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From the desk of . . .



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

Every year, the nation honors its fallen law-enforcement officers — from the uniformed policeman who was shot while stopped at a red light in Washington, DC, to the deputies who have been murdered when trying to make an arrest.

Memorial services are held in communities across the U.S., and this year, those services will take place May 10 - 16.

In honor of our fallen heroes, we have included a special personal essay from Martin County Deputy Jenell Atlas in this issue of *The Sheriff's Star*. Deputy Atlas urges her readers to think about these people who literally lay down their lives for strangers. She writes, "During that week, go out of your way and thank a cop. Show them the respect they deserve. Say hello, smile at one of us. Say a prayer to keep us safe."

No one could have said it better. Because you are a supporter of the Florida Sheriffs Association, I know I can count on you to make a special effort during that week to show your appreciation to the men and women in law enforcement that you meet. Let's let the families of officers who have given their lives to save others know they are not forgotten.

Courage under the badge

Those of us who have been honored to wear a badge — especially the Sheriff's badge — take the responsibility seriously.

Over the years, I've heard stories about the Sheriff's badge and decided it might be interesting to look into the history of this piece of metal that men and women wear so proudly.

Who better to write a historical perspective than Carl Stauffer, our former editor of *The Sheriff's Star* magazine, and a man rich with history in the Florida Sheriffs Association, having been associated with our organization for more than 40 years. You can read about his findings on page 4.

Expanding on the Internet

You'll probably recall that the Florida Sheriffs Association announced its entry into the world wide web last year. I'm happy to say that we've made some changes to our website and would welcome a visit from our members and readers. The address is www.flsheriffs.org.

We've included a changing news item on the welcome page and have added a few new features, including the "Press Room" and "Task Force Update." These areas are rapidly changing and we find no better way to help you keep up with it than to put it on our website.

Speaking of change, the Florida Sheriffs Association has seen drastic changes in its 88 years of existence. We are now not only the oldest law-enforcement organization, but one of the largest in the nation. With these designations comes the obligation to maintain the quality of services our Sheriffs and membership have come to expect.

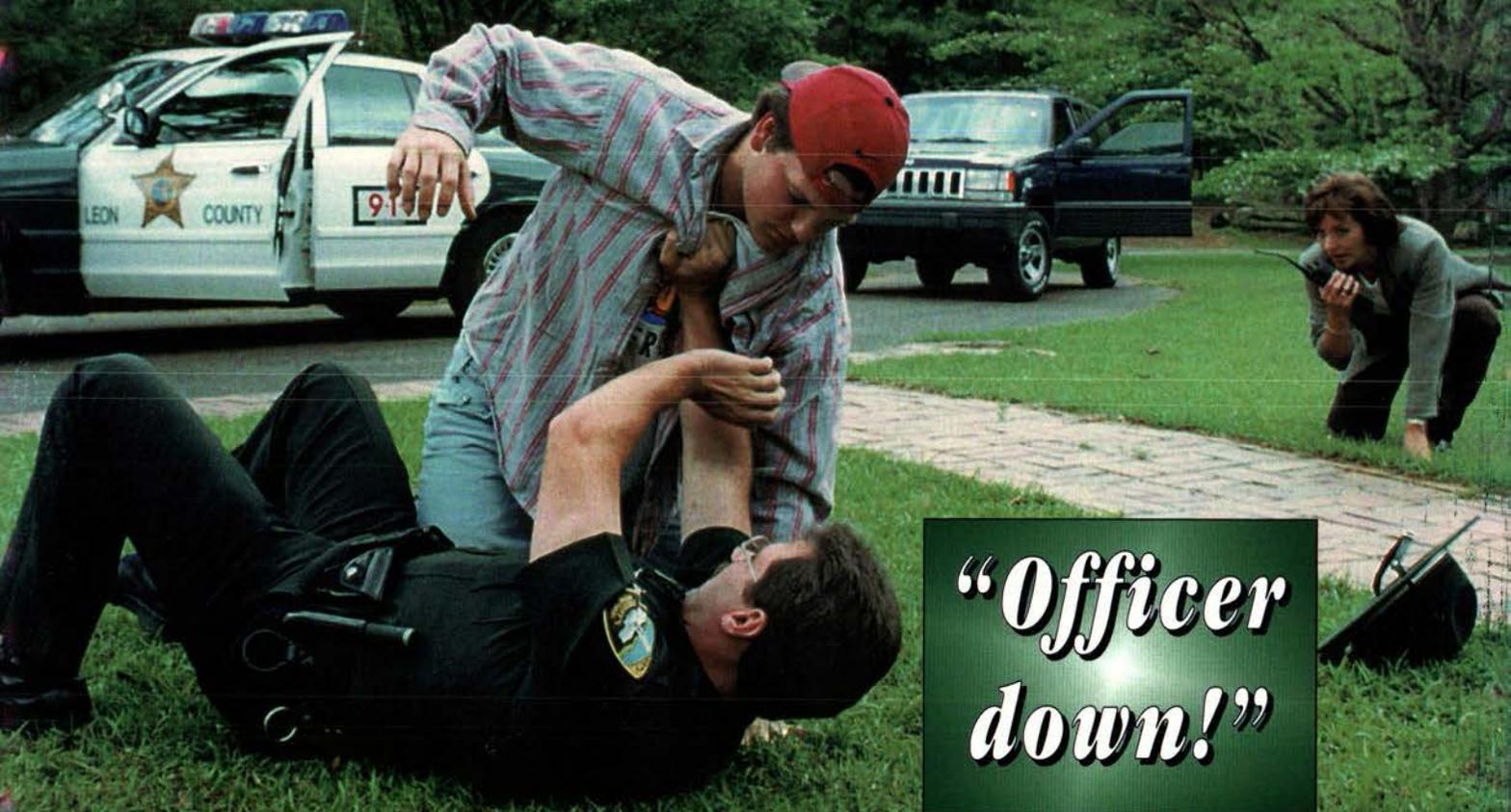
To keep up with this level, FSA has determined a need to expand our offices by adding on to our current building. In order to offset these costs, we will be turning to you — our loyal members — to ask for a little extra help if you can provide it. We hope you will be receptive to this request.

Still, we hope that you will see this as a very positive sign that FSA is effectively serving the citizens of this great state. It is because of your continued support in the past that we have been able to grow. We hope we can count on that support for the future.

Buddy

J. M. "Buddy" Phillips
Executive Director

THE SHERIFF'S STAR



*“Officer
down!”*

The two scariest words to a law enforcement officer. Officer down, or “10-24” in cop talk, means that an officer is literally going down . . . they are getting beat up and are on the ground. These words heard over the radio makes your heart beat faster and sends your body into the fight or flight mode. You listen carefully for your fellow officer’s next words

Crime Prevention Tip:

Boaters Beware: Motor Theft is On the Rise

It used to be that if you had a boat on a trailer and secured the trailer to a tree with a hefty chain and lock, you wouldn't have much to worry about. Not anymore. The bad guys aren't looking for the whole boat anymore, they'll be just as happy to take your outboard motor.

The Florida Sheriffs Association Task Force and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement are alerting boaters and marine shops throughout the state that outboard motor theft is on the rise.

One boat shop owner in Wakulla County was hit three times, costing him hundreds of thousands of dollars. In one incident, the criminals even used his truck to drive off with the new and used outboard motors. The business owner has since installed lights around his fenced work yard and incorporated a security system in the fence.

There is a growing uneasiness across the state for marinas and boat owners. Officials in Long Boat Key reported that they had been hit over the last couple of years sporadically, sometimes at a cost of \$30,000 to \$40,000 per night. In the last six months, though, thieves have struck more than 30 times in Manatee County alone.

