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## Dean elected to national board

INVERNESS—Citrus County Sheriff Charles S. Dean was elected to the board of directors when the National Sheriffs Association held its annual conference in Denver, Colorado, June 25-27. He replaces Palm Beach County Sheriff Richard P. Wille, who recently resigned from the national board.

Campaigning for Dean at the Denver meeting was a Florida delegation that included 12 Florida Sheriffs and J. M. "Buddy" Phillips, Jr., the Executive Director of the Florida Sheriffs Association.

Being elected to the national board is the first step toward the presidency of the National Sheriffs Association, an office that has been held by four former Florida Sheriffs. They are Rex Sweat (Duval County), Dave Starr (Orange), Ross Boyer (Sarasota) and Walt Pellicer



(Putnam). All of them, and Dean, served as president of the Florida Sheriffs Association.

Dean has been Sheriff of Citrus County since 1980 but he has had a love affair with law enforcement that dates back to early childhood. His father, C. S. Dean, was the Sheriff of Citrus County from 1929 to 1945, and young Charlie grew up in the county jail, which was the Sheriff's abode in the 1940s.

After the elder Dean left the Sheriff's Office he became an inspector of state prison camps, and Charlie traveled with him as much as possible. "I literally slept in 90 percent of the old convict camps," he recalled, "and when my dad was busy making his inspections I would talk to the convict camp captains or read prisoners' case files.

When Charlie entered college, law enforcement was his goal — naturally. He was employed as a radio dispatcher at the Citrus County Sheriff's Office, and as an intern at the Tampa Police Department while attaining a BS Degree in Criminology and Police Administration from Florida State University. Later he was awarded an MS Degree in Criminal Justice by Rollins College.

## Deputies honored for saving lives

PALATKA — Three Putnam County deputy sheriffs were commended by Sheriff Taylor Douglas for life saving actions.

Deputy Terry Beutien talked a woman out of committing suicide; Deputies Theresa Odom and Bruce Campbell rescued a man from his submerged car in Cowpen Lake. All three received letters of commendation and Odom and Campbell were also awarded lifesaving medals.

Douglas said Beutien came upon a woman sitting inside a locked car. She was holding a pistol to her throat and threatening to shoot herself. He talked her into unlocking the car, enabling the Sheriff's SWAT team to rescue her.

According to Douglas, Odom and Campbell responded to an accident call and discovered that a man was trapped inside his submerged car. They swam to the car and rescued the victim. Then Odom went back to the car and dove under water to make certain that no one else was trapped inside.



Sheriff Taylor Douglas (right) commends Deputies Terry Beutien, Bruce Campbell and Theresa Odom (from left to right).

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## Sheriff Godwin receives award

SEBRING — The Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency presented a Distinguished Service Award to Highlands County Sheriff Howard Godwin to honor him for the innovative changes he has made within the Sheriff's Office, and for his support of environmental and community improvement projects.

Godwin was the Police Chief in Avon Park in 1980 and 1981. He was a Highlands County Deputy for 12 years before he was elected Sheriff in 1988.

A true professional, Godwin holds three degrees in criminal justice. They include an AS Degree from South Florida Community College, a BA Degree from the University of South Florida; and an MS Degree from Rollins College.

He has completed courses for certification in Firearms, International SWAT Techniques, Street Survival, Interrogation Techniques and Radar Operations. In 1986 he received an award designating him as the Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer of Highlands County.

## Resolution honors Sheriff Crow

BARTOW — The Florida Legislature in its 1990 session passed a resolution honoring Polk County Sheriff Lawrence W. Crow, Jr., for a Community Awareness Program (CAP) that teaches crime prevention techniques to mobile home residents.

Introduced by Florida Rep. Charles T. Canady, the resolution describes CAP as a "unique and effective method of educating the public in crime prevention."

Crow said the program was tailored specifically for mobile home parks. In addition to teaching crime prevention techniques, it explains to mobile home residents how law enforcement, fire, and emergency medical services react when called.

*From the Winter Haven News Chief*



### Sheriff shakes champion's paw

VERO BEACH — Deputy Ken Bennett (left) and his K-9 partner "Gaunder" were congratulated by Indian River County Sheriff Tim Dobeck after they took top honors in Track Certification Competition sponsored by the U.S. Police Canine Association. Competing against 41 K-9 teams, Bennett and Gaunder demonstrated their tracking skills on pavement, grass, sand and dirt; as well as through heavy brush. The trail involved intensive cross tracking and many turns, but they scored 99 out of a possible 100 points.

### FBI National Academy graduate

KEY WEST — Capt. Bruce Winegarden, Inspector General with the Monroe County Sheriff's Office, was recently graduated from the FBI National Academy, in Quantico, Virginia. A native of Miami, he holds an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice from Miami-Dade Community College and is currently completing course work for his Bachelor Degree in Criminal Justice from St. Leo College. Before holding his present position he was Captain of Operations in the Lower Keys.



### Winners chosen in essay contest

BROOKSVILLE — Winners in a Junior Deputy Sheriff essay contest that drew approximately 1,000 entries receive congratulations from Hernando County Sheriff Thomas A. Mylander. The winners are (from left) Kelly Winkles, Nicole Stralley, Kelly Corn, Stacey Levine and Stacey Walker. The essayists described what they had learned in the Sheriff's Junior Deputy Sheriff Program.

## SWAT Roundup November 5-9

ORLANDO — Central Florida Criminal Justice Institute's eighth annual SWAT Round-up will be held November 5-9, 1990, at the Orange County Sheriff's Office Firearms Range.

The program will include intense competition, educational sessions and informal opportunities to share the latest in tactics. Vendors will display law enforcement products and hold demonstrations.

For details contact Jeff Hopkins, Round-up Coordinator at (407) 855-5880 Ext. 501, or write to him at Central Florida Criminal Justice Institute, 2950 W. Oak Ridge Rd., Orlando, FL 32809.



# Governor delivers good news and a gift



A "thumbs up" speech by Governor Bob Martinez was one of the highlights of the Florida Sheriffs Association's 77th Annual Conference.

**P**ENSACOLA — Governor Bob Martinez came to the 77th Annual Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association bearing good news and a gift.

The good news focused on laws that were passed in 1990 to strengthen law enforcement and improve the criminal justice system — laws that he sponsored and endorsed.

The gift was a check for \$500,000 from the current state budget which he presented to the Sheriffs Association to help finance its statewide crack cocaine task force. An identical check delivered to the Association by the Governor last year resulted in "Operation Rockpile," an ongoing series of drug sweeps that has produced thousands of arrests



The Governor was introduced by his 1990 running mate, former Monroe County Sheriff J. Allison DeFoor II, who is a candidate for Lieutenant Governor.

plus confiscation of large quantities of illegal drugs, vehicles and cash.

"We've made the criminal justice system, including prisons, a major issue each year," said Martinez in a banquet address. "The budget for the criminal justice system has soared, and as long as there is a problem, we will continue to support the providing of resources to deal with the issue of crime and drugs."

Martinez said he recommended to the legislature a number of laws which will put a burden on drug users, "for you know as well as I that if no one bought, there wouldn't be pushers." He said the bills that were passed "mean if you're caught and tried you can lose your professional license to practice in Florida, that you can lose your occupational license to open a business, and you can lose your driver's license. I think that sends a smessage to those who want to be users. They're part of the problem."

