

From the desk of . . .

Gary Perkins, Executive Director
Florida Sheriffs Association



As executive director of the Florida Sheriffs Association, I can point to few times in the past I have been as proud as I was recently at the National Sheriffs Association conference in Nashville.

I'm proud of the fact that our state swept away all the major awards – the Sheriff of the Year and Deputy of the Year. We were also successful in bringing the national conference to Florida in 2009. It's already on the calendar to be in our state in 2005 and has been here in the past.

This is a real accomplishment, as we will go down in history as the only state to have hosted the conference three times in a decade. And, of course, in times of economic instability – the boost that a national conference can bring to any state's economy is tremendous.

We're very proud of what we accomplished on a national level. I think it speaks well of your Florida Sheriffs – the talent they represent and the hard work they do on behalf of the safety of citizens throughout their own counties and the state.

I was grateful for the fact that we had nearly a third of our Sheriffs attending the national conference. I can't tell you what it meant to have such a strong delegation representing our state.

As you may know, many state associations in the nation do not enjoy 100% membership by all Sheriffs in their states. And not only do we have 100% membership, we have a very active group, as you can see from the numbers attending NSA.

These facts have helped us remain the largest state association in the nation, based on the number of our members and the scope of services we provide to active members.

Bringing something back

Part of the reason we attend the National Sheriffs Association is networking. I go as the

executive director to network with my counterparts at other state associations. And our Florida Sheriffs attend for the very same reason. It's helpful for them to know their brethren in law enforcement in other states, as today's crimes cross state lines and sometimes venture into international jurisdictions.

There's also the education component. These conferences feature interesting speakers and topics that help law enforcement to recognize crime trends and learn more about the tools and proven concepts available to fight them.

My education, in many ways, comes from hearing about what other associations are doing. It's always gratifying to me to learn that the Florida Sheriffs Association is usually on the forefront – others frequently looking to us when they are seeking ways to grow and better serve their memberships.

During these conferences, Sheriffs inevitably swap stories and exchange contact information that can be helpful in the future. Since the 9-11 attacks, we are also finding new ways of sharing information and arming ourselves with the methods needed for better defense.

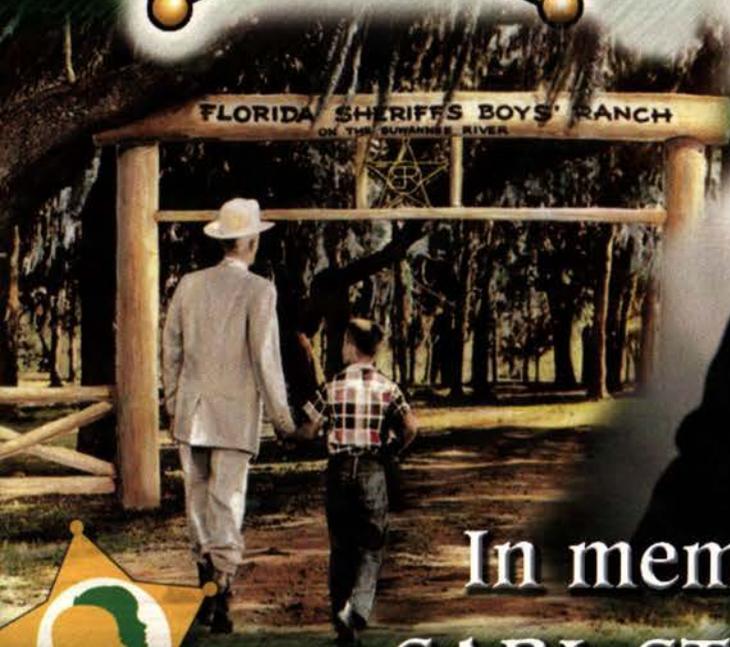
Post conference, we return to our jobs refreshed, renewed and better able to serve. In other words, it's a good investment. A sacrifice of local citizens to have their Sheriff away from home for a few days, yes. But if it's anything like what I experience after attending NSA, I'd say it's one of the better returns they'll see in their lifetimes.


