, Rutherford & Associates, Inc.

Jay Smith, Vice-President, AJAX Building Corporation

Dedication Litany FSA Chaplain Ed Dean

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SPEAKER: In 1893, the Sheriffs founded the Florida Sheriffs Association with the vision of supporting the Office of Sheriff through education and training of the men and women who serve and protect the citizens of Florida through the Office of Sheriff.

ALL: **We reaffirm our commitment to this vision, O God.**

SPEAKER: For the men and women who have dedicated their lives to service to the Office of Sheriff, past, present and future. . .

ALL: **We thank Thee, O God.**

SPEAKER: For all the Sheriffs' Office men and women who have given their lives in the line of duty while protecting the citizens they served.

ALL: **We thank Thee, O God.**

SPEAKER: In thanks to You, Lord, for guidance, wisdom, mercy and grace as we continue to serve you and Your people. . .

ALL: **We dedicate the Florida Sheriffs Association's Perkins-Phillips Building to the service of all citizens of Florida and to Your honor, O God.**

Ribbon Cutting

Mrs. Mary Jo Phillips
Mrs. Lesley Allen-Perkins
Sheriff J. Harrell Reid, FSA President
Sheriff William O. "Bill" Farmer, Jr., FSA Immediate Past-President
Sheriff Joey B. Dobson, FSA Past-President
Sheriff Jerry Whitehead, FSA Past President
Sheriff David Shoar, FSA Chairman of the Board
Steve Casey, FSA Executive Director
Peggy Goff, FSA Assistant Executive Director of Administration
Bill Rutherford, President, Clemons, Rutherford & Associates, Inc.
Jay Smith, Vice-President, AJAX Building Corporation

Musical Presentation....."God Bless America," Warren Halstrom

Benediction FSA Chaplain Ed Dean

A Special Thanks to Our Donors and Friends

From FSA Executive Director, Steve Casey



When the Florida Sheriffs Association faced the challenge of re-building its headquarters in 2009, the leadership had many concerns, including, “How can we be good stewards of this organization that is so generously supported by our Honorary, Business and Law Enforcement members?” and, “Will they support such a major investment in our mission and our vision?”

The fact is that shortly after the fire, many of our supporters had urged the Sheriffs to re-build. They said, “This is the opportunity to expand and make an even bigger impact on law enforcement training and services.”

All that sounded good, but if you’ll recall, the economy had taken a significant downturn and FSA would need additional resources to make it happen.

The leadership took a deep breath and launched a re-building campaign in the summer of 2009. Within weeks, we knew that the Phoenix would soon be rising from the ashes. The support was astonishing – donors sent nearly \$470,000 with donations ranging from \$25 to thousands.

The generosity of our members and supporters never ceases to amaze us. These contributions signify a strong commitment to helping to ensure that Sheriffs and their staff get the training and resources they need in order to protect Florida’s citizens and visitors.

So during this dedication, we’re reminded that if not for our donors, we wouldn’t be here today. Truly, support for this endeavor has helped pave the way for the future of law enforcement in Florida. And for that, we are grateful.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve Casey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline.

*Steve Casey, Executive Director
Florida Sheriffs Association*

The Men Behind the Namesake: Perkins-Phillips Building



GARY PERKINS

Gary Perkins spent nearly 30 years committed to the mission of the Florida Sheriffs Association and was highly instrumental in helping to make FSA one of the largest and most successful law enforcement associations in the nation.

With a keen insight for business, Gary oversaw the launch of the hugely successful Business and Law Enforcement membership programs and implemented changes in the Honorary membership program that resulted in significant cost savings to FSA. He also provided the vision for the Florida Sheriffs' discount buying programs for auto fleet, equipment and supplies.

Gary served as FSA Executive Director from 2002 until he passed away on January 21, 2010. In recognition of his contributions to FSA, he was named "Honorary Sheriff," posthumously, and he shares the namesake on the new headquarters building.



BUDDY PHILLIPS

J. M. "Buddy" Phillips Jr. was known fondly as the "Sheriff of Florida," after serving as Sheriff eight times in seven different counties. He was the Executive Director of FSA from 1988 until his retirement in March 2002, and is credited with taking the association to a record high in membership. He also helped build additional support for FSA's sister organization, the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, and created a scholarship program for the sons and daughters of Sheriffs' Office employees pursuing a degree in a law enforcement or corrections-related field.