Noting that Florida's crime rate took a slight but favorable downturn in 1989, Martinez said he felt all the initiatives having to do with drugs were having an impact.

He said positive steps were also being taken to deal with hard core juveniles. "Eight hundred of the 9,476 prison beds I recommended this year are for hard core juveniles — the type that will take your head off," he added. "You've seen them. These are more than youthful offenders. They're hardened and they need a special place for the safety of other youthful offenders. Those systems will be put in place, the same as . . . tracking the gangs that are beginning to develop in certain localities."

Martinez said he supported a constitutional amendment to enhance victims' rights, and legislation to expand drug free school zones so that colleges, univer-



Florida Sheriffs Association President Earl (Sermon) Dyess, Jr., (left) accepts a check for \$500,000 from the Governor. It will be used to help finance the Association's statewide crack cocaine task force.

sities, parks and housing authority properties also become places where "young people are safe from those who push drugs."

Describing drug kingpins as "merchants of death," the Governor reported he had just signed into law a new statute that allows them to be tried under Florida's death penalty law.

In closing, he said there is an urgent need for a law limiting death sentence appeals. "Even the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court is asking for it. It isn't right that again and again, on almost identical appeals, someone can delay justice for an indefinite period of time. When you carry out the sentence, it ought to be as close as possible to the point when the crime was committed, and that isn't occurring."





HERRON



SENATOR CHILES



POWERS



SHERIFF WELLS

## From the podium, a barrage of infomation

**P**ENSACOLA — Sheriffs attending the 77th Annual Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association July 8-11 were exposed to a barrage of information. Most of it came from the speaker's podium during business sessions, but they also received an anti-drug message in song from an 11-year-old girl with a voice that seemed ten feet tall. Speakers pictured here include:

\* Escambia County Sheriff Charlie Johnson, the conference host who welcomed Sheriffs and guests.

\* Former U.S. Senator Lawton Chiles and former State Senator Marlene Woodson-Howard, candidates for Governor of Florida.

\* Attorney Mark Herron, governmental affairs consultant, and Manatee County Sheriff Charlie Wells, Legislative Committee Chairman for the Sheriffs Association, who discussed criminal justice issues that emerged during the 1990 session of the Florida Legislature.

\* Director Steve Bertucelli, OCD, Broward County Sheriff's Office, who gave a status report on the Sheriff's Association's crack cocaine task force.

\* Attorney Bill Powers, Labor Relations Consultant, who discussed career service for Sheriffs' Offices.

\* Special Agent Ronald Tudor, Florida Department of Law Enforcement, who discussed law enforcement problems posed by "Caller ID" a new customer service being offered by telephone companies.



SHERIFF JOHNSON



BERTUCELLI



TUDOR



*Sheriffs concentrate on information from the podium. They are (from left) Joe Varnadore, DeSoto County; Sammy Woodall, Dixie; John Braxton, Holmes; and Jim Floyd, Gilchrist.*



SENATOR  
WOODSON-HOWARD



Jackson County Sheriff

*John McDaniel introduced Rachel Saunders, 11, from Bonifay, who entertained Sheriffs and guests at a luncheon meeting. The songs she sang included "Saying Yes to Life," an anti-drugs composition. McDaniel said Miss Saunders had opened concerts for many national artists such as Mel Tillis and Christy Lane. He listed ten queen and talent contests she had won between 1985 and 1990.*





# FLORIDA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

The following Sheriffs were installed as officers at the 77th Annual Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association in Pensacola, July 8-11. They will serve until the next Sheriffs Association election in July, 1991.



**Robert C. "Bobby" Knowles**  
Chairman of the Board



**Kenneth W. Fortune, Sr.**  
Secretary



**Tom Tramel**  
Treasurer



**Howard Godwin**  
Sergeant-at-Arms



**W. G. "Buddy" Smith**  
Chaplain



**J. M. "Buddy" Phillips, Jr.**  
Executive Director  
(appointed)



**Earl (Sermon) Dyess**  
President

1990 - 1991



**Jerry Whitehead**  
Vice President



**R. T. "Tim" Dobeck**  
Immediate  
Past President

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The current composition of the Board of Directors was established by an election during the 77th Annual Conference of the Sheriffs Association. The members of the Board elected St. Lucie County Sheriff Robert C. "Bobby" Knowles as their chairman.

### DISTRICT I



**Larry Gilbert**  
Okaloosa County



**Al Harrison**  
Gulf County



**David Harvey**  
Wakulla County

### DISTRICT II



**Neil Perry**  
St. Johns County



**J. E. "Jim" McMillan**  
Jacksonville (Duval County)



**Joe Peavy**  
Madison County

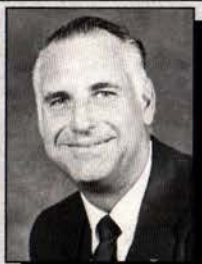
### DISTRICT III



**James L. "Jamie" Adams, Jr.**  
Sumter County

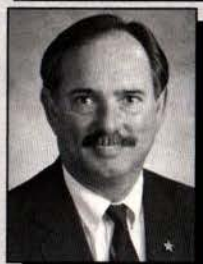


**Don Moreland**  
Marion County



**Tom Mylander**  
Hernando County

### DISTRICT IV



**Robert C. "Bobby" Knowles**  
Chairman of the Board



**Geoffrey Monge**  
Sarasota County



**Joe Varnadore**  
Desoto County



# FSA "Deputy of the Year" awards honor officers from Dade County

**P**ENSACOLA — Many awards were presented here during the 77th Annual Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association, July 8-11, but the ones that produced the greatest applause and a standing ovation were the Deputy Sheriff of the Year Awards (DESHY for short) inaugurated by the Sheriffs Association.

The first annual DESHY awards, including a plaque and \$1,000 in cash, were presented to Deputy Arthur Angelica and Lt. Thomas Leis, from the Metro-Dade Police Department for "displaying outstanding courage in the face of grave personal danger." Lt. Leis died 13 months after the dramatic incident that caused him to be selected for the award, and his widow, Mrs. Jessica Leis, accepted for him.

Sheriffs Association Executive Director J. M. "Buddy" Phillips, Jr., described the award-winning incident as follows:

In March, 1989, while on routine patrol, Dade County Deputy Sheriff Arthur Angelica learned that a man had been injured aboard a cargo ship at the Port of Miami. Upon arriving at the port he assisted in administering first aid to a crew member who had been overcome by carbon monoxide fumes. Then he learned that the hold of the ship was filling with the lethal gas due to a faulty pipe, and he began a careful search of the contaminated areas.

He found one crewman who had been overcome, dragged him to safety, and resumed his frantic

*COVER PHOTO: Newly-elected President of the Florida Sheriffs Association Earl (Sermon) Dyess, Jr., (left) with "Deputy of the Year" plaque recipients Deputy Arthur Angelica and Mrs. Jessica Leis, widow of Lt. Thomas Leis.*



*Brevard County Sheriff C. W. "Jake" Miller accepts runner-up "Deputy of the Year" plaque for Deputy Randy Goodyear. It was presented by FSA Executive Director J. M. "Buddy" Phillips, Jr., (left).*



*Hillsborough County Sheriff Walter C. Heinrich (right) accepts runner-up "Deputy of the Year" plaque for Sgt. James Russell. The presenter was FSA Executive Director J. M. "Buddy" Phillips, Jr.*

search. While rescuing two more crew members, he was suddenly stricken by the carbon monoxide fumes and fell down, unconscious.