Gary Perkins, Executive Director

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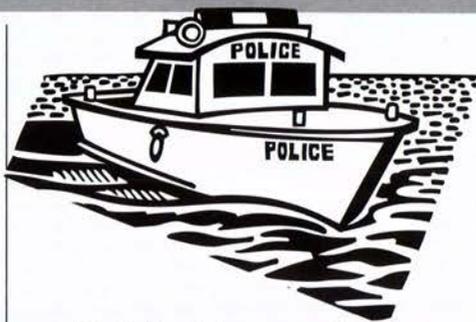
Sheriffs' Offices Enforce Laws on Land and Sea

This past June, Governor Jeb Bush announced that Florida will receive \$28.5 million in federal funds for security enhancements at Florida's seaports. The funds are part of the federal Port Security Grant Program provided through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

In the announcement, he noted, "Our state is unique because it is surrounded by water and Florida's ports are vital to the state's economy. This federal grant will allow the state to continue to address potential threats and vulnerabilities, in order to preserve the safety of our state and all Floridians."

For counties in Florida that border water, though, it's not just seaports that are a cause of concern — marine patrol units have their hands full policing other land/sea entry points, too.

Marine Enforcement Units are critically important to Sheriff's Offices that have them. Take a close look at one of these units and you'll quickly learn this is a differ-



ent kind of policing, a stark contrast to Sheriff's offices of years past.

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office has a fairly large unit. It includes a Sergeant and 12 Deputies, all with specialized training in marine law, boating, and search and recovery diving.

Boundaries beyond the county line

Like other Sheriff's Offices with marine units, the PBSO has its boundaries. They patrol the Intracoastal Waterway from the Martin/Palm Beach County line to the Broward/Palm Beach County line, and offshore between the same areas in the state waters up to three miles offshore.

Because each Marine Enforcement Unit Deputy is cross designated as a U.S. Customs Officer, they actually patrol up to 12 miles offshore. In addition, the unit patrols freshwater bodies, including the southeastern portion of Lake Okeechobee, as well as all connecting canals and waterways throughout the county.

Equipping such a unit comes with a hefty price, which counties with water sources must support. In the PBSO's case, the unit has 4 ocean going vessels, 4 center console patrol vessels with 200 horsepower engines, 3 flats boats, 4 wave runners, a 22 ft. rigid hull inflatable craft, three center console flats patrol boats, a large dive van which is outfitted with specialized dive gear, plus a 12-foot inflatable boat and outboard motor.

With such a techno-heavy list, it should come as no surprise that there are two mechanic technicians assigned specifically to this unit.

Marine Units of Sheriff's Offices are responsible for investigation boating accidents, performing ocean rescues, providing dignitary protection when on or near waterways and enforcing fishing laws. Smuggling interdiction is another key enforcement role.

Because of the vast numbers of waterways, many Sheriff's Offices maintain dive teams to assist them in recovery of evidence, bodies and the search of vessels or docks for contraband or explosives.

Yes, while the image many Floridians have of the Sheriff's office is covering the rural parts of the state, counties with water require a totally different kind of policing. For many Sheriff's Offices around the state, that means a sophisticated marine unit is standard operating procedure.



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Citizens Law Enforcement Academy Gives Back in a Big Way

One of the most eye opening events is the shoot-don't shoot training, where students learn the difficulties law enforcement officers face in making fast decisions under duress and in life-or-death situations.

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Sarasota County Sheriff's Office

It's by no means as tough and daunting as a law enforcement recruit academy, but it *is* challenging. And twice a year, about 40 people voluntarily put on their assigned shirts and report for 12 weeks of informative sessions to learn what law enforcement is all about. Oh, and they have a little fun, too.

The Sarasota County Sheriff's Office Citizen's Law Enforcement Academy or CLEA has been going strong since March 1994. The idea for CLEA began with the community-policing concept. After the first community policing office opened in Sarasota County more than 10 years ago, it was obvious that there were a lot of misconceptions that existed between the public and law enforcement. CLEA was created to inform the public about the Sheriff's Office through education.

Most of the participants come away with a better understanding about the different operations of the agency. During the course, they learn about the various sections of the Sheriff's Office, such as 911 operations, special operations, criminal investigation bureau, community policing and court services, to name a few.