And it's not just the business owners that have to worry. The *Bradenton Herald* reported that one man had parked his wife's car in front of the trailer holding his new 25-foot Sea Cat with two outboard Evinrude 150-horsepower motors, worth about \$8,500 each. He also secured the motors with a cable. Despite the precaution, he woke on January 28, to find that the boat was gone. The rainy night before, thugs had managed to maneuver the boat out of the driveway. Authorities called the distraught man a few hours later to tell them they found his boat and trailer, worth about \$31,000, but the thieves had stripped it of just about everything else, including the motors.

Law-enforcement officials say when a motor is taken and possibly re-sold within the

state that it isn't just your ordinary theft. Instead, it's suspected that the motors are being taken in bulk and exported. The trend seems to be driven by a growing demand for motors overseas, especially in the Caribbean. Once outside the States, the motors are not easy to trace.

It's not seasonal and not predictable. The only pattern that has been discovered in some parts of the state is that the criminals often strike on rainy nights when windows are closed (less chance of being heard) and fingerprints are washed away.

What are the thieves looking for? Name-brand motors with high horsepower. They have taken as much as \$60,000 worth of motors and equipment from boats either docked or on land.

And officials suspect that because South Florida marinas and boat shop owners have taken precautions to avoid being hit again, the thieves are moving north — especially along the west coast.

What can you do to protect your outboard motor? According to a Manatee County Sheriff's Office Marine Crime Watch booklet, the three elements that discourage most burglars and thieves are time, noise and visibility. Anything that requires the thief to take more time, make more noise or puts them in a position of being observed will discourage them and protect you and your property.

Lt. Larry Massa, with the Wakulla County Crime Prevention Unit, offers these additional tips:

- Make sure you have copied the serial numbers of your outboard motor in an easily accessible log book.
- Because serial numbers are often on a plate that can be pried off, engrave the number, along with your Driver's License number, somewhere else on the motor. Choose a part that can't be removed. Sheriffs Office Crime Prevention Units often have engravers to loan.
- Photograph the area where you've engraved the information, in case a motor is discovered with deep etching.
- Photograph the motor.
- Keep the boat parked in a secure area, preferably in a garage.
- If you're leaving it in a fenced yard, make sure the area is well-lit and difficult to access. A security system built-into the fence can help.
- Consider running a chain tightly around the motor and securing it with a quality marine lock to the trailer, boat or a nearby tree.
- Remove expensive electronics and gear from the boat and store it in a separate location.
- Report any suspicious activity around your boat, dock or marina. Following the theft, many people recalled seeing people looking at their boat motor over a period of days and assumed they cased the place and waited for a rainy night to strike.



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Badge of Honor: The Sheriff's Star

By: Carl Stauffer
Former Editor, Sheriff's Star



A durable design

The basic five-pointed star design Sheriffs approved more than 40 years ago has remained essentially unchanged. However, according to Jim Klein, who is now the president of Martin's Uniforms, a division of Superior Surgical Manufacturing Company, the manufacturing process has been refined several times.

"The first badges had full round balls applied to the star points, but this proved to be very labor intensive and costly," he explained. "Over the years a new process was developed utilizing only half-round balls, and this is the badge currently worn by Florida Sheriffs. This particular badge is available at greater savings."

Once upon a time, more than 40 years ago, Florida's Sheriffs could choose their badges to suit their whims, quirks or personalities. There were big, five-pointed or six-pointed stars for the brash, macho types; modest shield designs for the shy guys; and fancy creations festooned with wreaths and sunbursts for flamboyant swashbucklers to wear on their manly chests.

Those were laid back, free-wheeling times, but "winds of change" began buffeting law enforcement in 1952 when young, progressive Sheriffs were elected in a number of Florida counties. These "young turks" (as they were called when they began to take control of the Sheriffs Association) included Hillsborough Sheriff Ed Blackburn, Sarasota Sheriff Ross Boyer, Monroe Sheriff John Spottswood, Highlands Sheriff Broward Coker, Hardee Sheriff Odell Carlton and Marion Sheriff Don McLeod. They were impatient with the "old ways" of maintaining the public peace and began proposing new ideas designed to professionalize and modernize the ancient art of "Sheriffing."

One of their top priorities was to abolish the haphazard hodgepodge of badges worn by Florida's Sheriffs and deputies, and they planned to do this by establishing one official badge. First, however, they needed an attractive, distinctive design — one that would be readily accepted statewide — and they knew exactly where to go for expert advice.

"Badge Brigade" organized

Without delay they consulted Sherwin J. "Jim" Klein, from Martin's Uniforms, Tampa; Joe Ferland, from V.H. Blackington & Co., a badge manufacturing firm in Attleboro Falls, Massachusetts; and Mike Cowan, from Donald S. Lavigne Co., Miami, another uniform merchandiser serving Sheriffs at that time.

Off to the drawing board went this "badge brigade," and when they returned weeks later they submitted a sketch for Sheriffs to



The Badge Brigade



Sheriff Blackburn



Sheriff Boyer



Sheriff Spottswood



Sheriff Coker



Sheriff Carlton



Sheriff McLeod

consider. The result was a five-pointed star with balls on the points (presumably to protect Sheriffs from becoming wounded when they embraced new ideas). The center of the star was dominated by a simplified version of the great seal of the State of Florida, and an outline of the state was superimposed upon the seal. Sheriffs pondered, discussed, revised and approved this design; then persuaded The Florida Legislature to pass a 1957 law that not only gave official sanction to the new badge design, but also carried a penalty for unauthorized use of it.

"It shall be unlawful," the statute stated, "for any person other than Sheriffs and deputy sheriffs to wear an official Sheriff's badge as prescribed herein, or to wear a badge or insignia of such similarity to the official Sheriff's badge as to be indistinguishable therefrom at a distance of 20 feet."

Violating this stern prohibition was originally a second degree misdemeanor, and it was elevated to a first degree misdemeanor in 1971. Otherwise, the entire statute has remained unchanged.

One of many innovative projects

And so it came to pass that Florida's Sheriffs acquired an official badge for the first time in their history. This was a significant step toward the professionalism they were avidly seeking at that time, but it was just one of many innovative projects with which they were involved in this era.

Working together through the Sheriffs Association, they standardized the colors on their patrol cars; founded the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, and the Florida Law Enforcement Academy; upgraded Florida's criminal laws; established the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, forerunner of the present Florida Department of Law Enforcement; and played a major role in setting professional standards for all of Florida's lawmen. They were walking tall, and casting a long shadow across the criminal justice landscape at that time, and their influence on the progress of law enforcement is still substantial.

The Badge

Your Sheriff's symbol of authority has a long and colorful history

The word BADGE originated centuries ago in Normandy, a region in the northwest area of France, and was brought to England in 1066 by Norman invaders under the leadership of William the Conqueror. At that time the spelling was BAGE. Over many years it evolved into BAGGE, and finally BADGE.

During the Age of Chivalry (an era of ethical ideals that reached its zenith in the 12th and 13th centuries), knights and their men at arms carried banners into battle to identify friend from foe. These banners displayed family coats of arms and were called BADGES. Later, the same symbols were displayed on the tunics of soldiers. It was a simple way of putting them into uniform.

Badges flourished between the 14th and 16th centuries as emblems of allegiance to various members of the aristocracy. Subsequently, their use broadened and it became customary to make them of metal.