Lt. Thomas Leis arrived shortly thereafter and raced below the deck to rescue Deputy Angelica and another crewman. Then he returned to the hold to rescue two more crewmen, but the gas was taking its toll. He began to lose consciousness as he staggered to the deck, barely able to walk.

Medical technicians on the scene were able to revive Lt. Leis, but unfortunately the two crew members he had tried to rescue had died in the hold.

Both officers were taken to

Jackson Memorial Hospital for more extensive treatment, and later released. However, Lt. Leis developed a series of medical problems that began as a direct result of his heroic actions, and he died on April 29, 1990, some 13 months after the cargo ship incident.

"Lt. Leis and Deputy Angelica displayed outstanding courage in the face of grave personal danger," said Phillips. "Their dedication to duty and their concern for human welfare were far above the call of duty, and their actions brought credit upon the members of the law enforcement profession throughout the State of Florida."

Phillips announced that



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Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office Sergeant James Russell and Brevard County Deputy Sheriff Randy Goodyear had been selected as runners-up for the annual DESHY award. Their plaques were accepted by Hillsborough County Sheriff Walter C. Heinrich and Brevard County Sheriff C. W. "Jake" Miller.

Sgt. Russell was honored for a drug investigation that identified numerous suspects in an international drug smuggling ring and resulted in the arrest of over 100 major drug traffickers, including Panamanian Dictator Manuel Noriega.

Goodyear, a full-time Agriculture and Marine deputy, was chosen be-

cause of his consistent high level of performance, professionalism and dedication to duty. He serves as the dive team leader and as a member of the Emergency Response Team. He is also involved in youth related activities and coaches a girls softball team.

## Some conferees were targets of plaque attack

**P**ENSACOLA — Numerous Sheriffs and guests went home from the 77th Annual Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association, July 8-11, carrying awards. Included in this exclusive group were:

\* Hillsborough County Sheriff Walter C. Heinrich, who received a Lifetime Honorary Membership in the Florida Sheriffs Association to honor him for a law enforcement career that spans more than 40 years.

\* Manatee County Sheriff Charlie Wells, who received an award for outstanding service as the Chairman of the Florida Sheriffs Association's Legislative Committee. (Leon County Sheriff Eddie Boone was appointed Chairman to succeed him.)

\* Marion County Sheriff Don Moreland, who was honored for distinguished service as the chairman of the Sheriffs Association's Board of Directors.

\* Okaloosa County Sheriff Larry Gilbert, who received a U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) award designating the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office as the top marijuana enforcer in the state for 1989 by virtue of 26 "cultivating marijuana" arrests.

\* A marijuana eradication team from the Santa Rosa County Sheriff's Office which received a DEA-FDLE award as the state's

FDLE Special Agent Jim Scott (center) with the marijuana eradication team from the Santa Rosa County Sheriff's Office. The team members are (from left) Capt. Terry Hardy; Cpl. John Shirah, Peggy Allen, Jack Onkka, Dave Ross and Sgt. Woody SeEVERS.



Sheriff Walter C. Heinrich (left) accepts a Lifetime Honorary Membership from Florida Sheriffs Association President Earl (Sermon) Dyess, Jr.



Chairmanship awards were received by Sheriff Charlie Wells (left) and Sheriff Don Moreland.

number one marijuana eradicator for 1989 by virtue of confiscating 8,701 plants. The team members are identified in a photo that accompanies this article.

FDLE Special Agent Jim Scott (left) presents a DEA-FDLE award to Sheriff Larry Gilbert.







Putnam County Sheriff Taylor Douglas (right) checks out a bite-proof jacket designed for attack dog trainers. It was demonstrated by Alan Baruch, of Las Sana.



General Electric representative Russ Prindle (left) delivers a sales pitch to Highlands County Sheriff Howard Godwin.



Tim Whitfield, Manager of the Forensic Science Section at the Hernando County Sheriff's Office, demonstrates Luma-Lite, a crime clue detecting device, to Glades County Sheriff Charles Schramm (left). Whitfield was manning a booth for Payton Scientific, Inc.

## Exhibit area at 77th Annual Conference resembled a law enforcement super-market

PENSACOLA — Exhibits and demonstrations of law enforcement equipment and services added a special dimension to the 77th Annual Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association, July 8-11. Forty-eight exhibitors provided displays of their products and also served as conference sponsors. The U.S. Customs Service demonstrated its air/sea drug interdiction capability by enacting a simulated air-to-bay drug drop on the Pensacola waterfront.



Sheriffs and guests went to the Pensacola waterfront to watch U.S. Customs put on a simulated drug drop that ended with an air/sea drug bust. After the demonstration spectators were given rides in a high-powered U.S. Customs drug interdiction boat.



Okaloosa County Sheriff Larry Gilbert had perfect form when he looped a hook shot through the basket provided by Harrison Uniform Company in a "Win a Blazer" contest, but form isn't everything. The blazer was won by Glades County Sheriff Charles Schramm who is pictured elsewhere on this page. Harrison sales reps in the background are Roger Simmons (left) and Jim McClure.



Parked outside Pensacola's Hilton Hotel was a mobile crime prevention display provided by Orange County Sheriff Walt Gallagher.



*From the Capitol  
Hill gristmill:*

**1990 laws  
related to law  
enforcement  
and Florida's  
criminal jus-  
tice system**

*Compiled by Tom Berlinger  
Director of Operations  
Florida Sheriffs Association*

TALLAHASSEE — The 1990 session of the Florida Legislature ended in a frantic flurry of activity which has become the annual norm. Over 3,000 bills were filed. Hundreds passed through the maze of committees and sub-committees. Many were voted on by the full House and Senate, and will actually become law.

Without publishing a special edition, we could not possibly highlight all the bills that passed. Many are "technical", and boring. Consequently, our customary annual review of new laws includes only those related to law enforcement and the criminal justice system.

**Drivers' Licenses  
Chapter 90-102  
Effective October 1, 1990**

This legislation requires first time DUI offenders and certain second time offenders to observe a longer waiting period before becoming eligible to receive a hardship (work permit) driver's license. Under this bill any person who fails to display a driver's license upon the demand of a law enforcement officer is required to allow his fingerprint to be imprinted upon a traffic citation issued by the officer.

**Arson  
Chapter 90-225  
Effective October 1, 1990**

Adds a new element to the crime of first or second degree arson such that proof of an intentional and conscious act of burning will not be required if the burning occurs during the commission of any felony. Since there will be no criminal intent required for causing a fire under these circumstances, a burglar who inadvertently drops a match which starts a fire in a structure will be guilty of arson under the bill.

**Driver's License/Alcohol and Drugs  
Chapter 90-265  
Effective October 1, 1990**

Requires drivers' license suspension, revocation, or delay of licensing eligibility for persons under 18 years of age who are found guilty of (or delinquent for): possession of alcoholic beverages; misrepresentation of age to obtain alcoholic beverages; or a drug offense.

A person who has not been issued a driver's license prior to the offense will not be eligible to receive one until completion of the applicable revocation period.

In addition, the bill requires mandatory driver's license revocation for any person over 18 years of age convicted of certain drug offenses. The revocation period is for 2 years or until the offender is evaluated for and, if necessary, completes an approved drug treatment program.

