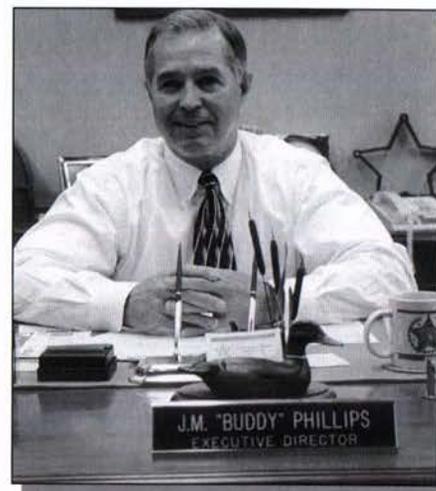




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# From the desk of . . .

*J.M. "Buddy" Phillips, Executive Director  
Florida Sheriffs Association*



We received quite a few letters and phone calls on our 1997 Annual Guide to Government. This is a comprehensive special Yearbook edition that we publish every February, which truly serves as a reference tool for readers all year long.

Probably the majority of comments we received were about our cover design, and I'd like to publicly thank our Art Director, Frank Jones, for his creativity in designing it.

Many of you probably noticed that Frank used the State of Florida seal in his design. What you might not have known is that there are strict guidelines for using the seal, and the Secretary of State's Office is in charge of overseeing its use. Frank and our Sheriff's Star editor, Julie Bettinger, provided an advance copy to Secretary of State Sandra Mortham's General Counsel, Donald Bell, asking if our design met their standards. His response was quick — not only did he approve of the design, he also added an unsolicited comment about how attractive it was.

One of our readers, Charles Provost, photocopied the cover design and mailed it to the Sheriffs Association office, specifically asking us to credit the front page designer in the next issue. We appreciate your suggestion, Mr. Provost — and now you know — all credit should go to Frank Jones.

As proud as we are about the Yearbook edition, we must also make some apologies. We print nearly 80,000 of this issue because of the number of requests we get beyond our regular membership mailing. It seems that a small group of them were not assembled correctly at the printer, and were sent out

before we discovered the mistake. If you received an issue which has repeat pages — please notify us and we will gladly replace your issue. We don't want you to miss this special magazine, which I'm confident you will refer to throughout the year.

## **Striving for better identification**

In past years, the Florida Sheriffs Association has primarily worked behind the scenes, providing affordable training, legal services, support for our Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches and promoting beneficial networking among Sheriffs' offices.

More and more, the Florida Sheriffs Association is being invited to the forefront to take the lead on vital issues affecting public safety in Florida. Our 67 Sheriffs willingly appearing before legislative committees and meet regularly with lawmakers to assure better laws are in place to preserve our communities and assure safety for all Florida citizens.

The Florida Sheriffs Association is also much more active in creating Task Forces to combat drugs, crackdown on Deadbeat Parents and coordinate efforts of all Sheriffs' offices to provide disaster relief during hurricanes.

Because of the changing role of the Florida Sheriffs Association, we've decided to take a grass-roots approach in educating Floridians about the work of our organization and securing our future membership.

We created an attractive full-color brochure that explains the work of FSA, and we've joined forces with Crime Prevention Units in Sheriffs Offices throughout the state to get these

brochures in the hands of interested citizens. More recently, we created a booklet I'll call our FSA Overview, which gives detailed information about where your annual contributions to the Florida Sheriffs Association actually goes.

We strive daily to be totally above-board in our operations, assuring that the majority of your hard-earned money goes directly to programs which benefit your communities. We are committed to maintaining a solid reputation for being fiscally responsible and accounting to our members, the public, and those we serve.

If you would like a copy of this overview, I invite you to write to me at the address on the opposite page. You may also call, fax or send your request via e-mail. Please be sure to state whether you want the smaller informational brochure or the larger FSA Overview. We want to give you all the background information you need to spread the word about your Florida Sheriffs Association. To truly become a Partner Against Crime, and help us make even greater strides in preserving our future. Let's work together to continue the Tradition of Excellence in Law Enforcement. . . . . 85 years and beyond.