Around 1600, the word BADGE began appearing in the writings of famous authors and playwrights. William Shakespeare called sweet mercy "nobility's badge." Spanish novelist Miguel de Cervantes injected "badge of honor" into his prose. In the 19th century, American novelist Stephen Crane wrote about "The Red Badge of Courage."

The five-pointed star is well-grounded in antiquity as an appropriate badge symbol. It appeared on the Earl of Oxford's coat-of-arms, and in those days was called a molet. With passing years, lingual corruption changed molet to mullet, but fortunately this usage soon dropped into obscurity.

In the 19th century, U.S. lawmen wore badges of tin, copper and engraved silver. Today, silver-plated and gold-plated badges are "in," copper and tin are "out." The present design of the badges worn by Florida's Sheriffs and deputies was created more than 40 years ago, and a law passed by the Florida Legislature in 1957 gave it official sanction.

City of Dunedin Benefits From Sheriff's Office Contract

Editor's Note:

Cities throughout Florida are evaluating the return on investment in city policing. Some have contracted out their law enforcement to their local Sheriff's Office, which can provide additional patrols, specialized programs and even a substation for that area. Most often, the result is better quality resources, increased services, and a reduced crime rate for the community.

The *Sheriff's Star* first reported about Contract Law Enforcement in our November/December 1996 issue. The following submission is a follow up on the success of our case study of the city of Dunedin.

Guest Comment

By: *Tom Anderson*
Mayor, City of Dunedin

Dunedin is a city of 37,000 people located on the west coast of Pinellas County, covering approximately 10 square miles.

A little over three years ago, the residents and Dunedin City Commission faced an extremely controversial issue in regard to who should provide law enforcement services. The question was whether we should continue with the Dunedin Police Department or engage the services of the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office. This issue led to very active participation by residents and the largest voter turnout in Dunedin's history.

It was a difficult and challenging time for the entire City Commission and especially for me, having cast the deciding vote. I am very happy to report that based upon a staff evaluation of performance by the Sheriff's Office and feedback from our residents, the results of this decision have been very beneficial to the city and our residents.

The cost of Dunedin's Police Department represented 26 percent of the FY 94/95 General Fund Budget (\$4.4 million). Therefore, the Commission initiated extensive studies. After careful evaluation by the City Commission, it was determined that contracting with the Pinellas County Sheriff could generate substantial savings while maintaining an equal or better level of police protection.

In January 1995, the majority of the Commission voted to contract with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office to provide law enforcement services effective October 1, 1995. In February 1996, Dunedin voters approved by a 3 to 1 vote to retain the services of the Sheriff's Office. After two years of contracting with the Sheriff's Office, the following results have been achieved:

- The actual savings will be over \$10 million for the first four years of the contract, versus the original estimate of \$8 million



Tom Anderson
Mayor, city of Dunedin



Pinellas County Sheriff Everett Rice (standing) and Dunedin Mayor Tom Anderson (left) worked closely with the Dunedin city commissioners to come up with a winning proposal to provide enhanced police services. The partnership has proved a success, including nearly double the arrests, nearly 50 percent more cases solved, increased patrols and faster response — plus, a \$10 million savings which resulted in a decreased tax rate for residents.

- Cash reserves have increased by \$2.1 million
- A 10 percent tax decrease for 1995/96 and a 5 percent tax decrease for 1996/97 have been achieved
- Law enforcement services have increased with an expanded Neighborhood Crime Watch program; Community Policing program; and enhanced enforcement of drug related activity
- Response time has improved, and there has been a 93 percent increase in overall arrests and a 43 percent increase in cases solved
- A greater police presence has resulted with 150 deputies working out of the Sheriff's North District Station. This gives a larger presence, greater visibility and better backup support. The former Police Department had 54 sworn officers working out of the facility.
- The change was accomplished with minimum impact on the existing Police Department personnel. Of the 92 employees, 91 were employed or accommodated through positions with the city, Sheriff, voluntary retirement, etc.

The basic objective of county and city government is to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of providing services to our taxpayers in a fair and equitable manner. Therefore, it is our duty and responsibility as elected officials to consider the advantages and disadvantages of contracting with the Sheriff's Office for law enforcement services.

Dunedin's contract with the Sheriff's Office has resulted in substantial cost savings and enhanced quality and delivery of law enforcement services. This arrangement has worked well for us and I believe it will also work well for other small cities in Florida.

Bradford County Sheriff Bob Milner Receives Accolades, Accreditation

You could say that 1997 was a banner year for Bradford County Sheriff Bob Milner. In September, Sheriff Milner graduated from and served as spokesperson for the FBI Academy 190th session. Then, in October, he received the top award for law-enforcement agencies from the Florida Crime Prevention Association.

At the annual conference for the Florida Crime Prevention Association (FCPA) in October, Sheriff Milner was recognized as the law-enforcement agency head who has taken the initiative to support proactive law enforcement and who goes the extra mile to advance crime-prevention efforts in his community.

FCPA president, Detective Alan Bock, cited Sheriff Milner's effort to get grant money to fund a full-time crime prevention deputy for three years, including the costs of a patrol vehicle, computer and related equipment.

At the conference, Sheriff Milner was greeted by actor and educator Edward James Olmos ("Miami Vice" fame), who was guest speaker and presented the award.

Bradford County, located in north central Florida, has only 18 full-time and nine auxiliary sworn law-enforcement officers in an area of approximately 28,000 residents. When Sheriff Milner was first elected in 1993, they had no crime-prevention unit. He was able to obtain funding, and by October 1995, Sheriff Milner's vision became a reality.

The following year the county posted a 51 percent reduction in crime. It also showed a 13 percent reduction of crime in the city of Starke, the county seat.

As a direct result of the crime prevention program, there have been 12 U.S. Attorney (federal) convictions based on information from citizens who reported suspicious activity, giving full descriptions of suspicious persons, and provided tag numbers of suspicious vehicles in their neighborhood.

There are now 15 active neighborhood watch groups and eight advisory boards or tenant associations in the county.

Crime Prevention Officer Deputy Raymond Hunt heads up the program and he has given over 100 presentations to businesses, churches and community groups and far exceeded objectives for the first years of the program. All deputies have also received some crime-prevention training and materials to assist citizens in protecting themselves from becoming a victim.



Bradford County Sheriff Bob Milner, center, received the Florida Crime Prevention Association's highest award for his innovative approach to crime prevention. He is pictured here receiving a plaque and accolades from actor/education advocate Edward James Olmos (left) and Alan Bock, president of the Florida Crime Prevention Association.



Bob Milner
Sheriff, Bradford County

The FCPA also cited Sheriff Milner's personal involvement with youth oriented groups and advanced training for investigating elderly abuse and scams. Sheriff Milner started the Sheriff's Explorers group for teenagers and this year added an elementary school mentoring program through the Big Brothers and Sisters organization. The mentors are all staff members of the Sheriff's Office who volunteer their time each month to spend with an elementary student in need of a big brother or sister.

When traveling to receive the FCPA award, Sheriff Milner was probably in his best physical and mental state ever, as a new graduate from the rigorous FBI Academy Program at Quantico, Virginia. The program — which covers 11 weeks of advanced

investigative, management and fitness training — included men and women from 49 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, 19 countries, six military organizations and two Federal civilian organizations.

Training for the program is provided by FBI Academy instructional staff, Special Agents, and other staff members holding advanced degrees.

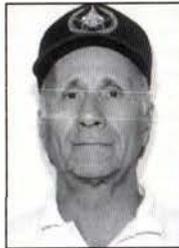
Selected officers in the internationally recognized Academy must have a proven record as a professional within his or her agency. On the average, participants have 16 years of law-enforcement experience.