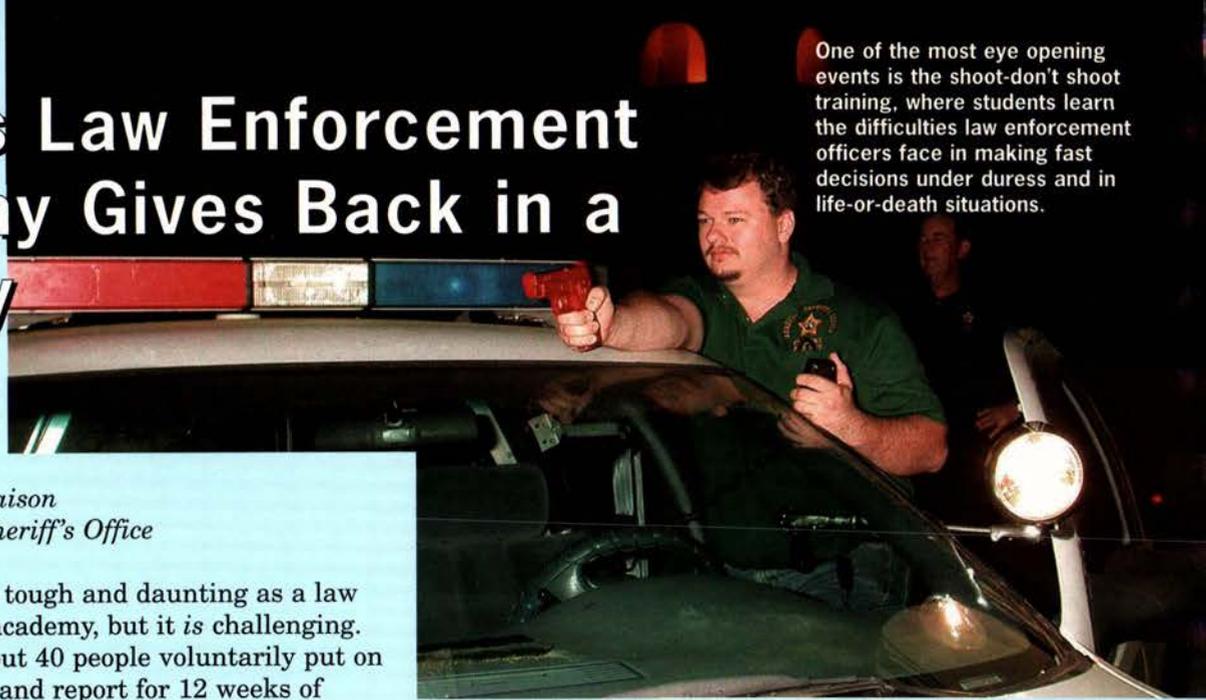
Interactivity is key

A lot of hands-on activities are incorporated into the sessions. Students participate in shoot-don't-shoot-training, domestic violence scenarios and felony traffic stops. They interact and make decisions and get a taste of what it's like to work in law enforcement.

Academy participants come away with a new appreciation of the demands on modern law enforcement officers by experiencing it first hand. Each person can choose to ride with a Deputy and find out what happens while on patrol. Participants also have a chance to rappel down a tower and shoot at the outdoor gun range.

For most, it's their first time handling or shooting a gun. They can also get their "mug" shot taken while touring the county corrections facility and learn about operations in the jail.

Sarasota County Sheriff's Office personnel teach all classes and each class runs about three hours per week. With successful completion, participants are



For many Citizens Academy participants, the interactive course provides their first experience holding or shooting a gun.

honored with a graduation banquet. They are given certificates and many share laughs over highlights edited on video.

Alumni group going strong

Most of the CLEA graduates go on to help with the Citizens Law Enforcement Alumni Resource Team (CLEAR), which is made up of graduates – many of whom volunteer time to help the Sheriff's Office.

This has become a tremendous resource for the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office. CLEAR has approximately 90 members who donate roughly 5,000 volunteer hours per year to Sheriff's Office functions.

CLEAR members are often available to assist with Sheriff's Office activities such as: bike rodeos, greeting duties, car seat safety programs, 4th of July security and county disaster drills. They also assist in the

weekly CLEA classes and often provide support for function needs like preparation with food, materials, etc.