*Buddy*

J. M. "Buddy" Phillips  
Executive Director

# THE SHERIFF'S STAR

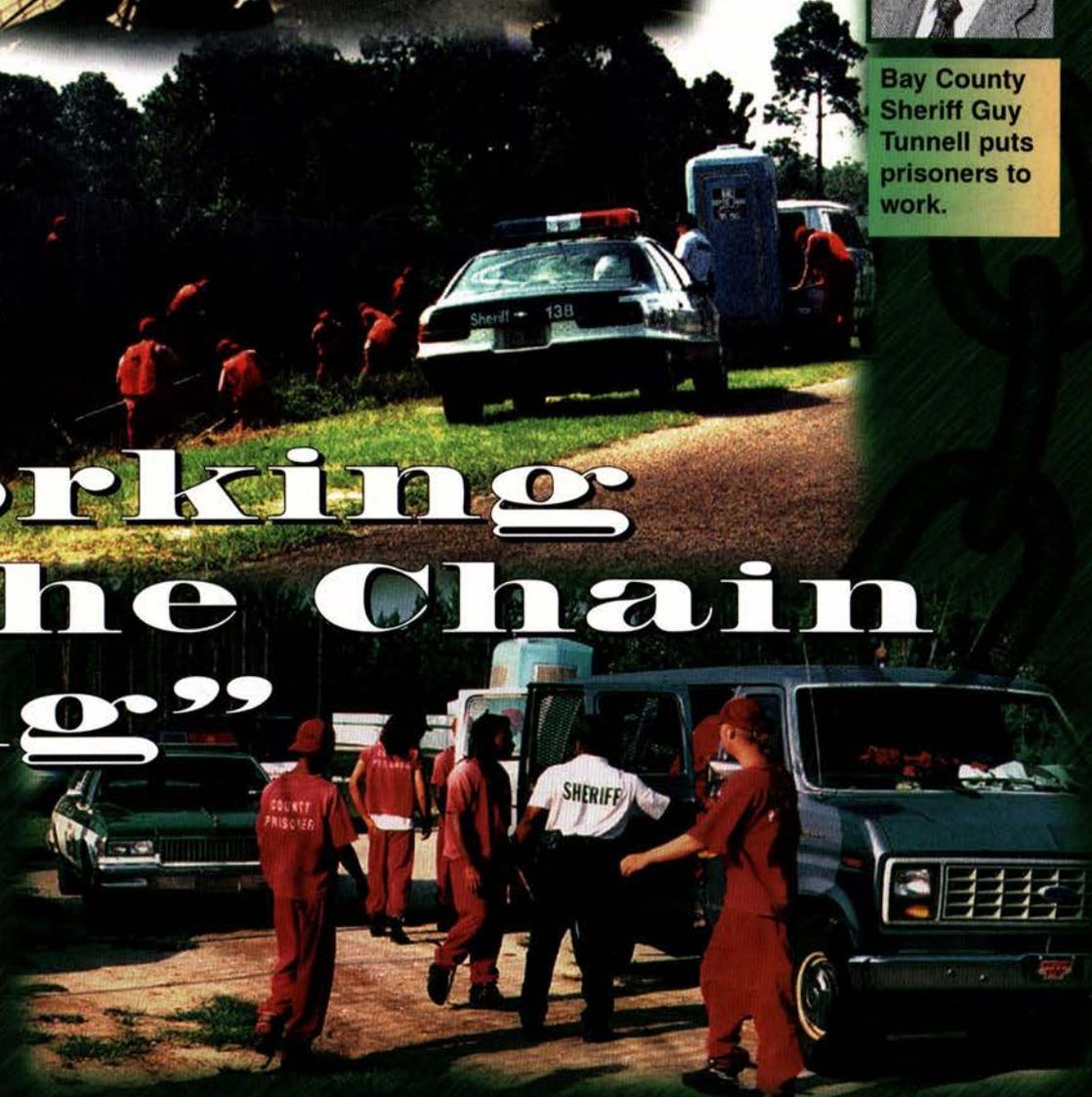


Bay County Sheriff Guy Tunnell puts prisoners to work.

Bay County Citizens Approve:

# “Working on the Chain Gang”

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## Crime Prevention Tip:

# Protect Yourself From Telemarketing Fraud



Of course it's annoying. You're finally sitting down to a nice home-cooked meal at the end of the day and the phone rings. It could be your elderly next door neighbor who recently fell and broke her hip, so you run to the phone and answer it.

"Hello. Is this the man of the house?" . . . the overly friendly voice is your first clue that it's a telemarketer.

You somehow manage to restrain yourself enough not to scream at the voice on the other end of the line or slam the phone down. After all, it's not his fault. He's got to make a living, too, doesn't he?

Don't be too quick to let your guard down. If you decide to spend any time at all speaking with a person in a telephone call that you didn't initiate, you should know your rights.

According to the federal government's Telemarketing Sales Rule, you have rights:

■ You have to be told the name of the company, the fact that it is a sales call, and what's being sold. If a prize is being offered, you have to be told immediately that there is no purchase necessary to win.

■ If the caller says you've won a prize, you cannot be asked to pay anything for it. You can't even be required to pay shipping charges. If it is a sweepstakes, the caller must tell you how to enter without making a purchase.

■ You cannot be asked to pay in advance for services such as cleansing your credit record, finding you a loan, acquiring a prize they say you've won. You pay for services only if they're actually delivered.

■ You shouldn't be called before 8 a.m. or after 9 p.m. If you tell a telemarketer not to call again, they can't. If they do, they have broken the law.

■ If you're guaranteed a refund, the caller has to tell you all the limitations.

■ Be tough, especially on seemingly "worthy" causes — including law

enforcement, firefighters and patrol officers. Ruthless fundraisers often hide behind credible-sounding association names — when in fact all of the money raised goes to pay fundraising costs, with only a small percentage going to the worthy cause.

If you'd just rather not be bothered, a simple way to protect yourself — without being rude — is to ask the person right after their greeting, "Is this a telephone solicitation?" They must answer yes, unless you have, in fact, solicited their company first. When the caller gives an affirmative answer, say simply, "I'm not interested" and hang up the phone. This matter-of-fact approach usually assures they won't call back just for spite.

And remember, don't give telemarketers your credit card number, your bank account number, or Social Security number — or authorize bank drafts — ever. If you suspect fraud, call the National Fraud Information Center, at 1-800-876-7060.



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Chain gang teams work a ditch cleaning project in a residential area. Each team has a marked patrol car and a portable sanitation facility that accompanies them.

# “Working on the Chain Gang”

By: Lt. Jerry L. Girvin  
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In a quiet neighborhood of Bay County, an elderly lady watches anxiously out of her living room window. In a few minutes, she sees a group of men, dressed in red jumpsuits, moving slowly down the ditch bordering the road. Arms moving back and forth as they use swing blades to cut down bushes and weeds. Coming into view now is a Bay County deputy sheriff, shotgun in hand. The woman turns from the window and moments later is marching purposely down her driveway straight toward the guard. The deputy watches her approach and is shocked when she hands him a fresh-made sandwich and a glass of iced tea, and then turns away saying, “Thank you, we appreciate you!”

Bay County Sheriff's deputies adjust legirons on a chain gang member before loading up for the day's work



According to Sgt. John Klingensmith, who runs the chain gang program for Bay County Sheriff Guy Tunnell, the first time it happened — it surprised the deputies who guard the two chain gangs working in the county. “Now,” says Klingensmith, “we’re used to it.” He says it’s commonplace for folks living along the area they’re working to bring out something for the deputy to drink, or sometimes even a sandwich or cookies.

“Sometimes they just come out and say thanks or how much they appreciate the program. The general

feeling we’re getting back is that the average citizen likes what he sees happening with the chain gang concept.”

Confirming community support, Sheriff Tunnell says that there have been very few negative comments. In fact, the most recent anonymous complaint was concerned about the chain gang working too close to a house. About thirty minutes after receiving the complaint, deputies found and seized a number of marijuana plants that were being grown in pots in the wooded area being cleaned.

Bay County’s chain gang began in



**Bay County chain gang loads up at the county jail for another eight hour day cleaning the roadsides.**

December 1995 when the county commission voted to put the project in place on a trial basis. Crews were selected from inmates serving county time in the local jail for misdemeanors, felonies or evading child support. While an inmate cannot be forced to work on the gang, and must volunteer to do so, they do receive "gain time" (time deducted from their sentence) for working on the gang. Corrections Corporation of America, who runs the jail under contract, provides the inmates' meals. The county provides vans, porta-potties, tools and a driver. Deputies, who are specially selected and hired for the project, are guards for the gang. Uniforms for the guards are not as formal as those worn by road deputies because of their long exposure to sun, heat and the elements. On days when weather prevents gangs from working, the guards fill in as bailiffs or assist in transporting prisoners to and from nearby counties.

## **2 teams, 13 men, 2 deputies**

Twenty-six inmates, all male, make up the gang program. They are divided into two, thirteen man teams — each guarded by two deputies. A marked unit is provided to enable transportation for chain gang members who might be injured or have to be returned to jail for rule violations or unanticipated court appearances. Each van has a trailer with a porta-potty mounted on it for sanitary facilities as well as storage boxes for tools.