Congratulations, Sheriff Milner. Your fellow Sheriffs and the citizens of the state of Florida are proud of your accomplishments.



Volunteer: Collier County Doing Right with Drill Camp for Juvenile Offenders

Mark Jackson, a part-time resident of Collier County, did something that many people talk about but few people do. When he had questions about the Collier County Sheriff's Office, he joined the Citizen's Police Academy to learn more. And when his inquiring mind focused on the Sheriff's relatively young Drill Camp for juvenile offenders, he answered an invitation to visit the facility and meet with candidates to hear more about their experiences.



Mark Jackson

He came away not only with a newfound respect for the Camp, the staff and the Sheriff — he became an advocate and a volunteer for the facility.

After a few experiences as an insider, Jackson decided the story needed to be told so others would realize the positive effect it was having on juveniles' lives. He wrote to the Florida Sheriffs Association saying he hoped that a story on the camp would "correct the untruths and inaccuracies" that the media includes in news stories -- which the public unwittingly believes.

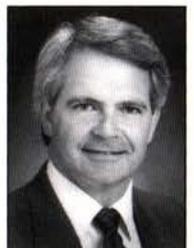
"Let's tell it like it is," Jackson wrote in a letter with accompanying photographs. "Our Sheriff's Drill Camp is a spectacular success," he continued. "It's recidivism rate is a mere 30 to 35 percent and getting lower." The six month after-care program is



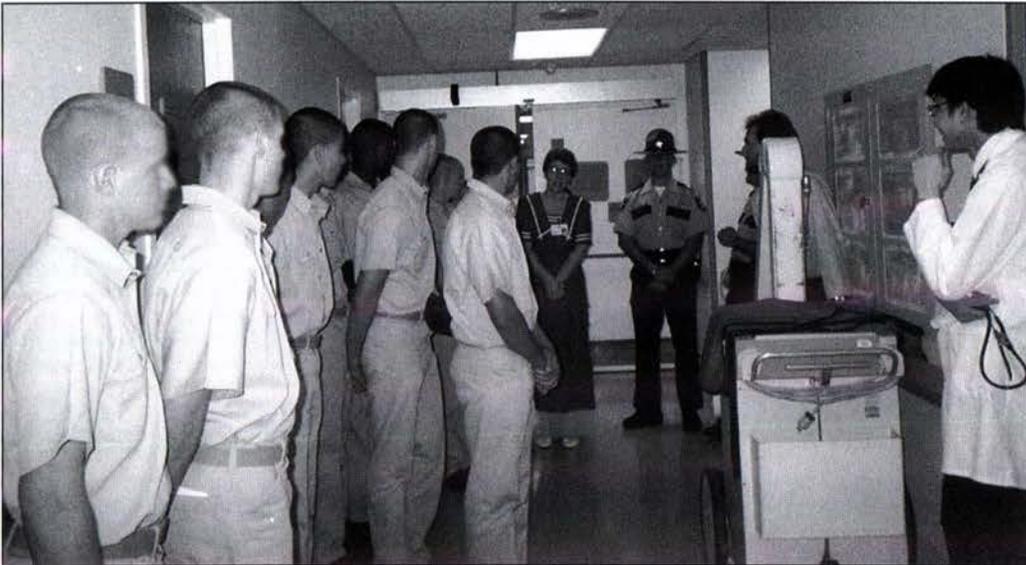
Collier County's Drill Camp for juvenile offenders has become a model for success by other counties throughout the United States. Their program includes work duty in locations other than the camp to broaden their view. Recent field trips included visiting the Miami Children's Hospital, the Naples Daily News and an instructional cruise on a Coast Guard Cutter.

a showcase model, Jackson said. Other juvenile crime agencies, including out-of-staters, have sent representatives to learn the formula. The University of Maryland's federally funded juvenile crime study group sent one of its staff researchers to study and learn from camp officials.

"Obviously, (Collier County) Sheriff (Don) Hunter must be hitting home runs," Jackson concluded.



Sheriff Hunter



Candidates stand at attention before entering the Miami Children's Hospital Intensive Care Unit.

The Immokalee Drill Camp, which has been in operation only two years, is run by the Collier County Sheriff's Office. The "Drill" in "Drill Camp" stands for Discipline, Respect, Integrity, Learning and Leadership. These principles guide its mission.

"One of the major reasons for the camp's flying colors is the total dedication and commitment of its staff," Jackson writes. "Camp Commander (Scott) Salley and his executive officer, Lt. (Jim) Hansen, have built a team of high quality deputies." Even in the face of budgetary restraints and ongoing funding cuts, he noted.

"The candidates respect the deputies and hold them in high esteem. Because the candidates are street smart, one can't fool them. They sense the staff members are their sincere surrogates, not antagonistic adversaries supplying placebos."

Jackson credits the positive partnerships formed with other community entities, including Florida Gulf Coast University and Publix, for making the program stand out. "(The Drill Camp) goes beyond just a place of incarceration," Jackson said.

Lt. Hansen was responsible for arranging interaction between the camp and Florida Gulf Coast University's department of juvenile criminal justice professors and students. The camp has even opened the facility to students for research and study. At Publix, candidates work in stores and stock shelves for a day.

Recognizing their openness to give candidates exposure beyond day-to-day drills, Jackson helped organize a one-day trip to Miami Children's Hospital. The trip, which organizers hoped might provide a little preventative medicine for future deviant behavior, included a tour of the hospital, work duty cleaning the playroom, career counseling and participation in focus group discussions dealing with risky behavior such as drug use, tobac-

co and early sexual involvement.

The 250-bed hospital treats youngsters from newborns to 18. There are patients with cancer, respiratory illnesses and meningitis. An area in the facility that made a lasting impression on the candidates was the Intensive Care Unit, Jackson said.

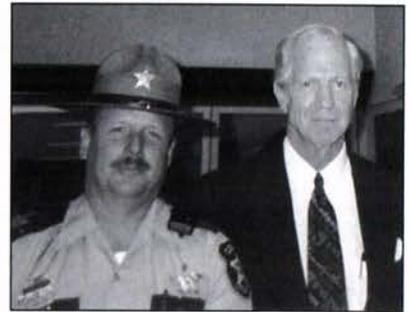
The candidates also participated in a one-on-one instructional cruise on a Coast Guard Cutter, P.T. Steele, and Jackson helped arrange for a tour of the *Naples Daily News* offices. Candidates met with the president and publisher, Corbin Wyant, as well as an editor and advertising manager to learn more specifics about how a newspaper is put together.

Much of Jackson's involvement in the Drill Camp has been to try to change candidates' perspective about the outside world, and to help them realize how much they have going for them.

Jackson was invited to give a motivational speech to graduates who were entering the Drill Camp's six month after-care program. He says he talked to them about what it's like to grow up in a depression, where food and essentials are scarce. "You might have two meals a day, sometimes only one — and yet we didn't get into criminal activity," he told them.

He emphasized the importance of self-respect and integrity. "Don't lie," he said, "and if you make a commitment, you'd better keep it."

Rules to live by, whether you're a Drill Camp candidate or not.



Collier County Lt. Jim Hansen, left, and Corbin Wyant, president and publisher of *Naples Daily News*. Wyant personally conducted the tour of the newspaper.



Drill Camp volunteer and FSA member, Mark Jackson, left, pals around with Collier County Lt. Jim Hansen.

Business Alert:

Attend This Seminar To Avoid Fraud

Each year, businesses across the state of Florida are robbed of millions of dollars through check and credit card fraud, money laundering schemes and outright hold-ups. This is money that goes directly in the pockets of criminals.