Recently, members took part in a disaster preparedness drill along with other agencies around Florida. They prepared materials for the actual drill and volunteered their time to act as victims on the day of the event.

Former CLEAR President John Finnimore said, "The most important contribution of CLEAR is being a lobby greeter. If we can intercept and help people with questions as they enter the lobby, it relieves the Front Desk deputies and helps the deputies concentrate on larger, more pressing calls, requests or cases. We are available for volunteering at any Sheriff Office activity...we just don't make arrests."

CLEAR votes on member officers annually and publishes a newsletter that is circulated to members. Their help does not go unnoticed. Every year the Sheriff's Office honors all its volunteers with a breakfast and award ceremony for their hard work, dedication and concern for jobs that are largely uncompensated – unless you count the satisfaction.

"As Sheriff of Sarasota County, I'm honored to have the opportunity to know these volunteers who give so much of their time to help the agency," says Sarasota County Sheriff William F. Balkwill. "Their work is invaluable and much appreciated. Their enthusiasm and support for giving back to law enforcement is a



Sarasota County Sheriff's Office Citizen's Law Enforcement Academy Team members helped prepare disaster items for a multi-agency drill. The group's alumni logs in about 5,000 volunteer hours on behalf of the Sheriff's Office annually.

positive reflection of what a great community we have and a great example of our community policing philosophy."

CLEAR helping to break stereotypes

As applications for upcoming CLEA sessions increase, the CLEAR Team grows as well. It was recently approved as a not-for-profit organization.

"I am pleased to have been involved with the Sarasota Sheriff's Citizens Law Enforcement Alumni Resource Team for seven years," says CLEAR Team president Ric Romanoff. "This is one of the most satisfying community service projects that I have found. I have been able to assist in palm print analysis, traffic control, training scenarios, neighborhood improvement and other support functions."

Romanoff says the program is growing with new members and new opportunities for volunteering. With the support of Sheriff Balkwill, he says they are creating a 501(c) 3 fund raising effort to support the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office.

As more Academy participants graduate, they are spreading the word about the Sheriff's Office, which helps update people's thinking about law enforcement and eliminate stereotypes.

To learn more about the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office Citizens Law Enforcement Academy, visit www.sarasotasheriff.org and click on the volunteer link.

Star Briefs

Losing A Brother in Law Enforcement

The Florida Sheriffs Association joins Flagler County in mourning the loss of Sheriff's Deputy Chuck Sease, who was killed July 5.

Deputy Sease, age 35, was killed instantly when he was struck by a speeding vehicle driven by a violent suspect. Sease was attempting to lay "stop sticks" on the southbound off ramp of I-95 in Palm Coast.

Sheriff's deputies and Flagler Beach Police officers had been chasing a Daytona Beach man who fled after a domestic disturbance at a local bar in the early morning hours. Shortly after 2:45 a.m., Sease was preparing to end the chase using the stop sticks. The suspect swerved his vehicle on to the exit ramp from I-95 where he struck and killed Deputy Sease.

Sease's death is the first time a Flagler County deputy has been killed in the line of duty since 1927 when Dep. Sheriff George W. "Son" Durrance was killed by a single shot



gun blast in a case of mistaken identity. Dep. Durrance's death came just three days after then-Sheriff Perry Hall was killed by a bootlegger.

Flagler County Sheriff Jim Manfre and his entire department were devastated by the loss of this deputy who had been with the office for two months after serving five years with the Waterbury Police Department in Connecticut.

More than 1,000 fellow lawmen and women from agencies around the state and country attended Sease's funeral service.

"I want to thank all our brother law enforcement officers for their support during the time we spent grieving our loss," Sheriff Manfre said. "Although Chuck had been with us a short time, the friendships and bonds he formed were deep and lasting. We will feel this loss for a very long time."

A fund was established to benefit Deputy Sease's family. Donations may be made to the Charles Sease Charitable Trust Fund, Attention: Pat Rizzo, FCSO, 1001 Justice Lane, Bunnell 32110 or at any Sun Trust Bank.