**Police Reports  
Chapter 90-280  
Effective July 3, 1990**

Any person inspecting or copying police

reports for the purpose of obtaining names and addresses of crime or accident victims is prohibited from using that information for any commercial solicitation of the victims or relatives of the victims.

**Victims' Rights  
Chapter 90-210  
Effective June 27, 1990**

Requires an HIV (AIDS) blood test to be conducted on any person charged with a sexual offense under Chapter 794 (sexual battery and statutory rape), or lewd and lascivious assault under Section 800.04, which involves the transmission of body fluids, provided the test is requested by the victim or legal guardian, (or by the parent or legal guardian if the victim is a minor).

**Controlled Substance Violations  
Chapter 90-111  
Effective October 1, 1990**

This legislation authorizes a judge to impose a \$100 assessment in addition to other fines and assessments in cases in which a defendant pleads guilty or nolo contendere to, or is convicted of, any violation of Section 893.13, Florida Statutes, (non-trafficking drug offenses). Fines will be deposited in the Florida Department of Law Enforcement Operating Trust Fund and will be used for providing reimbursements to local county-operated crime labs.

In addition, Section 893.13(1)(e), Florida Statutes, will be expanded to penalize drug offenses committed within 200 feet of a public housing facility, a public or private college, university or other postsecondary educational institution, or a public park.

Persons convicted of offenses within these areas involving certain Schedule I and II controlled substances which constitute first degree felonies will be ineligible for parole, control release, or any gain-time. In effect, a first degree felony offender will actually serve his sentence (up to 30 years in prison, determined in accordance with sentencing guidelines) in its entirety due to the elimination of these sentence reducing mechanisms.



**Victims and Youthful Offenders**  
**Chapter 90-211**  
**Effective October 1, 1990**

Enhances victims' rights and services by amending numerous provisions relating to the following areas of the law: presence of victims and next of kin at trial; presence of victim advocates in court when a child testifies; presence of victim advocates at depositions; juvenile records; victim impact statements; the Sentencing Commission and the Parole Commission; guardians ad litem; notice in dependency hearings; notice regarding basic training program placement; and the Crimes Compensation Act.

**DUI Ignition Interlock Devices**  
**Chapter 90-253**  
**Effective October 1, 1990**

This legislation authorizes courts to require persons convicted of DUI and placed on probation to use ignition interlock devices in their cars in addition to other DUI penalties. The device analyzes the driver's breath, and is calibrated so that the car cannot start if the driver's blood alcohol level is in excess of .05 percent or as otherwise specified by the court.

**Criminal Justice Executive Institute**  
**Chapter 90-157**  
**Effective October 1, 1990**

Creates the Florida Criminal Justice Executive Institute to educate, train, and prepare Florida's law enforcement leadership for the future.

**Cocaine Trafficking/Capital Felony**  
**Chapter 90-112**  
**Effective October 1, 1990**

Provides that trafficking in 150 kilograms (approximately 330 pounds) or more of cocaine or trafficking in 30 kilograms (approximately 66 pounds) or more of morphine, opium or any of their salts or isomers, including heroin, is punishable by life imprisonment without the possibility of parole.

This offense is reclassified as a capital felony punishable by life imprisonment with parole eligibility after serv-

ing 25 years, or by death if, in addition to the trafficking act, an offender:

(1) intentionally kills someone; or counsels, commands, induces, procures, or causes the intentional killing of someone, or (2) has a highly culpable mental state which represents a reckless disregard for human life implicit in knowingly engaging in criminal activities known to carry a grave risk of death.

**Money Laundering**  
**Chapter 90-246**  
**Effective October 1, 1990**

This new provision makes it possible for state law enforcement officers to arrest a money launderer as a result of a reverse sting operation where they represent to the money launderer that the money they wanted him to launder is "dirty," when in fact it is not.

**Drug Tests/Persons Administering**  
**Chapter 90-205**  
**Effective June 26, 1990**

Requires the Department of Corrections to develop a procedure for certifying law enforcement officers, probation officers, and department employees to perform urine screen drug tests on offenders who are incarcerated or released on certain conditions.

**Youthful DUI**  
**Chapter 90-265**  
**Effective October 1, 1990**

Authorizes the court to order a probationer to participate in the Youthful Drunk Driver Visitation Program by visiting a trauma center to observe victims of vehicle accidents involving drinking drivers, a treatment resource center to observe persons in the terminal stages of alcoholism or drug abuse, or the county coroner's office or county morgue to observe victims of vehicle accidents involving drinking drivers. All such visitations would require permission of victims or their next-of-kin, and would be under supervision.

**Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission Powers**  
**Chapter 90-177**  
**Effective June 25, 1990**

Authorizes the Division of Law Enforcement of the Game and Fresh Water Fish

Commission and the Division of Law Enforcement of the Department of Natural Resources to enforce all of the traffic laws of the state.

**Loud Vehicle Music**  
**Chapter 90-256**  
**Effective October 1, 1990**

Makes it illegal for any person operating a motor vehicle on a street or highway to amplify the sound made by a radio, tape player, or other mechanical sound-making device or instrument from within the vehicle to the extent that the sound is plainly audible 100 or more feet from the vehicle, or is louder than necessary for the convenient hearing of persons inside the vehicle in areas adjoining churches, schools, or hospitals.

Does not apply to law enforcement or emergency vehicles that are equipped with any communications device necessary to the performance of law enforcement or emergency procedures, nor does it apply to motor vehicles used for business or political purposes which in the normal course of conducting such business use sound-making devices.

**Bottle Clubs**  
**Chapter 90-233**  
**Effective October 1, 1990**

Establishes licensing for bottle clubs. (Bottle clubs are locations where the public may congregate and bring their own alcoholic beverages for their personal consumption.) License fees will be \$500 annually.

**Victim Dress**  
**Chapter 90-40**  
**Effective June 1, 1990**

Provides that evidence cannot be presented at a trial (of, say, a suspected rapist) regarding the manner of dress of the victim at the time of the offense, to suggest that the victim, by her manner of dress, incited the sexual battery.

**Use of Tents By Local Jails**  
**Chapter 90-97**  
**Effective June 14, 1990**

Counties with jail population limits set by a federal court will be permitted



**1990 laws related to  
law enforcement continued...**

under this bill to use tents for the housing of prisoners who do not pose undue security risks. Tent facilities would be required to meet less stringent fire code provisions of the State Fire Marshal than a standard jail. Prisoners would be permitted to be housed in tents for up to 90 continuous days.

**Drug Offenders/State  
Employment  
Chapter 90-266  
Effective October 1, 1990**

Provides exceptions to state employment and licensing provisions; disqualifies specified convicted drug offenders from state employment, licenses, and other benefits; requires license revocation for specified convicted drug offenders.

**Convenience Stores  
Chapter 90-346  
Effective September 1, 1990**

Entitled the Convenience Store Security Act, imposes minimum security requirements intended to help protect convenience store employees and the consumer public from robbery and injury.

**Telephone Solicitation  
Chapter 90-143  
Effective November 1, 1990**

Allows consumers to be placed on a listing which would keep them from being solicited by phone for goods and services.