To help companies and financial institutions avoid becoming victims, the Big Bend Fraud & Forgery Task Force began holding annual seminars educate participants on what to look for when a person is writing a check, opening a bank account or using a credit card. They've saved an enormous amount of money for a lot of people.

"It's amazing what we're able to accomplish with this task force," says detective Steven Harrelson, chairman of the Big Bend Fraud & Forgery Task Force. The task force has brought immeasurable results in protecting participating financial institutions and businesses, he says.

It stopped one repeat offender dead in his tracks.

The man had an extensive background on check systems and used fake Social Security numbers to open accounts. He would deposit a very minimal amount and then begin drawing checks on funds that weren't there.

He made the mistake of going to a bank that trained personnel in techniques to avoid fraud. He tried to open an account using his real name and a false social security number, but his approach raised red flags in the teller's mind and she refused to establish an account for him. The teller then contacted the Sheriff's Office and they were later able to arrest the man who was wanted on previous charges.

What you can do

One of the best tools to fight fraud is information that can protect the business or financial institution. That's what the Fraud Seminar 1998 provides for participants.

It's the first step in awareness, according to Harrelson. "We will give them the knowledge of what to be aware of," he says.

The next step is to improve ongoing communication between law enforcement, businesses, banks and credit unions.

"We need communication," says Harrelson. "We need one-on-one contact and to be on a personal level with banking peo-

"First Union Bank credits their fingerprinting policy of non-account holders for saving them 33 percent in forgery cases statewide."

What: Fraud Seminar 1998

Who: Big Bend Fraud & Forgery Task Force

When: April 29, 1998, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Where: Silver Slipper Restaurant, 531 Scotty's Lane, Tallahassee

Why: Protect businesses and financial institutions from fraud. Topics include: Robbery, Credit Card Fraud, Counterfeit Money and Money Laundering.

Cost: Early registration prior to April 18, \$40 first person, \$30 each addition person/employer. Includes lunch. Late registration and at the door: \$60 per person.

Who should attend: Business owners/managers, bank tellers/cashiers, customer service representatives, branch managers, retail and financial institution security personnel, white collar crime investigators, patrol officers

Contact: Detective Steven Harrelson, 850-922-3410

ple." Sharing information with the rest of the business community often prevents another incident of fraud.

In credit card fraud, it's the merchants who pay the price, Harrelson says. But if they can learn certain questions to ask or information to obtain when the check is presented, they can prevent having to pay the price that comes with being the victim.

"No matter what amount of money they're going to invest in the workshop, they're going to get it back, even if it's refusing one check," he insists.

First Union Bank Saves \$\$

A policy recommended by the Task Force that some institutions have implemented has been credited with saving hundreds of thousands of dollars in lost deposits. Fingerprinting non-account holders when they present a check to be cashed at the originating institution allows law enforcement to positively identify a criminal minutes after they have committed the crime. It also protects institutions when the check-holder refuses to be fingerprinted and leaves without cashing the check. Ninety percent of the criminals committing bank fraud have previous records and their fingerprints will be on file with state law enforcement.

First Union Bank — ironically the bank where Harrelson does business — credits this policy for a 33 percent reduction in forgery cases statewide.

The Big Bend Fraud & Forgery Task Force's work goes

beyond the seminar, though. The Task Force is a group of professional people and organizations that came together as a result of the rising number of crimes committed against businesses and the banking community. Due to the sophisticated nature of many of these crimes, the law enforcement, banking and business communities needed a way to exchange information, work out any problems associated with the incident, reduce the economic loss suffered by all, and ensure successful criminal prosecution.

Since its creation, the Task Force has been a pioneer in the fight against financial crimes. Through fax alerts and other information exchanges, they were able to stop a check ring out of Miami from bringing their "bad business" to North Florida. Typically ring members would present a fake identification and open an account with a minimum balance. It turned out that the criminals were using different identifications and wearing the same clothing making them easily recognizable by security cameras.

Information sharing between law enforcement, banks and

credit unions also helped the area stop another ring from Atlanta from entering the Florida market.

Something for everyone

The Fraud Seminar 1998 will cover a range of topics, including robbery, which has become a growing problem in the Big Bend area and across the state. In fact, the Task Force is dedicating two hours of the program to this topic. Lt. Jim Beebe, Citrus County Sheriff's Office will be the speaker.

Credit card fraud will be covered by Jack Post with VISA; counterfeit money by Ray Ventura, a special agent of the Secret Service; money laundering by Thomas Frasca, U.S. Customs Service; and Nathaniel Gallon, Florida Highway Patrol will be the motivational speaker.

For information on registration and attendance, contact Detective Steven Harrelson, 850-922-3410.

Like Father, Like Son: Making Law Enforcement A Family Affair

Fincher & Sons, Bradford & Sons . . . Sheriff & Sons?

For retail and service businesses, it's not uncommon to see the name "& Sons" tagged on the end. Right away it's apparent this is a family enterprise.

But what about law enforcement? Sheriffs' office employees throughout Florida will tell you that many law enforcement professionals have had their son(s) and/or daughter(s) follow in their footsteps.

Manatee County is no different. Except that their story also includes the Sheriff.

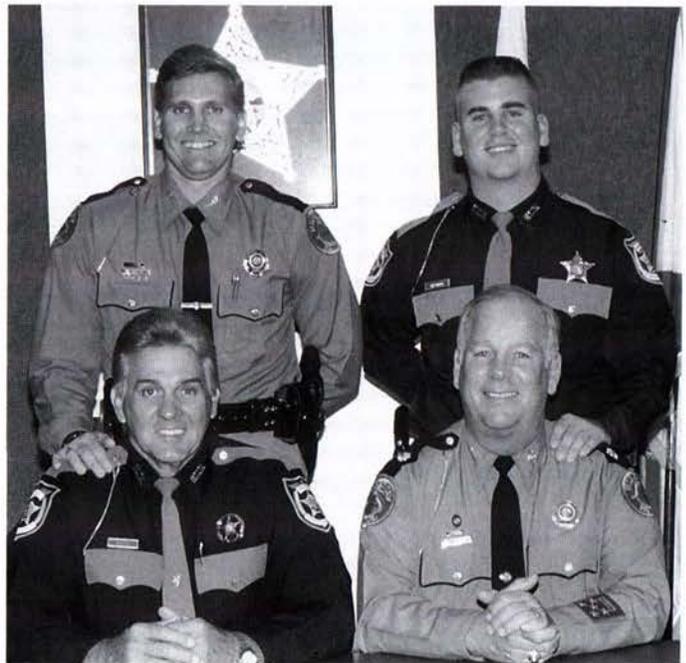
Rick Wells, 33, and the son of Manatee County Sheriff Charlie Wells, is a Florida Highway Patrol Trooper. He has worked in law enforcement for 11 years. Brett Getman, 23, and the son of Florida Highway Patrol Maj. Ron Getman, recently graduated with a degree in criminal justice and just joined the Manatee County Sheriff's Office.

Here's where the irony comes in. Their fathers both started out with the highway patrol and each received numerous promotions over the years. Sheriff Wells left to become chief of the Bradenton Police Department and then ran for Sheriff 13 years ago, won, and has been successful in maintaining the office ever since. Getman, on the other hand, stayed at the highway patrol and rose through the ranks to become commander of the local troop. The Sheriff and Getman have remained friends through the years.

And it's a good thing. Because Getman's son went to work for Sheriff Wells and Sheriff Wells' son now reports to Maj. Getman.