During his tenure, Buddy established a permanent memorial on the grounds of FSA headquarters dedicated to the men and women of Sheriffs' Offices who died in the line of duty. He also published the first history of Florida Sheriffs, which covers the Office of Sheriff from the 1800s.

Buddy died on June 10, 2008, and shares the namesake on the new headquarters building with his former Deputy Executive Director, Gary Perkins.





Training Center Namesake Seminole County Sheriff John E. Polk



John E. Polk served as Sheriff of Seminole County from 1969 to 1990. Nicknamed “Big John,” he enjoyed a 32-year career in law enforcement, including 10 years as a trooper for the Florida Highway Patrol.

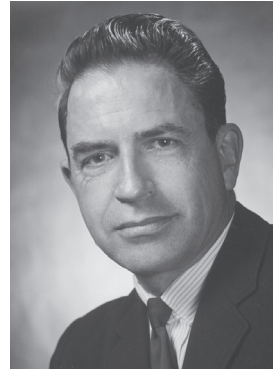
He was described as “big in every way,” including size, compassion, in the impact he had on professional law enforcement, in his political career and in his dedication to public service. Sheriff Polk served as an FSA board member, vice president, president and chairman of the legislative committee, as well as chairman of the Board of Managers for the Florida Sheriffs’ Self Insurance Fund. In 1991, FSA named its former headquarters the “John E. Polk Sheriffs’ Center.”

The Florida Legislature passed a resolution honoring him in 1991 and Gov. Bob Martinez followed Sheriff Polk’s recommendation for his successor, then-Major Donald F. Eslinger – who has continued to be re-elected to this day.

Sheriff Polk died June 21, 1991 and 32 of his brother Sheriffs attended his funeral.



History Library Namesake Carl Stauffer



A former freelance journalist and reporter for the *Florida Times Union* and *Tallahassee Democrat* newspapers, Carl Stauffer is credited with launching the Florida Sheriffs Association’s Honorary Membership Program, now 70,000 members strong. He was one of the founders of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch – forerunner of the Youth Ranches – and the Florida Sheriff’s Bureau, which is now the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. He established many other programs and services still in place at FSA today.

One of Carl’s strongest legacies lives on in print – he created, wrote, edited and handled photography for *The Sheriff’s Star* magazine and its sister

publication, *The Rancher*, published by the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches. Even after retiring from FSA as Executive Director in 1977, he continued to edit both magazines until 1995.

Carl was given the rare honor of being named “Honorary Sheriff” in 1996. He worked as an editorial consultant to FSA until his death June 17, 2003 at the age of 86. To honor his contributions, FSA has dedicated its history library to his name.



Law Library Namesake William E. Powers, Retired General Counsel

William E. Powers Jr. served as general counsel to the Florida Sheriffs Association and provided legal services to the Florida Sheriffs Association for 24 years. In addition to serving the needs of the FSA, Bill provided legal counsel to many Sheriffs throughout the years, and was a featured speaker on labor law issues at many FSA educational conferences.

Before entering private practice, Bill served as General Counsel and later Chairman of the Florida Public Employee Relations Commission. He also served as supervisory attorney and trial specialist for the National Labor Relations Board in Cleveland, Ohio. He entered private practice in 1983 and in 1987 became the principal in his own law firm. In 2003, he merged with Allen, Norton and Blue, P.A.

Bill served as co-chair for the American Bar Association Committee on government and employment law, as an adjunct professor in labor law at Florida State and Nova Colleges of Law and was a charter member of the Stetson Law Center for Labor Management Disputes. He continues to serve on the National Advisory Board of Cleveland State University’s Marshall College of Law.

Bill was selected by his peers as a fellow in the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and Best Lawyers in America, specializing in labor law. Since 1994 he has continuously been selected as a leading Florida attorney and has maintained Martindale Hubbell’s highest professional rating since 1983.

In 2002, bill received a Distinguished Service Award from the Florida Coalition for Children. He continues to be active with the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches.



February 10, 1982 – April 14, 2008



April 15, 2008



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