The method by which a consumer indicates the desire not to receive telephone solicitation calls is amended to provide for registration on a "no sales solicitation" list maintained by the Division of Consumer Services within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

The bill also prohibits automated solicitation calls, but permits automatically dialed calls with a live operator if the calls have been screened to exclude unpublished numbers and numbers included on the no sales solicitation list.

## Co-op employees become "spotters"

PALATKA — When employees of Clay Electric Cooperative riding in radio-equipped vehicles see or hear anything that arouses their suspicions or appears to be an emergency, they know what to do — send a report to the Putnam County Sheriff's Office.

The co-op recently volunteered to organize a "Neighborhood Radio Watch" to assist Putnam County Sheriff Taylor Douglas, and the Sheriff held a training session for employees who will be his auxiliary "eyes and ears."

He told them to report such events as accidents with injuries, burglar alarms in residential or commercial areas, burglaries, screams, gunshots, fires, etc. to the co-op's radio dispatcher, who will relay the information to the Sheriff's Office.

"This will be a great crime prevention program and a real asset to Putnam County," Sheriff Douglas said.



Putnam County Sheriff Taylor Douglas (right) and Clay Electric District Manager Howard Mott offer advice as meter reader Danny Heisler applies a Radio Watch decal to his co-op truck.

"We want to do our part to make Putnam County a safer place," said Clay Electric General Manager Bill Phillips.

Clay Electric has also implemented Neighborhood Radio Watch programs in Alachua, Clay, Columbia and Union Counties.

## Metro-Dade moves to new facility

*by Donald Thompson  
Metro-Dade Staff Writer*

MIAMI — More than a thousand Metro-Dade police officers and staff members have relocated to a new, more spacious facility that offers a better working environment and room for expansion.

"The new building has enough space for us to install a state-of-the-art crime lab and DNA unit, a computer based mailing system, an independent power source, and an on-site cafeteria and exercise facility to enhance employee productivity," Department Director Fred Taylor said.

"All personnel from the old Headquarters Building and from the Doral District Station, near Miami International Airport, should be relocated by the end of August. We are trying to make the transition as smooth as possible.

"Plans for the new facility were drawn up when it became obvious that the growing population of Dade County required equally expanded police service. The new building is centrally located to give citizens easy access to the Department."

Voters gave the new complex their stamp of approval in 1982, when they approved \$200 million bond issue to improve criminal justice facilities. Of those funds, MDPD spent \$28 million for the new headquarters, which is comprised of four separate buildings, and sits on 22 acres.



# Awards honor outstanding deputies

ST. AUGUSTINE — Three employees received Exceptional Service Awards for saving or attempting to save a life in situations involving great personal risk when the St. John's County Sheriff's Office held its sixth annual Awards Banquet. They are Deputy Lisa Mitchell, for saving a youngster from drowning; Sgt. Randy Capo, and Deputy Bob Morin, who entered burning dwellings to rescue occupants.

Meritorious Service Awards were presented to 12 employees honored for outstanding performance of difficult tasks. They are:

Lt. Joe Harnage and Sgt. Mike Samec for developing and implementing the first public safety communications course at the St. Augustine Technical Center.

Sgt. Randy Capo and Deputy David McNally for assisting in rescuing a woman from the surf.

Sgt. Sheryl Drenning and Deputy John Blalock for stabilizing cardiac arrest victims through the use of CPR.

Detective Mary Leveck for solving two complex murder cases.

Deputies Anthony Coleman, Fredrick Granger and Carol Rash for assisting cardiac arrest victims.

Deputies John Newmans and John Noble for their actions in an accident case involving a seven-year-old boy.

Numerous other employees received commendations from Sheriff Neil J. Perry, and awards from division directors.



Meritorious Service Awards were presented by Sheriff Perry to (front row, from left) Detective Mary Leveck, Sgt. Sheryl Drenning, Deputy Anthony Coleman Lt. Joseph Harnage, Deputy John Noble and Deputy David McNally; (second row, from left) Deputy John Blalock, Deputy Fredrick Granger, Sgt. Randy Capo, (Sheriff Perry) Deputy John Newmans and Sgt. Mike Samec.



St. Johns County Sheriff Neil J. Perry (center) with Deputy Robert Morin (left) and Sgt. Randy Capo, Exceptional Service Award recipients.

## Sarasota olympians in top ranks

SARASOTA — Personnel growth has pushed Sarasota County Sheriff's Office olympians into competition with the "big boys" but they remain undaunted.

In 1986, '87 and '88 they placed first in Division II of the annual Florida Law Enforcement Olympics. Division II is for law enforcement and corrections agencies with less than 250 sworn officers.

In 1989 Sarasota advanced to Division I due to personnel growth, but captured fifth place that year and third place in 1990. Division I is for agencies with more than 250 sworn officers.

Sarasota entered 66 competitors in the 1990 olympics, including Sheriff Geoff Monge, and captured 41 gold,

28 silver and 47 bronze medals.

Monge "struck gold" in the shot put and 400 meter relay; silver in the javelin, discus, 100 meter hurdles, and 400 meter dash; and bronze in the 100 meter dash.

There were over 3,500 officers from 142 agencies participating in the 1990 olympics. Top teams and their scores based on medals won were as follows:

**DIVISION I** — Florida Department of Corrections, 1,056; Metro-Dade PD, 701; Sarasota SO, 364; Dade County Corrections, 362; and Miami PD, 351.

**DIVISION II** — Sarasota PD, 251; West Palm Beach PD, 155; Coral Gables PD, 92; Marion County SO, 86; and Davie PD, 52.



**Skeet shoot benefits abuse victims**  
VERO BEACH — Indian River County Sheriff Tim Dobeck's 4th Annual Skeet Shoot raised \$2,000 for Safe Space, an agency that assists spouse abuse victims. Sheriff Dobeck (right) was presenting the proceeds of the skeet shoot to Jim Bynum, representing Safe Space, when this photo was taken.





## Florida Sheriffs Association's Charter Business Members



A charter and by-laws amendment that went into effect at the beginning of 1990 permits business firms to enroll as Business Members of the Florida Sheriffs Association in three categories: Gold for those who pay annual dues of \$500; Silver for those paying \$250; and Bronze for those paying \$50.

The first Business Members were enrolled in February, 1990, and by the end of July the roll call was well over 1,000. In gratitude for this generous and enthusiastic response, we are printing the following roster of recently enrolled Charter Business Members:

### GOLD BUSINESS MEMBERS

Al Estes Bonding Agency, Inc.  
International Investments of America, Inc.  
Law Enforcement Equipment Corporation  
Professional Realty Consultant  
St. Augustine Psychiatric Center  
Tallahassee Engraving & Awards



**WEST PALM BEACH** — *Palm Beach County Sheriff Richard P. Wille (left) presents a gold membership to F. Lee Bailey.*

### SILVER BUSINESS MEMBERS

Dugan's, Inc.  
Florida Gas Transmission Co.  
Forms Management, Inc.

### BRONZE BUSINESS MEMBERS

Aerial Lift Rentals, Inc.  
All County Animal Hospital  
Almazan Brothers Trucking, Inc.  
Anderson Handgun Repair  
Aquarium Enterprise Corp.  
Associated Anesthesiologists of Bay County  
ABLE Medical Equipment, Inc.  
B & B Farm Equipment  
Bartlett Telecommunications  
Blackmon Excavating, Inc.  
C. A. Jones Construction Company  
Cal Com  
Cameron's Hair Company  
Carl W. Magyar, DDS, PA  
Carpenter & Carpenter, CPA  
Central Florida Rehabilitation Clinic  
Crown Government Laundry Services  
Don Asher & Associates, Inc.  
Dr. Robert T. Frey  
Drafting Associates  
Eden R.V. & Campgrounds  
Erly Juice, Inc.  
Executive Office Supply, Inc.