Enforcing the Blue Lines: Pasco Citizens Patrol Boosts Law Enforcement Efforts

In response to a letter highlighting the abuses of privilege in handicapped parking spots, we received some correspondence from Walter W. Phillips in Holiday, Florida.

Phillips is a member of a group of volunteers who are known as "Parking Enforcement Specialists," organized by the Pasco County Sheriff's Office.

These men and women volunteer their time and patrol shopping centers – checking the handicapped parking spaces and fire lanes for people who park illegally, he tells us. Their only compensation is reimbursement for mileage that they put on their personal vehicles.

Volunteers, called "Special Deputies," wear a uniform with the Sheriff's star sewn on it and shoulder patches that say Pasco County, with an image of Florida.

Each Special Deputy's name is embroidered over the right pocket and they are clearly designated as citizens by another embroidered marking.

According to Phillips, Deputies have magnetic signs they post on the sides and rear of their personal vehicles. The signs indicate that they patrol the handicapped spaces – as they include an image of a handicapped sign combined with a no parking fire lane symbol. In addition, members have an amber flashing light on their dashboards.

Volunteers carry citation books with them and write citations for violators. The fine for parking illegally in a handicapped space is \$261, and for a fire lane, it's \$20.

According to Phillips, if, while writing a citation, the driver of the car comes running out of the store calling, "Officer, Officer, I have a tag but forgot to hang it," they are asked for their driver's license, which is compared with the sticker on the vehicle. Each handicapped tag has a small yellow sticker on it which

includes the person's driver's license number, or, if the handicapped person isn't the driver, it has their photo ID number on it.

If the numbers don't match, they are given a citation.

Phillips says on one occasion a man said his handicapped wife was in the store, still shopping. He says he told the man, "OK, I'll just wait until she comes out."

But after a few minutes, Phillips says the man finally admitted that she was at home but he thought he could park there. He couldn't.

In addition to the citation, Phillips says he carries a digital camera and takes a photograph of the backs of each vehicle cited with the handicapped sign showing, so if the violator decides to fight it in court, he can prove that the car was parked at a handicapped space. On another occasion, he says a man showed up in court with a lawyer and his own picture of where he said his car was parked. Phillips says, "After he showed the judge his picture, I brought out mine. The judge asked him if that was his car in

my picture. Needless to say, he lost his case."

Phillips says he has been with the Special Deputies going on 10 years.

"I always hated seeing people who were not handicapped park in spaces reserved for the handicapped," he explains. "It started back in 1994 when I saw a Deputy writing a citation for a vehicle. I asked him about how I could get involved in that group and he told me what to do."

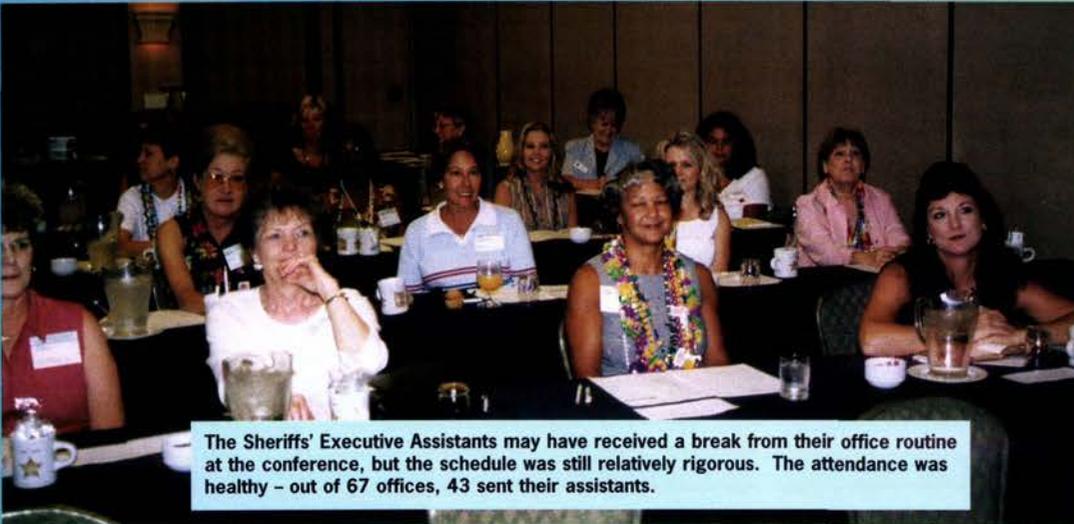
Phillips says he was fingerprinted and photographed and the Sheriff's Office ran an FBI check on him to be sure he had a "clean" record. Then he had to appear before the Supervising Officers of the group and he was questioned about his true intentions before being accepted.