Gangs work an eight hour day, five days a week on projects like cleaning ditches, clearing brush and right-of-ways and picking up trash. Gang members wear red coveralls with "county prisoner" marked on them. While gang members are not shackled together, each gang member does wear leather and chain shackles on the legs. Unannounced searches are conducted on gang members and K-9 units are brought in for drug detection on a sporadic basis.

Inmates regularly find and turn in a variety of contraband from the clean up areas and have turned in narcotics, knives and other items thrown onto the roadside. Klingensmith said that in addition to all this, the gangs have

resulted in the capture of an escaped state inmate through information gathered by one of the chain gang members. In another incident, while the chain gang was working in an area of public housing, one of the members spotted a man walking nearby whom he recognized as a person wanted on several outstanding warrants. He immediately alerted the deputy guarding the gang and one of the two guards approached the individual, identified him and wound up making an arrest for the warrants.

Sheriff Tunnell said that apparently the thoughts of the chain gang members was, "If we've got to be here, then he needs to be here."

## **Celebrating its first year**

As the Bay County chain gang experiment approaches its first anniversary, Sheriff Tunnell says it has been a positive program. He said that the citizens' reception to seeing prisoners working on projects that benefit the public was very positive.

"We're not seeing any number of negative comments," he says. "The general perception is very favorable. It is, essentially, a demonstration for the county leaders being willing to respond to the mood of the people. And having people who break the law out there working in some way to benefit the community and offset the dead weight that a prisoner represents to the average taxpayer."



**Bay County Sheriff Guy Tunnell puts prisoners to work.**

# IT'S TIME TO S.T.O.P. TURNING OUT PRISONERS For Good!

*A history of the S.T.O.P. legislation, and why supporters continue to pursue a constitutional amendment*



**Manatee County Sheriff Charlie Wells provides an update to the Florida Sheriffs about efforts to move S.T.O.P. - Stop Turning Out Prisoners - from Florida law to a constitutional amendment**

By: *Jim Huffstutter*  
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**T**he shooting of two assistant state attorneys in Charlotte County in 1988 resulted in the death of one, and wounding of the other. Samuel Pettit stands convicted of that crime.

The same year, the *Miami Herald* reported the murder of two Metro Police Officers, by Charles Street . . . and also in 1988, George Washington, Jr., kidnapped and assaulted a Lee County woman, then followed this offense with the robbery, kidnapping and murder of a Fort Myers convenience store clerk; the June 1989 sexual battery of a woman in Lee County; and burglary and murder of a Cape Coral woman.

The following year, 1990, a convenience clerk in a store in Manatee was robbed, kidnapped, raped and murdered by Ortega Edwards.

Between 1986 and 1993, at least 48 homicides were committed that — like those described above — had a significant common denominator: All of the crimes were committed by criminals who had been released before the expiration of their sentences from Florida State Prisons.

The practice of early release in 1993 motivated Tom Tramel, then President of the Florida Sheriff's Association, to speak out against this travesty. He told legislators: "Our data indicates that on average, more people are killed by dangerous, early release inmates than by hurricanes and

other catastrophic storms."

New "get tough on crime" laws — passed during the early 1980s in response to citizen pressure to do more to control the growth of crime — created problems of prison crowding. Parole was eliminated, and laws creating stiffer sentences and mandated prison time for possession of drugs were passed. The jails were simply not big enough — there were not enough beds for the criminals being sent to prison. If a sentence of one year and one day was imposed, the criminal knew that he would not spend any time at all in the prison . . . there was simply no space. He would be processed into the system, then released. In fact, many defendants refused probation or county jail terms in favor of state prison sentences.

There was great reluctance on the part of some of the legislators to act in building more jail space. The state budget was frequently cited as the cause for a lack of action. But in reality, more and more money was being directed toward other programs, while the corrections department was forced to continue without adequate increase. As recently as 1993, State Attorney Earl Moreland reported that only 5.8% of the state budget was spent on the criminal justice system. Key players in the state government were opposed to prison programs, wanting instead to find rehabilitative successes, even though many studies sponsored at the federal level were demonstrating that rehabilitation efforts had marginal, if any, success. Instead of funding more prison beds, new and creative ways of shortening sentences were found.

What happened to the state of Florida

during the period of slow growth of prison space was — predictably — a rapid growth in crime. In 1991, the state of Florida led the nation in the number of crimes overall, with a rate of 8,547.2 per 100,000 population. Distant second to Florida was Texas, with 7,819.1 per 100,000. These compared with W. Virginia, which was in last place, at 2,663.4 per 100,000. Florida also took top place in the number of violent crimes, with 1,184.3 per 100,000, with New York in second place at 1,163.9, and North Dakota in last place at 65.4. This is one of those contests in which it pays to be in last place. Florida found out that it could not lose its top billing until it began to get serious about crime.

Further exacerbating the problem was the creation of a new method of determining release dates for inmates. In addition to normal gain time for good behavior, educational gain time, meritorious gain time, and administrative gain time, legislators created the Control Release Authority. With the maximum prison population being set at 133% of the design capacity of the prisons, some means had to be devised to release some criminals to make room for others. The process adopted provided the Secretary of Corrections the authority to apply gain time across the board for the prisoners in the system who were not on mandated sentences (such as those requiring not less than 25 years).

When the program began, five days were taken off the sentences of inmates when state officials learned that 96% of the lawful capacity of the prison system had been reached. This was soon expanded to 10 days, and eventually grew to a reduction

of 30 days at a time. In 1989, a month was being erased from sentences every two weeks. As many as 3,000 inmates were being released each week, many after serving 30% or less of their sentence.

### **Fighting back**

In 1989, in an unprecedented action, 56 of the 67 Sheriffs of the state joined in filing suit against Richard L. Dugger, then Secretary of the Department of Corrections, challenging the constitutionality of specific provisions of law authorizing the Department of Corrections (DOC), or the Secretary of the DOC to grant gain-time and provisional release credits to prisoners lawfully sentenced to the state penitentiary. While ultimately unsuccessful in achieving its stated goal, the mere fact that a majority of the Sheriffs of the state felt obligated to sue the state to achieve more responsible action on the part of the state began to focus attention on the problem.

Manatee County Sheriff Charles Wells was growing more and more impatient with the system that allowed him so little possibility to make a real impact on crime in his community. He was particularly plagued by recidivism in his county jail, and felt revulsion at the number of serious crimes being committed by criminals on early release from prison.

Late one night, as he was leaving Tallahassee for the five hour drive home, he stopped at an intersection. He looked at the sign facing him. The message came to him: "S.T.O.P. - Stop Turning Out Prisoners."