Though Brett Getman's father tried to encourage his son to pursue another career other than being a cop, the family ties were just too strong. When he went to college, he chose Criminal Justice. Rick Wells went into the patrol's training program exactly 20 years and 20 days after his father went to the academy.

Though the fathers say they didn't share too much about the trials a law enforcement officer faces daily with their sons, it seems the lure



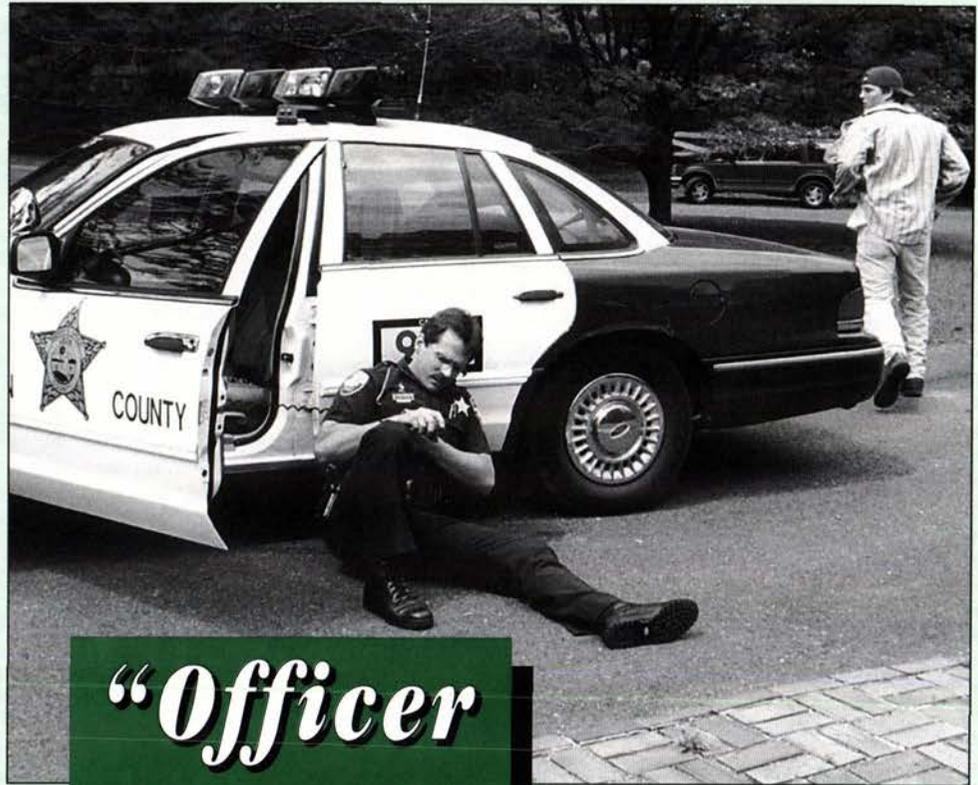
Together in Law Enforcement: Rick Wells, standing left, is the son of Manatee County Sheriff Charlie Wells (seated left). Brett Getman, standing right, is the son of Florida Highway Patrol Maj. Ron Getman. The younger Wells is a Florida Highway Patrol Trooper and reports to Maj. Getman. The younger Getman is a Deputy and reports to Sheriff Wells. Their fathers started their careers in law enforcement at the highway patrol, and have remained friends over the years. Neither expected their sons to enter the same profession.

was too enticing. A young boy growing up seeing his father, dressed in a freshly starched uniform and wearing an official looking hat, drive off in a patrol car is an ideal that's difficult to ignore.

But — for the sake of the state of Florida — aren't we the lucky ones?

By Martin County Deputy Sheriff Jenell Atlas

Each May, the nation sets aside a week to honor those law-enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty. This year the week starts on May 10. Please, attend one of the many memorial ceremonies that will be held and remember those who have given the ultimate sacrifice and honor those who serve your community. During that week, go out of your way and thank a cop. Show them the respect they deserve. Say hello, smile at one of us. Say a prayer to keep us safe.



“Officer down!”

“Officer down!”

The two scariest words to a cop.

Officer down, or “10-24” in cop talk, means that a cop is literally going down. Someone has gotten the best of him or her and the officer is getting beat up and is on the ground. If you are a law-enforcement officer on duty and you hear those words over the radio, your heart immediately starts beating faster, you feel your body going into the fight or flight mode. Your hearing becomes very sensitive as you listen for the next thing to happen on the radio. The radio becomes very busy; dispatchers are asking the officer for details (yes, as you are fighting for your life you must give out details such as your location, how many people are involved, any weapons), and supervisors are asking dispatch for the location of the officer.

If you are the officer uttering those fateful words, you know that things are as bad as they are ever going to get in your life. These may be the last words you speak before you lose your life.

In 1997, 175 law-enforcement officers were killed on the job in the United States. According to a special intelligence report by *Parade* magazine, firearms-related deaths were up 25%, traffic-related fatalities were up 50%. Perhaps the most disturbing statistic of all: several clear-cut

incidents of officers being killed because of their line of work. There are several cases, but one in particular was heart wrenching: An officer in Washington, D.C., was shot and killed as he sat in his patrol car at a traffic light. He was not fighting anyone nor was he trying to make an arrest. He was just sitting at a red light. Think about that the next time you are sitting at a red light. There have been literally thousands of law-enforcement officers who have given their lives in the line of duty. The effect the loss of their lives has had on family members is overwhelming. Children growing up with no father or mother. Spouses are left to raise families alone.

One of the best stories I ever read about law-enforcement officers is by the Rev. Adrian Rogers who talked about heroism and cops. “Too often, acts of heroism go unnoticed and the truth is buried under all the criticism,” he said. “The fact is that less than one-half of 1 percent of officers ever discredit their uniform. That’s a better average than you will find among clergymen.”

I am always saddened when I hear basketball players referred to as heroes. Yes, basketball has a place in society. But heroes? Webster’s dictionary defines a hero as a person “...of great strength and courage. Admired for his courage, nobility and exploits.” I think that defines a cop more than a basketball player. After all, when is the last time a basketball

player faced a crack addict who has not slept for three days and is holding his own child in one hand and a knife in the other and is threatening to kill the child? A cop faces this *every day*. Every single day a cop rescues a child, goes into a dark building to see if someone is inside, fights a fight no one else wants. There is a crime committed in the U.S. every two seconds. Who do you think takes care of those crimes?

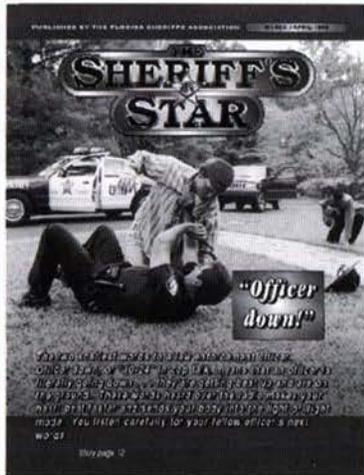
Contrary to popular opinion, we are not paid to get beat up, assaulted, spit on and killed. Yet this happens every day. In fact, 65,000 officers are assaulted each year and 23,000 are injured every year. Someone kills one of us every 54 hours.

Imagine if there were no officers. People simply stopped applying for the job. We got fed up with the low pay, crummy hours and we were spit on one too many times. We got tired of being all things to all people. Imagine if you called 911 and there was no one to come and be your mediator, marriage counselor, tow truck driver, locksmith, chaplain, fighter, or peacemaker. Because whatever your need is, we are expected to fulfill it.