Shortly after joining the Special Deputies, he created a monthly newsletter, which he continues to publish to this day.

To learn more about the Parking Enforcement Specialist program, contact Kevin Doll, Public Information Officer, via e-mail at: kdoll@pasco.sheriff.com or by phone: 727-844-7759. If you live in Pasco County and want to volunteer, contact the Human Resources Unit at 1-800-854-2862, extension 7791.



Walter W. Phillips of Holiday, Florida, is a "Special Deputy" for the Pasco County Sheriff's Office. Age 83, Phillips says he's been a volunteer parking enforcer for nearly 10 years and even publishes a newsletter for the group.



The Sheriffs' Executive Assistants may have received a break from their office routine at the conference, but the schedule was still relatively rigorous. The attendance was healthy - out of 67 offices, 43 sent their assistants.



Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Corporal Marty Flynn gave a presentation about "Verbal Judo." The assistants learned to recognize what speech elements can trigger a negative reaction in others. They also learned about the gentle art of persuasion.

Sheriffs' "Right Hands" - Executive Assistants - Meet

It's commonly known to those who deal on a regular basis with their Sheriff's Office that the Sheriff's Executive Assistant is usually the person who is "really in charge."

Others might have bigger titles and designated ranking, but if you need to get the job done - or get to the Sheriff, his Executive Assistant is the key.

That's why the Florida Sheriffs Association established an annual Training Conference for the Sheriff's Assistant.

This past June marked the event's 12th year, as the group gathered in Palm Beach County at the PGA National Resort & Spa for education, training and - yes - a little entertainment, too.

And Florida's youth benefited from the gathering. The event raised close to \$500 from the Silent Auction, which will be donated to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches.

We gathered a few photos to better explain the 4-day event. Special thanks to Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches Vice President of Public Relations, Alison Evans, for her talented photography during the event.

Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Capt. David Carhart discussed the PBSO's "guiding principles," which include integrity, professionalism, respect and fairness.



Part of each Executive Assistant gathering includes a tour of the host Sheriff's Office. In this case, it was the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office. The assistants toured for more than an hour and a half, observing all facets of the agency.



At left, DNA Crime Lab expert, Cecelia A. Crouse, Ph.D., provided a comprehensive overview of Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Crime Lab during the Executive Assistants' gathering.



The Palm Beach Sheriff's Office didn't have to look far for entertainment at the opening reception of the conference. Several deputies and the Sheriff's Assistant, Eileen Hoffman (seated), have their very own band. This photograph probably gives you a hint of the name, they call themselves "The Blues Brothers Bands." Deputy Tony Iannitti is the one crooning into the microphone.

Activity at Sheriffs Offices around the state likely ceased, as the Sheriffs' key personnel gathered for their own investment in professional development. Attendees at the Executive Assistant seminars paused for this group shot between programs.



Today's Parents Must Be More Drug Savvy to Protect Their Kids

While a few years ago, parents knew how to look for signs that their teenager was abusing drugs, with today's variety of prescription drugs and new illegal drugs popping up at "Rave" parties, parents are often left clueless.

With the rise in number of drugs available come untold risks. With marijuana and cocaine, the risks were commonly known. But with the range of drugs a teenager, or these days a pre-teen, might come upon – many times mixing with alcohol – there's just no telling.

Fortunately, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement issues a monthly drug report that can help. It's available online through their Crime Briefs page.

If you have teenagers or a kid in college, or just want to know about the trends, visit it online at: <http://www.fdle.state.fl.us/OSI/CrimeBriefs/>.

Some drug names to be aware of

Recently, FDLE has noted an increased abuse of the prescription drug Xanax. These depressants, from the Benzodiazepine family, are used therapeutically to produce sedation, induce sleep, relieve anxiety and muscle spasms, and to prevent seizures.