A catchy name was not enough, though. Sheriff Wells searched his memory for some model of action that might be applied to such an organization, and remembered the success that Mothers Against Drunk Drivers, or MADD, was having in creating an awareness of the problems of drunk driving. Prosecution of such cases was on the increase. Police officers more and more were enforcing statutes, which were themselves being made much more strict. Lives were being saved by the efforts of this organization.

Organization of the S.T.O.P. program began in August, 1990, with a letter to all

Sheriffs and 26 of the largest law enforcement agencies in the state. Nearly half of the Sheriffs of the state — together with several state attorneys and police chiefs — asked to be included in the planning, or to serve as members of the advisory council.

Speaking as a victim at the initial organizational meeting was Kathleen Finnegan, former Assistant State Attorney from Charlotte County, the surviving victim of Samuel Pettit, mentioned in the beginning of this article. She later became the Executive Director of the organization.

As word of the organization spread, interested citizens and concerned victims soon banded together into local chapters. Many were acting quickly to bring the message to the attention of their local legislators. Funding their activities by nominal dues, and donations from leading members, as well as businesses in their areas, they began to get noticed.

By 1993, S.T.O.P. was gaining recognition. Kathleen Finnegan, Vicki Orrison, and Junny Rios-Martinez, either victims or the parents of victims of early release inmates, had appeared on the Faith Daniels Show. Finnegan, Rios-Martinez, Sheriff Wells and Jane Hutchings had appeared on national television on 60 Minutes; and the Second Annual Statewide Prison March for Victim's Rights Week was a success.

Governor Chiles called a special legislative session to deal with the prison crisis, and the legislature enacted a bill to authorize the construction of 10,500 new prison beds.

### **Asking for more**

In the spring of 1993, Finnegan traveled to Washington, DC to seek federal assistance. She met with Senator Connie Mack, who suggested that she consider sponsoring a drive to amend the Florida Constitution to require that inmates serve at least 85% of their sentences. The 85% figure was the result of a compromise with Department of Corrections officials, who said they needed some provision to reduce sentences as a means of encouraging good conduct among the inmates.

Local chapters of S.T.O.P. mobilized a small army of dedicated volunteers to obtain the 430,000 signatures needed to

have the proposed amendment placed on the ballot. In the interim, the petition form was sent for review to the Florida Supreme Court.

The Supreme Court dropped its bombshell on July 7, 1994. They found that the proposed amendment violated the ballot summary requirements of Florida law. While disheartened by the decision which would negate their previous efforts, those same volunteers once again went to work. Led by Attorney Steve Russell, an Assistant State Attorney from Charlotte County, they determined to obtain wording that the Court would have to accept.

The Ballot Summary was finally accepted, which contained five more words than the proposed amendment, itself. It stated: "A state constitutional amendment which, except for pardon or clemency, requires that state prisoners sentenced to a term of years shall serve at least eighty-five percent of their terms of imprisonment. Parole, conditional release, or any mechanism of sentence reduction may reduce the term of years sentence by no more than fifteen percent. State prisoners sentenced to life imprisonment shall be incarcerated for the rest of their natural lives, unless granted pardon or clemency."

While the struggle continued to press forward on an initiative to pass a constitutional amendment, efforts were also being made in the state legislature to enact a bill that would require criminals to serve 85% of their sentences. In 1995, that effort bore fruit, when, in March, the Florida Senate in almost unprecedented action, passed the S.T.O.P. bill unanimously. The bill cleared the House in late April with only 10 of the 120 members voting against it. Such strong support has rarely, if ever, been given to any bill. It was obvious to even the most casual observer that the citizens of the state had been heard on this issue.

### **People ask: Why a constitutional amendment?**

The question has been asked, in light of the strong support given the S.T.O.P. bill, why is it necessary to make a constitutional amendment to accomplish the same thing? The argument is made that already, at the

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# Highlights from the 1997

## Mid-winter Conference



FDLE Commissioner Tim Moore told the Sheriffs about the changing approach in Sexual Predator Notification.

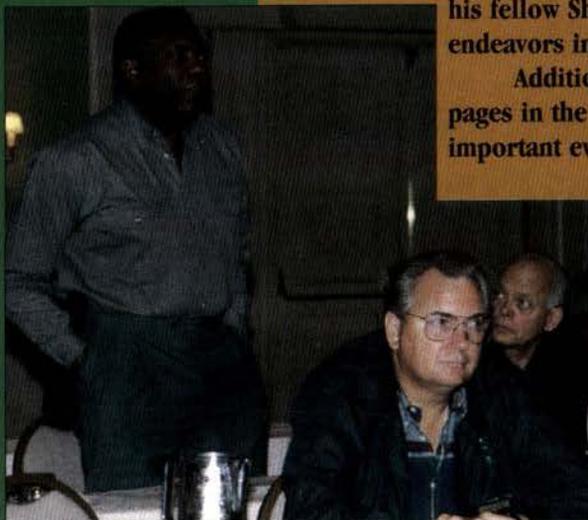
**T**his year's Florida Sheriffs Association Mid-winter Conference was held in Bay County — home of "The World's Most Beautiful Beaches" — at the Marriott at Bay Point in Panama City.

There were Scottish bagpipes to entertain the crowds, numerous plaque presentations, and an exhibit room overflowing with vendors.

Pinellas County Sheriff Everett Rice outlined a new vision 2000 for the FSA Task Force, and announced that former Columbia County Sheriff Tom Tramel had been hired as a full-time executive director to carry out their mission.

Gang tracking and a crack down on drug smuggling at Florida's non-registered air strips are expected to be high on the Task Force's list, Sheriff Rice told his fellow Sheriffs. Expectations are high, considering the other successful endeavors including drug enforcement and the roundup of Deadbeat Parents.

Additional highlights of the conference can be found on the next three pages in the photo-album fashion. We hope you'll feel more a part of this important event through the moments captured in our camera lens.



Duval County Sheriff Nat Glover was asked to make a point during one of the closed sessions at the FSA Conference.



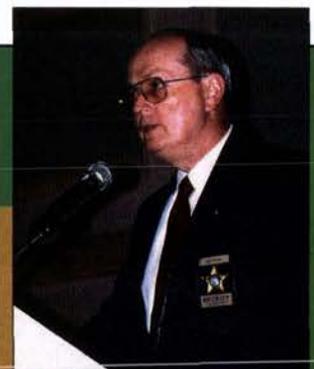
Drug Assets Seizures — The U.S. Customs Service presented checks to four Florida Sheriffs. Gilchrist County Sheriff David Turner (far left) received a check for over \$1,269,000. Other recipients (in order) were Sheriff Tunnell, Sheriff Eslinger, Steven Trent (SAC, U.S. Customs) and Sheriff Rice.