Executive Systems, Inc.  
Flooker Roofing Company  
Florida Crushed Stone Company CPL Division  
Florida North Steel, Inc.  
Florida Pest Control Chemical Company  
Foxwood Farms  
G. & M. Enterprises  
George Lamb Distributors  
George Markham & Sons Signs  
Godfather Concrete Service  
Graphateria  
Gurr & Associates  
Harvey's Installation & Service  
Hecht Communications Corp.  
Highlands Sanitation, Inc.  
Howard's Chevron Food Mart  
Hunt & Associates Construction  
International Business Machine Corporation  
J. A. Rey, Inc.  
Jacksonville Rubber & Gasket  
Jacksonville Warehouse Company  
James F. Hayes, MD  
Jensen Lanes  
Key West Insurance, Inc.  
Layne Western Company, Inc.  
Lo-Jack Corporation  
LBJ Enterprises, Inc.  
M. D. C., Inc.  
Mahon, Farley & McCaulie, PA  
Mediterranean Trading Company  
Mila Promotions, Inc.  
MR. VICTOR E.  
Naples Skatery, Inc.  
Neal G. Goss, Jr., DDS  
Ned Jackson, Inc.  
Omega Financial Services  
Pacal Enterprises, Inc.  
Panama City Neurosurgical Association, PA  
Patrick T. McGuire, Attorney at Law  
Paul & Shirley Groves  
Perdue Dean Company, Inc.  
Peter Warrick  
Phill Baumgarten Motors  
Piper Real Estate  
Professional Emergency Service  
Quality Coffee Service  
R. Lee Williams & Son Funeral Home, Inc.  
Richard N. Kinhead R. T.  
Robert L. Ford Marketing and Sales Consultant  
Spectrum Investigation Service  
St. Johns Episcopal Church  
Sugarland Mobile Home Court  
Sun Auto Sales  
Suncoast RV Center  
T. M. Ralph Plantation Funeral Home  
Tangles of Pinellas, Inc.  
Telcom Services, Inc.  
The Printing House, Inc.  
Tri-C Homes, Inc.  
TLW Lawn Care  
V. B. Brown Distributors, Inc.  
Vistakon  
Welding Research & Development  
Westwind Broadcasting Corp.  
William A. McCoy-MGL  
Windstar Club, Inc.



**SAL'S TOWING**

**FORT LAUDERDALE** — *Broward County Sheriff Nick Navarro presents a Gold membership to Sal's Towing, represented by Sal Bellasai; and Silver memberships to O. K. Generators, represented by Erik Fahnde; Seacoast Sanitation Ltd., Inc., represented by Louis Manzella; and Rivera's Nursery Inc., represented by Herman Rivera.*



**O.K. GENERATORS**



**SEACOAST SANITATION LTD., INC.**



**RIVERA'S NURSERY, INC.**



## ... a company that cares

Progressive business firms have always been major supporters of strong law enforcement, but until recently they remained in the background—sort of like "silent partners." Now the Florida Sheriffs Association is giving them special recognition by enrolling them as Business Members. If your company is A COMPANY THAT CARES, we invite you to send in the application printed below and become one of our "Partners for Progress."

There are three categories of membership determined by the amount of annual dues. Bronze members pay \$50 per year; Silver, \$250; and Gold, \$500. Each member receives a distinctive wall plaque, an embossed plastic identification card, an office window decal and a subscription to *The Sheriff's Star*.

Your support will be greatly appreciated and we will welcome an opportunity to identify your firm as "a company that cares."



### Florida Sheriffs Association Business Membership Application

A subscription to THE SHERIFF'S STAR magazine (including the annual directory edition) is one of the privileges extended to Business Members of the Florida Sheriffs Association. Business Members also receive an embossed identification card, a window decal for the office window, and a distinctive wall plaque identifying the business as a supporter of law enforcement.

The annual dues are used to support crime prevention programs... provide improved training for Sheriffs and their Deputies... promote the passage of legislation designed to get tougher on habitual criminals... and improve the Criminal Justice system through education and training.

*Your Business Membership is tax deductible.*

*The form below may be used to apply for a Business Membership. Supporters may also order automobile tags at \$10 each, so others will know they are supporters of Florida's oldest and most successful law enforcement organization.*

#### I hereby apply for Business Membership in the Florida Sheriffs Association.

Business Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact Person: Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title \_\_\_\_\_  
 Company phone number ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Single Proprietorship \_\_\_\_\_ Partnership \_\_\_\_\_ Corporation  
 Year Started \_\_\_\_\_ Description \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

#### PLEASE CHECK HERE:

Enclosed are our Company's annual dues for:

- ☐ \$ 50 Bronze Business Membership  
☐ \$250 Silver Business Membership  
☐ \$500 Gold Business Membership

#### which entitles us to:

- \* a distinctive wall plaque
- \* an embossed identification card
- \* a window decal for the office
- \* a year's subscription to THE SHERIFF'S STAR

- ☐ In addition to our dues, we also wish to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ Honorary Member auto tags at \$10.00 each.



*Please make check or money order payable to*

**FLORIDA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION**

Please mail application to: Florida Sheriffs Association  
 P. O. Box 12519, Tallahassee, FL 32317-2519





# 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. and Mrs. William K. Bass  
Mrs. Marlene Botwin  
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas D. Dixon  
Flagler Hospital, Inc.  
Ms. Harriett Fortenberry  
Mr. Wiley Garland  
Dr. and Mrs. William F. Glynn  
Mr. J. Rodney Hale  
Mr. and Mrs. Elmer H. Havens  
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond L.  
Heenan  
Mrs. Frances Hillerich  
Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur E. Hills  
Dr. James C. Jamison  
Jerry Akey, Inc.  
Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Loughridge  
Mr. James P. Lundy  
Mastercraft Products  
Corporation, Inc.

Mr. Charles Meyer  
Mr. and Mrs. Ken Norris  
Pasco Gun Works  
PRIDE of Florida  
R & S Sales & Management  
Corp., Inc.  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles T.  
Schwarz  
Mr. Brent D. Shackelford  
Mrs. Lillian M. Sharpe  
Mr. Marshall Slaughter  
The Professional Golfers'  
Assoc. of America  
Mr. George E. Trainor  
Mrs. Jill A. Van Derven  
Veterans of Foreign Wars Aux.  
& Post # 8191  
Wilbur Leonard Stables  
Dr. Salvatore Zeitlind

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.



**HOLLYWOOD** — Presented by Broward County Sheriff Nick Navarro to Mrs. Clara Peeters.

## Beware of those phony phone calls

If you get a phone call soliciting funds for the Florida Sheriffs Association or the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, hang up.

We solicit funds by letter only! Never by telephone. Listen carefully if you receive a call asking for a donation. There have been instances in the past when organizations with law enforcement titles have created the impression that they were raising money for the Sheriffs Association or the Youth Ranches without actually saying so. Some charitable organizations have names similar to the Youth Ranch or Boys Ranch. Don't let that confuse you.