Perhaps you have heard of the *thin blue line*. There are many stories as to what this means. To the cops, it

Our cover photo illustration is a re-enactment of a real incident that happened earlier this year in Leon County. A deputy was answering a call about a suspicious person roaming a neighborhood, who turned out to be a burglar. When the deputy tried to arrest the suspect, a struggle ensued.

The deputy's radio was torn from his body, and he was unable to call for help. A passerby, LaNeal Evans, saw that the deputy was in distress and stopped her car. She ran to pick up the radio and call for help. Her quick thinking and willingness to get involved helped the Leon County Sheriff's Office get assistance to the deputy, and literally saved his life. We'd like to thank our "actors," Deputy Larry Folsom, playing the role of the officer in trouble, and Theo Strauss, playing the role of a bad guy. The *Sheriff's Star* editor, Julie Bettinger, played the role of the citizen radioing for help. Photograph by FSA Art Director, Frank Jones.



means we are standing in the gap between you and the bad guys. I am 5-foot-2 and weigh 120 pounds, yet if someone was trying to hurt you or your family, I would literally stand in front of you so you would not be hurt. I would risk my life and safety for you. And I don't even know you. *That* is the thin blue line. What would you do, what would society do, if there was no one standing in the gap?

When an officer dies in the line of duty, a little piece of our community dies. If we kill or allow those who protect and serve us to be killed, that is truly the beginning of the end of society.

Author's note: This article is dedicated to my fellow officers and to those who have died. You are not forgotten.



Hernando County Sheriff Tom Mylander held a memorial service February 19 to honor Deputy Lonnie C. Coburn, who died in the line of duty 20 years ago. Coburn was shot with his own handgun by a man who had, with an accomplice, just raped and brutally murdered a pregnant woman kidnapped from Sumter County. Deputy Coburn had already reported the license tag number, and after being shot, he managed to call for help on his radio. His last words were "I've been shot." Two hours later an emotional dispatcher radioed his fellow officers that Car 16 was "Signal 7." Several moments of silence followed.

After 20 years, the man who shot Coburn and his accomplice in the rape and murder are still on death row.

Above, Maj. Michael Hensley (left) and Lt. Joe Paez (right) stand by the wreath with the words "Gone, but will never be forgotten," which was placed beneath a photograph of Deputy Coburn. The flag was lowered at half mast to commemorate this fallen hero.

Spotlight on Juvenile Crime



With the recent killing of Arkansas students by their 11- and 13- year-old classmates, juvenile crime is a hot topic in the news. Many people are asking, "What is Florida doing about its share of juvenile crime?"

We turned to the state's Department of Juvenile Justice to find out. They provided a report on recent accomplishments that staff say are already having an impact. Under the direction of DJJ's Secretary Calvin Ross, the department expects the moves will bring a lowered juvenile crime rate in the near future.

The list of recent highlights is followed by a list of goals for the future.

Highlights:

- Brought on line nearly 5,300 new residential commitment beds and non-residential day treatment slots in the past three years. Total commitment capacity for juvenile offenders has increased 176 percent, from 2,841 beds/slots in 1993-94 to 7,844 (figures as of 12/97).
- Expanded delinquency prevention and intervention efforts through increased partnerships with local communities and business involvement in helping solve juvenile crime problems. During 1997, the department awarded over \$15.1 million in grants to fund community-based prevention and diversion programs, mentoring programs, after-school diversion, and minority over-representation programs in local communities. This includes

grants from the state's Juvenile Justice Community Partnership program, general revenue, and federal OJJDP funding.

- Expanded the SHOCAP program to 32 Florida counties. This partnership with law enforcement, schools and local communities focuses on serious habitual offenders, tracks them and provides intervention to keep them from offending again.

- Added beds at the most overcrowded detention centers and implemented alternatives to secure detention by increasing home detention capacity and electronic monitoring.

- Opened juvenile assessment centers (JAC's) in nearly all districts. JACs receive youth from law enforcement immediately following arrest. Youth receive assessment and referral for services and many first-time offenders are diverted from the juvenile justice system at this point. Several facilities include truancy centers and substance abuse identification and treatment teams. JAC's are currently under development for Pasco, St. Lucie and Sarasota counties.

- Established the Faith Community Network Initiative in which faith communities provide voluntary prevention, intervention, diversion and aftercare programs for high-risk and delinquent youths.

- Kicked off the "Listen to Girls" campaign with the assistance of Olympic silver medallist Kim Batten. Ms. Batten appeared in a public service announcement on the importance of getting involved in the lives of young women. With an increased number of girls entering the juvenile justice system, this campaign is aimed at preventing these girls from breaking the law.

- Through the federal AmeriCorps* VISTA grant, the department was able to establish a volunteer coordinator in each district to coordinate and recruit volunteers to assist in the areas of mentoring, tutoring, counseling, teaching, recreation, job preparation/search, as well as in other areas such as family support.

- Florida Business Partners for Prevention was developed in 1994 to encourage and cultivate the involvement of Florida Businesses and their employees in juvenile justice issues at the state and local levels. During the 1997 Governor's Community Investment Awards presentation, businesses supporting and/or participating in nine programs that work with at-risk youth were recognized.

Future Goals:

- Increase the number of community-based prevention and early intervention programs to reach young people before they get involved in the juvenile justice system.

- Increase secure detention capacity by bringing on-line the eight new detention centers funded by the Legislature.

- Increase residential and non-residential commitment capacity with special emphasis on programs for juvenile sex offenders with mental disorders, gender-specific programs for girls, and youth with dual problems of substance abuse and mental health conditions.

- Continue to seek increased funding for additional community supervision staff/programs – both in post-release supervision and community placement supervision.

- Continue development of the department's statewide information management system, tying all DJJ facilities and program offices together with local law enforcement agencies, providers, and other partners.

- Continue improving and developing training and certification efforts for DJJ direct-care staff as well as contract providers.

- Increase quality and quantity of volunteers working in juvenile justice programs, including involvement of religious organizations through the department's Faith Community Initiative and businesses through the Florida Business Partners for Prevention.



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.



Byron Jones



Robert Sayre

SARASOTA COUNTY - Distinguished service certificates presented by Sarasota County Sheriff Geoff Monge to Byron Jones, 25 years; Robert Sayre, 30 years; Oscar Otto, 30 years; Alberta Hicks, 25 years; George Dignam, 25 years; and Daniel Anderson, 25 years.



Oscar Otto



Alberta Hicks



George Dignam



Daniel Anderson



Fredrick Vaill



Joseph McClure



John Heckendorf

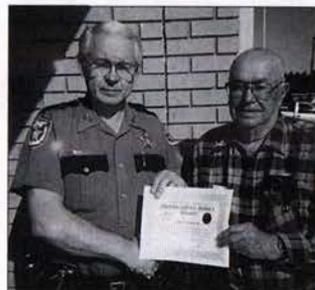


George Crane

ST. JOHNS COUNTY - 30 year certificate presented by St. Johns County Sheriff Neil Perry to Fredrick Vaill; Joseph McClure; John Heckendorf; and George Crane.



ST. JOHNS COUNTY - 25 year certificate presented by St. Johns County Sheriff Neil Perry to Josephine Murdoch.



BRADFORD COUNTY - 30 year certificate presented by Bradford County Lt. Roman Alvarez to J.O. Bass, Jr.



HERNANDO COUNTY - 25 year certificate presented by Hernando County Sheriff Tom Mylander (right) to James I. Sherouse.



PASCO COUNTY - 25 year certificate presented by Pasco County Sheriff Lee Cannon (left) to Fred Westman.