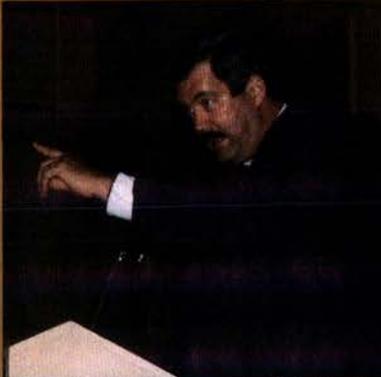
Polk County Sheriff Larry Crow told his peers of the upcoming 40th anniversary of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch.



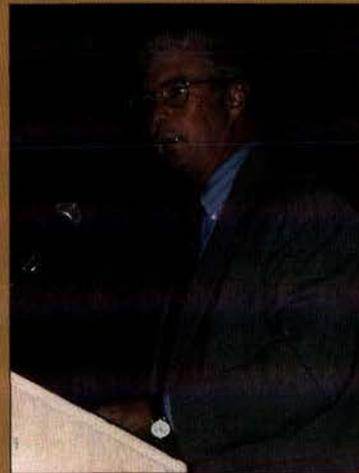
Katie Self, president of the Florida Teen Court Association, explains the purpose for her organization: Young people have the opportunity to be judged by their peers, and avoid getting a record on their first offense.



St. Johns County Sheriff Neil Perry shared some success stories and introduced the Florida Teen Court Association speakers.



Bay County Commissioner Richard Stewart pointed out that host Sheriff Guy Tunnell (pictured above) had no opposition in the 1996 elections — the first time in Bay County Sheriff's Office 84 year history.



Bob Milligan, Florida's first Republican Comptroller, gave a lasting luncheon message for all who attended Monday's luncheon: "Listen to your people, because you can learn from them."

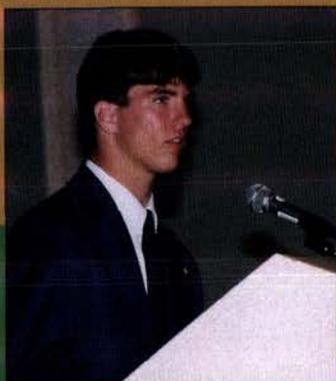


FSA President Geoff Monge, Sheriff of Sarasota County, ran the business meetings during the three-day event.



Calhoun County Sheriff Buddy Smith (at podium) shares a light moment with Pinellas County Sheriff Everett Rice prior to a prayerful invocation. Smith is the Chaplain of the Florida Sheriffs Association.

Florida Sheriffs Association Executive Director, Buddy Phillips, kept the Sheriffs on schedule throughout the mid-winter conference.



Arthur, a Boys Ranch resident since 1993, spoke to the Florida Sheriffs to tell how the Boys Ranch has changed his life. He went from straight Fs to doing so well in school he was able to skip a grade.



Deputy Bill Schneider (center) received a bronze Safe 'N Sober award. It was presented by Marion County Sheriff Ken Ergle, (left) and FSA President Geoff Monge (right).



George Aylesworth, legal counsel for Metro-Dade Police Department, accepts the Safe 'N Sober first place Gold Award on behalf of Lt. James DiBernardo, who oversees their county's "Don't Let Alcohol Be Your Last Taste of Life" program for youth.

# Highlights from the Mid-winter Conference continued . . .



Scottish bagpipes were a unique addition to the entertainment and the traditional Honor Guard, which kicked off the 1997 Mid-winter Conference.

FSA President Geoff Monge took time for an interview with Panama City local television station, Channel 7.



Leon County Sheriff Larry Campbell, one of the 20 newly elected Sheriffs, receives a membership plaque from FSA President Geoff Monge.



For no accidents, Hunt Insurance Group presented awards to Sheriffs Cogburn, Reid, Walker and Peavy.



Ken Woods (left) owner of Plastic Reconditioning Co., shows Pasco County Sheriff Lee Cannon an example of his work. Woods specializes in reconditioning emergency vehicle lights.

Hunt Insurance Group, which oversees the Florida Sheriffs Self Insurance Fund, gave awards to 10 Florida Sheriffs for outstanding improvement in fleet safety and loss control. (From Left) Sheriffs Williams, Perry, Rider, Williams, Turner, Wheeler, Fortune, and Farmer. Not pictured: Sheriffs Knowles and Whitehead.



# PARTNERS

*Progressive business and professional leaders give generous support to the many anti-crime activities of the Florida Sheriffs Association*

Many progressive business and professional leaders are supporting the Florida Sheriffs Association and its anti-crime activities by enrolling as Business Members of the Association and becoming "partners against crime."

Two recent enrollees are pictured here receiving gold membership plaques from their Sheriffs. Gold members pay dues of \$500 a year; Silver members pay \$250; and bronze members pay \$50 a year.

## GOLD BUSINESS MEMBERS



ALACHUA COUNTY - Gold Business Membership plaque presented by Alachua County Sheriff Stephen Oelrich to Terry Sapp, La Familia Cuban Sandwich Shop.



MARTIN COUNTY - Gold Business Membership plaque, presented by Martin County Sheriff Robert Crowder (left) to Jules Armellini, Chairman of the Board, Armellini Express Lines, Inc.

## FLORIDA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION HONOR ROLL

This honor roll gives special recognition to individuals who have demonstrated their commitment to progressive law enforcement by supporting the Florida Sheriffs Association as honorary members for 25 years or more. Some receive 25-year certificates. Others qualify for 30-year certificates.



Lloyd C. Evers

MARION COUNTY - 25 year certificate presented by Marion County Sheriff Ken Egle to Lloyd C. Evers. Also presented by Marion County Chief Deputy J.P. Holland to Mr. & Mrs. Homer A. Sandifer.



Mr. & Mrs. Homer A. Sandifer



Dr. Robert L. Hartzell, Sr.

PASCO COUNTY - 25 year certificate presented by Pasco County Sheriff Lee Cannon to Dr. Robert L. Hartzell, Sr. (retired); and Maurice S. Humphries, Jr.



Maurice S. Humphries, Jr.



HARDEE COUNTY - Presented by former Hardee County Sheriff Rickey Dick to Herbert Woodrow Waldron.



BRADFORD COUNTY - 25 year certificate presented by Bradford County Sheriff Bob Milner to Phil Shuford.

# The FSA Correctional Officer of the Year 1996 passes away

by Tom Berlinger  
Director of Operational Services  
Florida Sheriffs Association

Less than one month after being named the Florida Sheriffs Association Correctional Officer of the Year for 1996, Correctional Deputy Mark Nelson died on February 26th, after a long bout with cancer. Nelson, who was employed by the Broward County Sheriff's Office, was 36 years old.