The Florida Sheriffs Association is supported by Sheriffs' dues and by the dues of private individuals enrolled as

honorary members. Under a new program business firms are also paying dues as Business Members.

The Youth Ranches child care programs are supported almost entirely by voluntary cash and non-cash contributions. Some of these contributions are solicited by mail, or special events such as fish fries, barbecues and golf tournaments which raise substantial amounts of money for the Youth Ranches. Customarily they are authorized by a Sheriff or by Youth Ranches officials.

When in doubt about the authenticity of one of our fund raising solicitations simply call the Florida Sheriffs Association at (904) 877-2165 or the Youth Ranches central office. The Youth Ranches number is (904) 842-5501.



## Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches Honor Roll



DYESS

**SOUTHWEST FLORIDA** — Presented by Dr. Bill Aust, Youth Ranches Regional Director, to Hendry County Sheriff Earl (Sermon) Dyess, Jr., President of the Florida Sheriffs Association; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stevens, Punta Gorda; Mrs. Helen Jones and Mrs. Martha Altpeter, Port Charlotte.



MR. & MRS. STEVENS



JONES



ALTPETER



**FORT PIERCE** — Presented by St. Lucie County Sheriff Robert C. "Bobby" Knowles to Hank Hankins (right). This photo was incorrectly identified in the July/August issue.

## From county jail — a success story

**MELBOURNE** — After the Brevard County Sheriff's Office started a Life Skills Program in the county jail system, 22 female inmates signed the following testimonial letter:

"We would like to thank you for the opportunity to get our lives back in order. For many years we've been lost souls. Now, through this program, there is some hope for us. The program has shown us that we're not alone, and that our disease can be arrested. We will always be addicted, but cleanliness and sobriety can be ours if we want it. The life skills class has shown us a different way of doing things. We truly feel better about ourselves.

"We're now proud to be women. Our self-esteem was so low we thought that there was nothing we could do to improve ourselves. This program, along with Assistant Chaplain Sue Lovegreen, has brought us out of the depths of despair. Now, through God and the program, we know we can change. We know that we can become useful and responsible adults in society.

"We, as struggling young women trying to start on the right path of life, can say we got our start from Brevard County Detention Center. We hope that more struggling women will make this program work for them as well as it is working for us."

— from *Florida Today*

## Need for bilingual deputies growing

**BRADENTON** — A teen-age girl almost drowned at Coquina Beach because her Spanish-speaking relatives could not communicate the emergency to the life-guard on duty.

Fortunately she was rescued, but the incident punctuated the pressing need for county law enforcement and emergency rescue personnel to be trained to handle calls from an ever-growing Hispanic population.

"It doesn't take a genius to see that with the growth of the Hispanic population we'll be running into many more language barrier type problems in the years ahead," said Manatee County Sheriff Charlie Wells.

"Our office has been aware of this problem all along," he added. "We know the Hispanic migrant population is going to grow because the county's agriculture is expanding and we have crops almost all year 'round."

Wells said he already has eight Hispanic deputies and will add two more this year.

— from the *Bradenton Herald*

## He won't leave home without his vest

**SANFORD** — After he was wounded in a shootout with two bank robbery suspects, Seminole County Deputy Sheriff Thomas Johnson credited his bullet-proof vest with saving his life.

He displayed the vest and a metal "trauma shield" at a press conference, and said he would definitely be wearing both items when he returned to duty in four to six weeks.

The "trauma shield," which he said he bought and inserted into his vest four years ago, had deep dents from two 9 mm semi-automatic bullet strikes. News reporters were told that the vest alone would have kept the bullets from penetrating Johnson's chest, but the metal shield dispersed the shock and saved him from severe bruising and possible broken ribs.

A news report said wearing bullet-proof vests has become mandatory for Seminole County patrol deputies.

Johnson's message to his fellow officers was: "If you don't wear a vest for yourself, wear it for your family and the people who love you. It's uncomfortable, but necessary."

— from the *Sanford Herald*



# Superman? . . . Robocop? . . . No, A Deputy Sheriff!

By: Cyndee Singletary  
Public Information Officer  
Charlotte County Sheriff's Office

PORT CHARLOTTE — Imagine for a moment . . . deputies who are able to recognize crimes in progress and stop them before anyone gets hurt.

Supernatural movie heroes do it all the time: Superman uses X-ray vision and "hears" people calling for help. Robocop's computers and thermal vision send him in the right direction.

These fictional heroes always save the day . . . but what about humans? Real life deputies can't depend on extrasensory packaging and supernatural powers on their beats. They have to rely on training, experience, initiative and things like "gut feelings."

"I had a gut feeling something was just not right," was how Charlotte County Sheriff's Officer of the Year, Detective Dale Ritchhart, describes what made him stop a car one sunny afternoon in a quiet Port Charlotte neighborhood. What the detective didn't know prior to the stop was that the male driver had just kidnapped a nine-year-old little girl from her bus stop. Using a fake police badge and posing as a policeman, the man had been able to coax the girl into his car.

As the two emerged from the car, the little girl was crying and told the detective she didn't know the man. He was put in jail where he belonged, and the little girl was returned home to her parents, safe and unharmed.

Detective Dale Ritchhart is only human, but humans can be heroes. Charlotte Sheriff Richard Worch describes Ritchhart's actions as "sharp — top of the mark"



Charlotte County Sheriff Richard H. Worch, Jr., (right) congratulates Detective Dale Ritchhart, who was chosen "Officer of the Year" by VFW Post 10192 after he rescued a little girl who had been kidnapped.

and "action that makes a Sheriff proud." In the mind of the little girl he saved, one can imagine she will always remember him as the "Superman" who somehow came to her rescue and saved the day!

## Rawhide bone was retiree's gift

NAPLES — When presented with a rawhide bone instead of a cake at a retirement party, most law enforcement officers would turn up their noses. But, a retiring Collier County deputy sheriff took a sniff and dug right in.

The retiree is Deputy Brutus, a 10 1/2-year-old German Shepherd who is hanging up his badge after doing an outstanding job with Sheriff Don Hunter's K-9 unit.

When colleagues of the crime-fighting canine, including three other K-9 deputies, crowded into the Sheriff's coffee room for a retirement celebration, Sheriff Hunter presented Brutus with a certificate of appreciation. Then he gave him the beef-coated rawhide bone, which he promptly set to work on.

Deputy Paul Russo gave Brutus a four-pound bag of dog biscuits and a T-bone steak. "This will last him until

about one o'clock this afternoon," he said.

Brutus is credited with assisting in 175 arrests and recovering thousands of dollars in stolen property. He has five police-dog championship awards.

On the down side of his career are broken bones and broken teeth, but his spirit has never been broken, according to his handler, Cpl. David Morganthal.

Brutus will live out the rest of his years with Morganthal and his wife, Terrie, who is a Sheriff's Office detective.

How the gung ho police dog would handle his first days of retirement remained to be seen, said Morganthal. A short period of depression was expected.

On the day after the retirement party, Morganthal was scheduled to go to work with Brutus' replacement, a two-year-old male German Shepherd named Lobo.

— from Naples Daily News



## Membership dues increase will be effective on October 1, 1990

We regret to announce that it has become necessary to increase the annual dues of our honorary members from \$15 to \$20, effective on October 1, 1990.