Mr. & Mrs. Milton Lanier



James Sellers

HARDEE COUNTY - 30 year certificate presented by Hardee County Sheriff Loran Cogburn to Mr. & Mrs. Milton Lanier and James Sellers.

BRADFORD COUNTY - 30 year certificate presented by Bradford County Sheriff Bob Milner (left) to Mr. & Mrs. James Lawson.





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.

New Lifetime Honorary Members

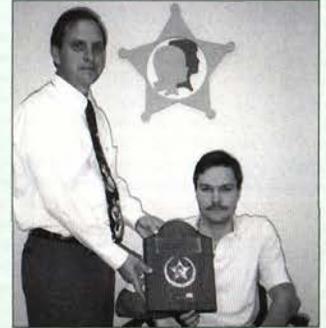
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Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Clark

BRADFORD COUNTY - Presented by Bradford County Sheriff Bob Milner (left) to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Clark and Yancy Miller.



Yancy Miller



Charles Ambrosio



Edward Johnson

CITRUS COUNTY - Presented by Citrus County Sheriff Jeff Dawsy to Charles Ambrosio; Mr. and Mrs. Rosendo Diaz, Jr. and family; Edward Johnson; G. A. Longhouser; Mr. and Mrs. Don Mayo of Mayo Gallery, Gifts & Antiques; and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Meyer.



G. A. Longhouser



Mr. and Mrs. Don Mayo



Mr. and Mrs. Frank Meyer



Mr. and Mrs. Rosendo Diaz, Jr. and family

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Great Stuff
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Dr. Charles M. Karpas



Mr. and Mrs. William Marlow

COLLIER COUNTY - Presented by Collier County Sheriff Don Hunter (right) to Dr. Charles M. Karpas and Mr. and Mrs. William Marlow.



COLLIER COUNTY - Presented by Youth Ranch staff to Colonel Charles Sues.



GLADES COUNTY - Presented by Youth Ranches Board Chairman and Polk County Sheriff Lawrence W. Crow, Jr. (right) to Glades County Sheriff Jim Rider on behalf of the Glades County Sheriffs Office.



Joyce Fillyaw



Gerry Lewis, Sr.

HAMILTON COUNTY - Presented by Youth Ranches Development Officer Linda Crews to Joyce Fillyaw of J. B. F. Tax and Fax Service; Gerry Lewis, Sr.; and Mr. and Mrs. Mason Mosley.



Mr. and Mrs. Mason Mosley



JACKSON COUNTY - Presented by Board Chairman Polk County Sheriff Lawrence Crow, Jr. (right) to Jackson County Sheriff John McDaniel for personal giving to the boys and girls of the Youth Ranches.



Tony Inteveld



Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Spencer



From left, Paul Flynn and Alan Robertson

LEE COUNTY - Presented by Youth Ranch staff to Ms. Tony Inteveld, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Spencer and two representatives of the South-west Community Foundation, Executive Director Paul Flynn (l) and retired Executive Director Alan Robertson.



LEON COUNTY - Presented by Youth Ranches Board Chairman Polk County Sheriff Lawrence W. Crow, Jr. to Leon County Sheriff Larry Campbell (left) and his wife, Kathy (not pictured) for personal gifts to the children in care.



Chip Hurley



Terry Upton

MARION COUNTY - Presented by Marion County Sheriff Ken Ertle to Chip Hurley of Golden Acres Golf and Country Club and Terry Upton representing Columbia Ocala Regional Medical Center.



Mike Cohen

LEON COUNTY - Presented by Leon County Sheriff Larry Campbell to Mike Cohen.



LEON COUNTY - Presented by Youth Ranches Development Officer Linda Crews (right) to Ken Crawford and JuDee Pettijohn representing the Florida Folklife Program.



Karen Bodden



Peggy Nunn

MARTIN COUNTY - Presented by Sheriff Bob Crowder to Karen Bodden of Central Florida Cellular; Peggy Nunn; and June Von Vange.



June Von Vange

YOUTH RANCHES HONOR ROLL CONTINUED . . .



Gene Daley



Edith Smith



Ed Rathke



Mrs. Thomas C. McElidowney

SARASOTA COUNTY - Presented by Sarasota County Sheriff Geoff Monge to Gene Daley; Edith Smith; Ed Rathke, Florida Power & Light; Mrs. Thomas C. McElidowney; Edward Kay; Elizabeth Clark, for the Kathleen K. Catlin Foundation; Mr. & Mrs. Robert Denler; Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert Carlsen; and Eva Silvia.



Edward Kay



Elizabeth Clark



Mr. & Mrs. Robert Denler



Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert Carlsen

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 Mrs. Phyllis Walker
 Mr. Ralph Walker
 Maj. Willie A. Watson
 Mr. and Mrs. Sam Weeks



Eva Silvia



MANATEE COUNTY - Presented by Youth Ranch Development Officer, Bill Brown, to Charlotte Donn.

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Attention Members:

Has Your Address Changed Due to 9-1-1 or Have You Moved?

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 rerouted 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.

Please take a moment to check the mailing label on

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Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Dunne

SUWANNEE COUNTY - Presented by Suwannee County Sheriff Alton K. Williams to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Dunne; Frank and Cuba Hodek; and Jimmy R. Simmons.



Frank and Cuba Hodek



Jimmy R. Simmons



SUWANNEE COUNTY - Presented by Lt. Vernon Creech (right) to Mr. and Mrs. Denis Donaldson.



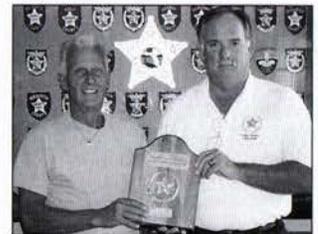
TAYLOR COUNTY - Presented by Taylor County Sheriff L. E. "Bummy" Williams (left) and Youth Ranches Development Officer Linda Crews (right) to Mr. and Mrs. Don Everett, Jr., of Ware Oil and Supply Company.



AMERICUS, GEORGIA - Presented by Youth Ranches President Harry K. Weaver to Millie Langford.



WASHINGTON COUNTY - Presented by Washington County Sheriff Fred Peel (right) to Richard F. Fake.



Phil Romanski



VOLUSIA COUNTY - Presented by Youth Ranches Development Officer Mac Stones to Karen Turner, Chair of the Volusia County Children's Services Council.



Anthony Sposato

ST. LUCIE COUNTY - Presented by St. Lucie County Sheriff Bobby Knowles Phil Romanski; Anthony Sposato; and Tarnecia Mack.



Tarnecia Mack

Caution... Teenager Crossing???

Leon County Sheriff Larry Campbell has taken his share of kidding from staff, the media and the public after he wrecked his car trying to avoid hitting a pedestrian who had run out in the road. Sheriff Campbell, who has taken numerous specialized driving courses during his 37 years in law enforcement, says he was headed home one evening when a teenager ran out in front of his vehicle. He swerved sharply and accelerated — something they train you to do in defensive driving courses to avoid hitting another vehicle — when

suddenly he was blinded. Sheriff Campbell says he was trying to steer through some trees, and his car finally came to a stop after crashing through a fence.

“I couldn’t figure out why I couldn’t see anything, and then I heard my air bag start deflating,” he said. Apparently, when his vehicle hit the curb during his acceleration — the air bag inflated and that was what blinded him. A witness to the accident confirmed that the teenager had run out in the road, but the teen didn’t stick around. It was a humbling experience, Sheriff Campbell said. His staff couldn’t resist the chance to humble him further. They had a special caution sign designed specifically for their Sheriff.