Prior to entering the field of corrections, Mark Nelson earned a 2-year degree in criminal justice. Thereafter, in 1985, at age 25, he graduated from the Broward County Criminal Justice Institute Corrections Academy in Fort Lauderdale.

On graduation day from the academy, Mark was bestowed the "Honor Medallion" as the #1 overall student in his class. This honor is bestowed upon the individual who displays the best attitude, cooperative spirit and display of job knowledge, as well as for academic and physical achievement. Nobody knew it then for sure, but the award would serve as an indicator of the type of guy Mark would prove himself to be in subsequent years.

On the job for 12 years, Mark received consistent high marks in each of his periodic work evaluations and every one of his supervisors made special comments about his cooperation and diligence the entire time.

But, the screening board which was convened to pick the 1996 Correctional Officer award winner found that there was so much more to Mark Nelson's life than just good work evaluations.

In 1988, after only three years with the Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO), Mark was diagnosed with a serious form of skin cancer. For the two years which followed, Mark fought hard against this terribly debilitating disease. During that stretch, even while undergoing painful cancer treatments, Mark received 3 commendations for his display of concern for others (and his respectful and courteous attitude to inmates, his co-workers, and to the members of the public he served.)

In 1994, without regard for his own future needs, Mark jumped at the opportunity to donate a block of his accrued sick time to a fellow employee at BSO who had suffered a seriously debilitating stroke. A year later, in 1995, he was award-



PANAMA CITY BEACH – Broward Sheriff Ron Cochran (L) beams with pride as FSA President Geoff Monge presents the Correctional Officer of the Year Award to Correctional Deputy Mark Nelson, accompanied by his wife, Kim.

ed a "10-year Meritorious Service" award by BSO for a decade of hard work.

About a year and a half ago, at the age 34, and on the eve of the five-year cancer "window" that we are all familiar with Mark was informed that the cancer had re-surfaced. Undeterred, Mark braved the side-effects of regular chemotherapy and radiation treatments, always scheduling the sessions so as not to interfere with his attendance at work.

During our careers, we have all worked with employees who have used any excuse to stay home from work and draw upon their paid sick leave. That was a foreign concept which just didn't fit in Mark Nelson's plan for his life.

Unbelievably, when the pain and weakness from chemotherapy and radiation treatments started affecting Mark's ability to walk, he secured a pair of crutches and a leg brace and continued to report to work every single day. It was only during his very last days of life, when he was too weak to get up at all, that Mark finally stayed home from his duties at the Broward County Detention Center.

Last November, Sheriff Cochran and many others at BSO celebrated Mark, and the manner in which he lived his life by awarding him their, "Profile in Courage Award." The award took notice of his many years of exceptional service, and thanked him for being an inspiration to all of the people whose lives he had touched.

Sheriff Cochran said it best when he wrote on Mark's nomination form, "Mark has risen above his personal pain and displayed integrity, dedication, and bravery.....and his kindness and

gentleness during very tough times have truly brought out the best in all of us.”

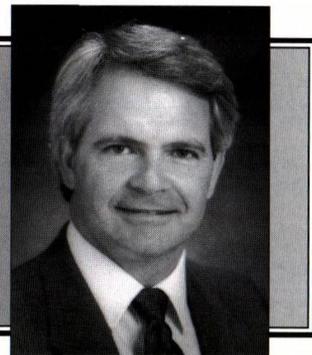
Accompanied by his wife, Kim, Mark traveled to Panama City Beach to receive his honors as the FSA Correctional Officer of the Year. As the winner, he and his wife were invited to be in attendance at the FSA Mid-Winter Conference being held there. During the ceremonies, Mark was presented a handsome plaque

It was clearly evident that Mark was very, very sick, and probably in his last days. But, if the rest of us live to be a thousand, none who were present that night will ever forget the scene.

As Sheriff Smith closed the prayer, most everyone in the room was at the absolute edge of their emotions. Nobody dared trying to talk, and many had passed the break point and were wiping away tears.

## Seeking Solutions:

# Collier County's Paradigm for Change



Collier County Sheriff Don Hunter

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In recent years, the criminal justice system has come under increasing fire because of its apparent inability to solve the problem of crime in Florida. The almost daily barrage of publicity surrounding high profile crimes, random acts of violence, and other crimes add fuel to the fire as the public demands action to get criminals off the street.

Response to the public outcry has resulted in new anti-crime laws, stricter enforcement and a swelling of the jail population. This has all occurred while the funding level for jails has either remained constant or decreased. That's created a unique challenge, further complicated by the reluctance of the public to provide what is perceived as a "free ride" for the criminally inclined. Consequently, changing with the times by doing more with less is essential if jail operations, programs and services are to be maintained at mandated levels.

Obviously, the challenges created by shrinking budgets requires innovative thinking and a willingness to break the traditional mold in how an organization does its business. Collier County Sheriff Don Hunter has responded by looking for efficiencies and developing new programs that will not only save resources, but will endure the test of time.

### **Sheriff Hunter's plan of action**

In searching for efficiencies, it was imperative that the security of the Naples and Immokalee Jail Centers not be jeopardized and all changes remain within the scope of the law. It was also necessary that new programs remain within current guidelines and conform to the jail environment. The physical plant presented a unique challenge because both jails are traditional facilities which were built to restrict the movement of inmates, and not for the conduct of programs.

Faced with these challenges and more, Sheriff Hunter ordered a detailed review to look at all areas of jail operations. In some instances, lessons learned from other jurisdictions were modified and implemented at a substantial savings. In other instances, creative solutions were used to develop educational programs because of physical limitations of classroom space and the necessity of adding no additional cost to taxpayers.

There have been several programs implemented in the Naples and Immokalee Jail Centers that directly save tax dollars. They include: charging inmates for medical services, privatizing services to include commissary, medical and inmate transportation; working weekend program; and pretrial release. Additionally, several educational programs were launched to afford inmates the opportunity to better themselves while in jail, thus providing greater opportunity for

employment upon release.

All educational initiatives described below have been implemented at no additional cost to the public and have profoundly changed operations in both jail centers.

### **In search of solutions**

Early on, Sheriff Hunter realized that educational programs have the greatest potential for creating substantial cost savings to the taxpayer. Well conceived educational programs, coupled with substance abuse, religious, and other rehabilitative programs reduce the likelihood of inmates continuing the dangerous and expensive cycle of repeated criminal behavior. All of the education programs offered in the jail are focused toward providing inmates with the tools to make major behavioral changes in their lives and steer them away from crime as their profession of choice.