Xanax has become popular as a low cost Rave drug and the perception that it is a "clean" prescription drug, unlike heroin or cocaine, has added to its abuse potential.

Benzodiazepines are among the



most widely prescribed medications and, unfortunately, are frequently abused by adolescents and young adults who take Xanax to obtain a "high." This intoxicated state results in reduced inhibition and impaired judgment.

Using alcohol or other depressants with Xanax can be life threatening. Benzodiazepines are linked to more drug-related deaths in Florida than any other controlled substance. FDLE lab submissions of Xanax, the trade name for Alprazolam, have increased by nearly 700% since 1995. Submissions of Xanax have surpassed heroin and Ecstasy.

The abuse of the drug Xanax is causing increasing concern throughout the state. Although Xanax is only a Schedule IV drug under Florida State Statutes, it is being highly abused. Miami-Dade Public Schools reported four incidents in one month, alone, of students impaired from Xanax or selling the pills on campus. The \$5

anti-anxiety pills that belong to the class of drugs known as benzodiazepines are known on the street as "zany pills," "zanies," "zany bars" or "Z-bars."

In other drug news, the DEA issued an alert regarding a new club drug that is being sold at "Rave" parties. This substance is known on the street as "Molly," technically identified as TFMPP.

This is an extremely dangerous drug, which is clandestinely manufactured and marketed as a more intense form of Ecstasy. This drug is an off-white powder generally sold in a gelatin capsule. TFMPP was given emergency controlled substance scheduling (I) by the FDA in September 2002. Schedule I status means the drug has a high potential for abuse and no accepted medical use.. TFMPP also goes by the names "legal E", "legal X" or "A2." TFMPP can cause increased heart rate, blood pressure and body temperature.

Parents, be vigilant about warning children of the dangers of experimenting with seemingly harmless drugs. Let them know that it may just cost them their life.

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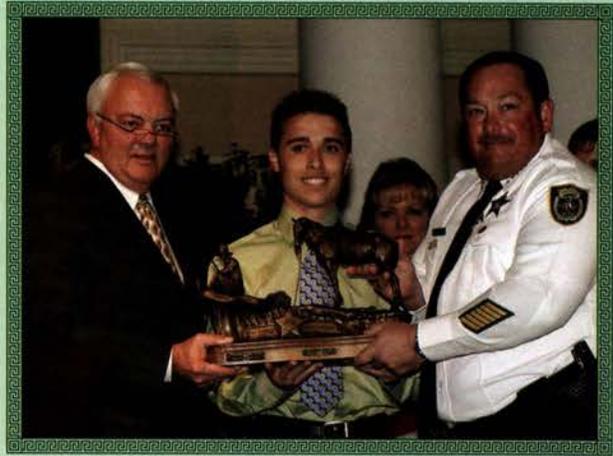


The Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches Specialty License Plate provides Florida citizens with a

unique and personal way to help in the ongoing fight against juvenile delinquency and neglect. Along with the regular tag fees, the additional specialty tag donation will help Florida's needy boys and girls find shelter, guidance and self-confidence. To purchase your Youth Ranches Specialty Plate today, please contact your local Tax Collector.



Marion County Sgt. Mike Rolls (center) receives the National Sheriffs Association Deputy Sheriff of the Year award at the NSA conference.



Orange County Sheriff Kevin Beary (right) was the recipient of the National Sheriffs Association's Sheriff of the Year award.

National Sheriff's Association Tap 2 Floridians for Top Awards

When it came time to present their annual awards to top cops, the National Sheriff's Association drew chuckles of disbelief from the audience. It seemed that one state dominated: Florida Sheriffs walked away with the lion's share of honors.

NSA chose Orange County Sheriff Kevin Beary as the 2003 National Sheriff of the Year. The group also named Marion County Sheriff's Office Sgt. Mike Rolls as the 2003 Deputy Sheriff of the Year.

Governor Jeb Bush visited Orlando in June to congratulate Sheriff Beary on winning the award, after hearing about the honor from the NSA conference.

Sheriff Beary oversees one of the largest law enforcement agencies in the Southeastern United States, with more than 2,000 employees. As Sheriff, he is responsible

for the safety of 960,000 residents and more than 40 million tourists who visit the Orange County area annually.