This is only the second time in 33 years that we have increased the dues, but we have put it off as long as possible — much longer than other fraternal and professional organizations in the law enforcement community.

Our last and only previous increase was in 1977. Since that time our operating expenses have been steadily increasing. Part of the increase has been due to inflation. However, since the Sheriffs Association has never been accused of stagnation, numerous budget increases have also resulted from our continuing efforts to upgrade and strengthen law enforcement.

During the 1980s we broadened and enhanced our training activities for Sheriffs and deputies. As a result, Sheriffs and their staffs have become better equipped to

deal with current challenges in areas such as general administration, risk management, jail administration and labor relations.

Various "hot lines" have also been established in recent years to give Sheriffs immediate access to Sheriffs Association consultants specializing in labor relations, general administration, civil process and other technical subjects.

Progress is the name of the game, but progress has its price, and, in the fast-changing field of law enforcement, there are no bargain basements or end-of-the-season clearance sales.

We are committed to keep the Sheriffs Association in its traditional position as a law enforcement leader; and we can do it as long as we have the loyal and enthusiastic support of our honorary members. They are truly our "partners for progress."

### Being last is not normal for us except when we have to raise dues

For 80 years the Florida Sheriffs Association has been a leader among the nation's law enforcement organizations. Being FIRST in achievements designed to upgrade and strengthen law enforcement has become a well-established tradition.

That being the case, it may come as a shock for our members to learn that we are lagging behind in one crucial area. Yes, it's true. The Association has been dragging its feet about increasing membership dues, and now, according to a recent survey, FSA is one of the LAST (maybe the absolute LAST) state Sheriffs organization to "bite the bullet."

"We put it off as long as possible," said Executive Director J. M. "Buddy" Phillips Jr., "but our operating expenses have been increasing steadily due to inflation, expansion of our services to Sheriffs, and the demands of progressive law enforcement in the computer age."

Phillips pointed out that, although the Association has been enrolling civilians as honorary members for 33 years (since 1957) the dues have been increased only once. That was in 1977 when they were increased from \$10 to \$15.

Now, 13 years later, it has become necessary to announce another \$5 increase, from \$15 to \$20 which will become effective on October 1, 1990.

From past experience we are persuaded that our members will understand our dilemma — after all they too have had to stretch their income to meet the steadily rising cost of living. We are confident they will continue to give us their loyal support. That was what happened in 1977. It was an inspiring and an humbling experience to see the determination of our members to "stay the course" with us — to tell us, in effect, "we believe in what

you are doing and we are with you for the duration."

Thousands of our honorary members have been paying dues for more than 25 years. We owe them, as well as those who have come aboard in recent years, a tremendous debt of gratitude.

And, the only way we can pay that debt is to pledge that we will continue to strive for a position of leadership in the law enforcement community.

To be FIRST in law enforcement's "parade of progress" has been our goal for 80 years, and we are not about to change it.

Being LAST is not normal for us, except when it comes to increasing our membership dues.

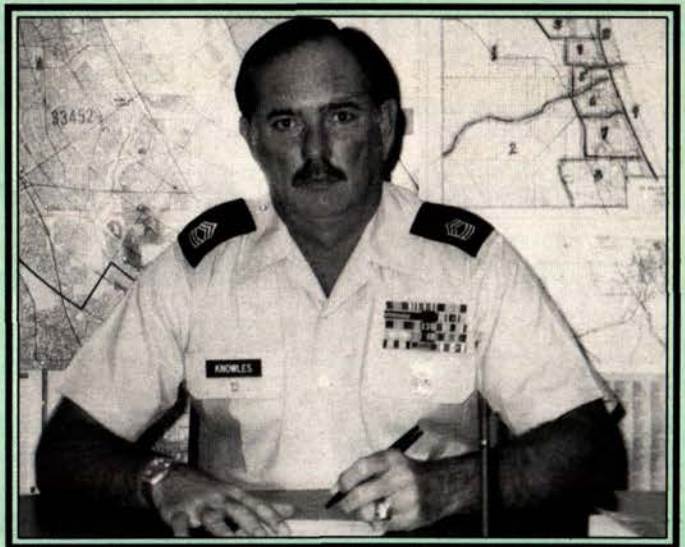


#### The judge called them "heroes"

KEY WEST — Monroe County Sheriff's Office Bailiffs Ron Dowmond (right) and Dale Hunter were honored for their bravery and quick action in disarming a man with a gun in a courtroom. Dowmond was wounded, but no one else was injured. The Judge called the bailiffs "true heroes" when he presented them with plaques on behalf of all local law enforcement agencies.



# Panama was no picnic for Sheriff Knowles



*The combined law enforcement and military experience of Sheriff Robert C. "Bobby" Knowles enabled him to become involved in "Operation Promote Liberty."*

**F**ORT PIERCE — "It was pretty dangerous on the streets. We had two cops killed and a GI shot in the knee. There were gunshots every night. There are a lot of guns in that country and everybody carries a machete — the work tool of Panama."

St. Lucie County Sheriff Robert C. "Bobby" Knowles was talking about his tour of duty as a police adviser in San Miguelito, a 500,000 population suburb of Panama City, and recalling the frustration of working with a 500-man police force that was "deficient in everything."

He said the 500-man force had only five old patrol cars and they were down most of the time because lack of funds kept them on a fuel ration.

Police officers carried sidearms, but, said Knowles, "the best one I saw was an old, worn out Model 1038 with five leadnose bullets . . . the old leadnose bullets. They don't have any other equipment. They just don't have any money to buy anything."

"They have plenty of personnel because all they did was convert the army over to police, but the training has been very minimal."

In contrast to the severely handicapped police force, Knowles found the judicial system to be singularly efficient. "It's extremely swift," he said. "They have day court and night court and when you catch somebody involved in a crime they're instantly sentenced."

"It's a great system but the problem is, unless you get caught in the act, you don't get caught. There's no follow-up. There's no computer system to determine if somebody's wanted. A person could be wanted in one district and come to the other district and we would never know it. So, if you don't get caught in the act, you don't get caught."

Knowles went to Panama as part of "Operation Promote Liberty" which was organized by U.S. Army Special Forces and involved 30 army reservists with police experience. He received a Certificate of Merit from the Third Battalion Seventh Group Special Forces Unit.

His experiences convinced him that Panama's salvation depends upon long term occupation of the country by the U.S. "I think that's the only answer," he said. "They don't want to see U.S. troops leaving. Probably, if you asked their government about the Panama Canal Treaty, right now, today, they would renegotiate, because I think they want our involvement. I don't think they can operate it without us."

Knowles began his military career in the Florida National Guard at the age of 16. In 1958 he joined the U.S. Marines and completed eight years of active service which included combat duty in Vietnam. He was awarded a Combat Action Ribbon, Presidential Unit Citation, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, Vietnam Campaign Medal and Service Medal.

From 1971-73 Knowles was in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves, then transferred to the U.S. Army Reserves and became an MSG military policeman. As an MSG he was involved in the Cuban Resettlement Program at Fort Indiantown Gap, PA where he received an Army commendation for heroism.

His law enforcement career includes experience as a State Attorney's investigator and commander of a drug task force. He was elected Sheriff in 1984, and re-elected in 1988. He is serving on the Board of Directors of the Florida Sheriffs Association, and was recently elected Chairman of the Board.