Since August, 1995, the Naples and Immokalee Jail Centers have substantially expanded educational opportunities available to inmates. New programs include a Closed Circuit Television System that provides educational programming, a videotape Inmate Orientation Briefing, an Education Block, an expanded General Education Development Classroom Program and a Vocational Counseling Program. Additionally, Alcohol/Drug Abuse and

Religious programs are provided to inmates in both jail centers.

*Some highlights:*

**Closed Circuit Television** - For approximately 17 hours a day, inmates view educational programs to include six hours of prerecorded education programming (General Education Development — or GED and history) and two inmate briefings in both English and Spanish. During the remainder of the day, education programs include PBS, Discovery, Travel Channel and The Learning Channel.

**Education Block** - The Education Block provides a positive living and learning environment to encourage inmates to change for the better during incarceration. Inmates in the Block participate in GED or English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) for approximately 20-25 hours per week. Educational activities are supervised by instructors from the Collier County School District.

**Expanded GED/High School Classroom program** - This program provides an opportunity for inmates who cannot be housed in the Education Block to participate in a GED program. Three instructors from the Collier County School District are working in the program. Approximately 900 inmates have participated in GED studies offered in the Education Block and the Expanded GED Program since July 1995.

**Vocational Counseling** - Counselors from the Lorenzo Walker Technical Institute visit the Naples Jail Center twice a month. Vocational counseling includes testing of employability skills, a vocational assessment, and providing information on vocational training and other educational programs available in the community.

**Project Recovery and Alcoholics/Narcotics Anonymous** - Both pro-

grams are designed to reduce recidivism by assisting participants in accepting responsibility for their behavior. The programs help inmates develop effective ways of handling the stress of life without drugs and alcohol.

**Religious Programs** - The facility is fortunate to have the services of two volunteer Ordained Chaplains who work full-time in the jail. They provide valuable services by visiting inmates in their housing areas, conducting both counseling and prayer sessions. Additionally, they coordinate all religious services to include scheduling of several community volunteers who conduct bible studies, church services and other religious activities for the inmate population.

#### ***Other programs which save tax dollars***

In May, 1995, The Naples and Immokalee Jail Centers started charging fees for certain categories of non-emergency health care provided to inmates. Fees are charged for self-initiated, non-referred, and non-emergency care. Inmates are not charged for mandated health care, mental health care or emergency care. Charging the fees has reduced the number of inmates seeking medical services, thus enabling the medical staff to focus their efforts on caring for inmates with serious problems. Charging the fees has helped offset the cost of providing health care to the inmate population. Since its inception in 1995, fees charged for medical services have totaled \$17,450 while collections were slightly lower at \$11,100 — a 63% recovery rate.

Over the last several years, food service and inmate transportation were contracted out to private providers at a substantial cost savings. More recently — June, 1995 — the commissary system was contracted out. Two staff offi-

cers were re-assigned and space used for storing commissary items was recovered.

The Weekend to Work Program is an alternative sentencing tool designed by Sheriff Hunter and imposed by the Court. Convicted offenders remain gainfully employed during the week while serving their sentences on weekends working on county projects. Participants in the program are not housed in the jail and return home at the end of each day. Benefits from the program include offsetting the surge in jail population on weekends, accomplishment of community projects, and offenders are able to pay their debt to society without the stigma of incarceration and possible loss of jobs.

The Pre-Trial Release program was implemented to reduce the jail inmate population by identifying, recommending release of, and supervising individuals awaiting trial. Candidates for the program must pose no threat to the public, meet stringent entrance criteria, and agree to abide by the rules of the program. Once a judge releases a person on pretrial release, the movement and actions of those in the program are closely monitored. The program has cut the average population of the jail by approximately 60 per day and has saved the taxpayers approximately \$4.7 million since the program's inception.

The Collier County Sheriff's Office continues its search for ways to provide more cost-effective incarceration. Programs that reduce recidivism by providing inmates with opportunities to help themselves hold the greatest possibility for future savings. Studies show that the cycle of repeated arrest and incarceration can be broken to some extent by releasing offenders back into society better prepared to get and hold stable jobs.



# FLORIDA SHERIFFS YOUTH RANCHES HONOR ROLL

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 \$2,500 or more in cash or \$5,000 or more in non-cash gifts to the Youth Ranches. Each Lifetime Honorary Member receives a plaque, a lifetime identification card and lifetime subscriptions to *The Sheriff's Star* and *The Rancher*. Under a 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.

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LAKE COUNTY - Presented by Lake County Sheriff George Knupp (right) to Clinton L. Fordyce.



CITRUS COUNTY - Presented by retired Citrus County Sheriff Charles Dean (left) to Mr. and Mrs. John Brenn.



Norma Roembke

SARASOTA COUNTY - Presented by Sarasota County Sheriff Geoff Monge to Norma Roembke, Suncoast Women's Political Caucus; and Col. and Mrs. Charles A. Betts.



Col. and Mrs. Charles A. Betts



Jay DiPietro

PALM BEACH COUNTY - Presented by former Palm Beach County Sheriff Charles McCutcheon (left) to Jay DiPietro; and to Chief Oscar S. Brown.



Chief Oscar S. Brown



John R. Rougeux, Sr. Annette Rougeux



Steven Brady

ORANGE COUNTY - Presented by Orange County Sheriff Kevin Beary to John R. Rougeux, Sr. (who is joined by his sister-in-law, Annette Rougeux. Sheriff Beary is joined by Youth Ranches Development Officer Sandy Phillips in the presentation to Steven Brady.



LEON COUNTY - Presented by retired Leon County Sheriff Eddie Boone (right) to Mr. & Mrs. Jesse Trimble.

# YOUTH RANCHES HONOR ROLL CONTINUED . . .



Leonard M. Vincenti



Mary LaRose

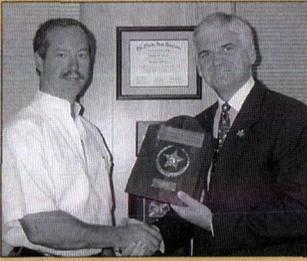


Rick and Ray Bouchard



Kay O'Brien

PINELLAS COUNTY - Presented by Youth Ranch Development Officer, Terry Gregg, to Leonard M. Vincenti; Mary LaRose, of Angie's Bake Shop, Inc.; Rick and Ray Bouchard, Bouchard Insurance Agency; and Kay O'Brien, All Seasons Resort.



Thomas Murphy, Jr.



Mr. and Mrs. Jay Williams



Mr. Paul McKnight



Mr. Rocco Esposito

ALACHUA COUNTY - Presented by Alachua County Sheriff Stephen Oelrich to Thomas Murphy, Jr. of Southern Financial Corporation; Mr. and Mrs. Jay Williams accompanied by former Sheriff Lu Hendry, left; Mr. Paul McKnight; and Mr. Rocco Esposito.



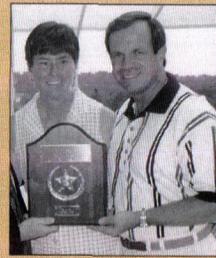
Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Lamparelli



Carolyn Ditterer



David Plockelman



Mr. and Mrs. Walter Nolan



Bob Bleakley



Mrs. Gerrit Postema

CITRUS COUNTY - Presented by Youth Ranches Development Officer Doug Medlin to Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Lamparelli; Carolyn Ditterer; David Plockelman of Nobel's Marine; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Nolan; Bob Bleakley, owner of Crystal River Firestone; Mrs. Gerrit Postema; Carol Camp, manager of the Pump and Pantry Texaco; Mrs. Marcia Diez; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Kellum, Jr.



Carol Camp



Mrs. Marcia Diez



Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Kellum, Jr.



Dennis Williams



Chuck Pettinger

ST. LUCIE COUNTY - Presented by St. Lucie County Sheriff Bobby Knowles to St. Lucie County Undersheriff Dennis Williams; Mrs. L.A. O'Laughlin, Jr.; Chuck Pettinger, Loyal Order of Moose, Port St. Lucie Lodge; and Mr. & Mrs. John Martin Lindsley.



HARDEE COUNTY - Presented by former Hardee County Sheriff Rickey Dick to Leighton D. Bennett.



Mrs. L.A. O'Laughlin, Jr.



Mr. & Mrs. John Martin Lindsley

# YOUTH RANCHES HONOR ROLL CONTINUED . . .



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Suydam



Mr. and Mrs. William Cromrin



Bernice Crabtree



Mrs. Constance Falkner

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY - Presented by Hillsborough County Sheriff Cal Henderson to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Suydam; Mr. and Mrs. William Cromrin; Bernice Crabtree; and Mrs. Constance Falkner. Mr. Clem Salerno also received his honorary membership plaque.



Clem Salerno



JEFFERSON COUNTY - Presented by Jefferson County Sheriff Ken Fortune and Youth Ranches Development Officer Linda Crews to Nancy Pace.



MANATEE COUNTY - Presented by Youth Ranch Program Director Jim Laurent to Mrs. Julie Simons-Smith.



PALM BEACH COUNTY - Presented by Youth Ranches Board Member Erik Fahnoe (right) to Deputy Dean Mirra, of the Broward County Sheriff's Office.



Frank S. Pulliam



Wayne Blythe



Mr. & Mrs. Steven G. Glucksman



Mr. and Mrs. Harold C. Manning

MARTIN COUNTY - Presented by Martin County Sheriff Robert Crowder to Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Pulliam, accepted by Mr. Pulliam; Wayne Blythe; Mr. and Mrs. Steven G. Glucksman; Mr. and Mrs. Harold C. Manning; Darlene R. Kelly and her granddaughters.



Darlene R. Kelly and granddaughters



CHARLOTTE COUNTY - Presented by Charlotte County Sheriff Richard Worch to Frank Goldberg.



Carl Peavy



Mr. and Mrs. Howell Folsome



ESCAMBIA COUNTY - Presented by Escambia County Sheriff Jim Lowman to John R. Manna.



CITRUS COUNTY - Presented by former Citrus County Sheriff Terry LaCasse to Doris Rife and Dot Cook of the Inverness Does, Drove #232.

SUWANNEE COUNTY - Presented by Youth Ranches Development Officer Linda Crews to Mr. and Mrs. Howell Folsome. Also, presented by President of the Youth Ranches, C.T. O'Donnell, to Carl Peavy, retired VP of Administrative Services for the Youth Ranch and Vivian Starling, another longtime employee.



Vivian Starling

# Attention Members:

## Has Your Address Changed Due to 9-1-1?

Emergency management officials have been working to improve access for emergency vehicles in neighborhoods throughout the state. In cases where street names were similar, they have actually changed the residents' addresses.

Unfortunately, this also means that mail often gets re-routed by the Post Office, and in some cases is returned marked "No such number."

We don't want to lose you as a valuable member, but if your address has been changed, you may not be receiving your FSA mailings.

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Tallahassee, FL 32317-2519

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WAC Veterans Association Chapter 78  
Mr. George Youmans  
Mr. and Mrs. Warren C. Young

# Briefly noted...

## Business Owners and Bankers: Don't Miss This Seminar

Fraud and forgery can take an astronomical toll on businesses and financial institutions. And yet, these days the practice can be so sophisticated and technologically-advanced, how can business owners and managers possibly protect themselves?

The Big Bend Fraud & Forgery Task Force is bringing together a group of professionals at the 1997 Fraud Seminar to answer that question . . . and many more.

The one-day seminar is scheduled for Tuesday, April 29, from 8:00

a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Silver Slipper Restaurant in Tallahassee. The fee is \$35 per person, which includes lunch.

Frustrated by the rising number of economic crimes committed against the business and banking communities, a group of professionals and organizations banded with law enforcement to create The Big Bend Fraud & Forgery Task Force. Their mission is to exchange information, talk about the problems they see in protecting their businesses against fraud, discuss ways to reduce the economic loss suffered, and ensure successful criminal prosecution for the perpetrators.

There will be a special guest speaker in attendance. . . a man who was once known as the world's most

famous check forgers: Frank Abagnale. He is now one of the leading authorities on check fraud and secure documents, and author of "Catch Me If You Can," a book that tells the inside secrets of his days on the run.

Also on the topics list: Check Fraud/Check Washing, Credit/Debit Card Fraud, Handwriting Analysis, and Suspicious Transactions.

Lodging for the seminar is available at the nearby Executive Suites, located at 522 Scotty's Lane, phone: (904) 386-2121. For more information about the seminar, contact Steven F. Harrelson, chairman, at (904) 922-3410.



Pasco County Sheriff Lee Cannon received a check for the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches in the amount of \$1,000 from Commander Cliff Rose, VFW Post 6180. The donation was made on behalf of Lorraine Nicolai.



Len Hochberg (second from left), Chairman of the City of Margate S.A.L.T. Council, received a plaque from Broward County Sheriff Ron Cochran (third from left) to recognize a \$1,000 donation made on his behalf. Pictured with the Sheriff and recipient are Margate Police Department Crime Prevention officer George Woolley (far left), and Deputies Anthony Romano and Paul Levy, both of the Broward Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Hochberg noted that Ordway P. Burden made the donation in his friend's name, to honor his efforts as Chair of the City of Margate S.A.L.T. council and his work as Director of the Broward County TRIAD.