He is from a family of law enforcement officers. Sheriff Beary's father, Ray Beary, was the Police Chief of the City of Winter Park. His brother, Richard Beary is Police Chief of the City of Lake Mary.

Sgt. Rolls, a 12-year veteran of the Marion County Sheriff's Office, received the 2003 National Deputy Sheriff of the Year. He was recognized for his bravery under fire during an incident which occurred last September. A member of the S.W.A.T. team, Rolls sustained injuries while saving the lives of his fellow officers.

Congratulations to two of our own: Sheriff Beary and Sgt. Rolls. You make us proud.

Star Briefs

War Heroes Remembered by Monroe County SO

Major Tommy Taylor, commander of the Corrections Division of the Monroe County Sheriff's Office, is spearheading a fundraising effort to help the Florida families of those slain in the war in Iraq.

Employees of the Monroe County Sheriff's Office volunteered to donate one day of their vacation time to the effort, which will be converted to a cash donation to the American Red Cross.

The Red Cross, in turn, plans to divide the money equally between those Florida families who lost a loved one in the conflict. The Red Cross has agreed to give the entire amount to the families, with no

administrative fees attached - they will simply act as facilitators to make sure the money gets where it needs to go.

Major Taylor is hoping the idea will catch on and that other businesses and government agencies will pick up the ball and run with it. The Monroe County Sheriff's Office employees have until Sept. 21 to make a donation.

For more information, contact Major Taylor, (305) 293-7325

Alert Bank Teller Foils Tele-Scam, Saves Woman \$1,900

A woman from Sailfish Point in Martin County received a call from a person saying they were from Canada, and informing her that she

had won \$450,000 in a sweepstakes prize.

But, surprise! First she needed to pay the tax of \$1,900 in order to claim it.

The woman was instructed to meet a person designated to receive the "tax money" at a certain grocery store. Fortunately, when the woman went to withdraw the money, she mentioned her "luck." The teller, of course, recognized the scam and called the Sheriff's Office. Undercover deputies went to the grocery store in place of the woman, but no one came forward.

Senior citizens on limited incomes often fall for these scams. But it cannot be emphasized enough: If the deal sounds too good to be true, chances are - it is.

Letters to The Editor

Subject: False Alarm Calls

Editor:

I recently read several articles in *The Sheriff's Star* magazine about false alarm calls. This, indeed, is a complex situation that needs to be addressed nationwide. I would like to point out that it is a serious injustice to the taxpayers that law enforcement agencies are responding to check houses and businesses, when the alarm company is receiving monies and paying nothing for this service.

A suggestion would be to require all alarm companies to contract with private security companies to check the premises of their alarm holders. If there was a crime, then the law enforcement agency would then be notified.

If this suggestion is refused by the alarm company, then the cost for response of law enforcement should fall back onto the alarm holder. This response is, of course, classified as a public service and in no way a requirement for law enforcement.

My second suggestion is to require the alarm holder to pay a "fine" for all false alarms after their "one free alarm" given every year. This fining process would then allow the law enforcement agency to pay officers overtime to handle these type of complaints, thus reducing the cost and burden to the agency.

The people utilizing the service would financially support the response, not the taxpayer in general or the homeowner who does not have an alarm. Thank you for your time and cooperation in this matter.

DJ, via e-mail

Editor responds:

Some communities in Florida and throughout the U.S. already have instituted false alarm ordinances and charge alarm customers a fee over a certain number of false alarms.

This encourages not only homeowners, but companies with alarm systems, to receive training to

reduce the number of false alarms. In some cases, companies will pass this fee (\$50 or more) on to employees who are repeat offenders.

Thank you for writing.

Subject: Uninsured motorists/cell phone users

Editor:

Having just received my copy of *The Sheriff's Star*, May/June addition, I read the articles about "uninsured motorists and cell phone users."

I'm from the state of New York, where insurance is required by state law, and believe that if the State of Florida would require proof of insurance in order to register a vehicle and to renew registration of a vehicle, it would help cut down on the uninsured drivers in this state.

Also if the Legislature would pass a law that would require the insurance companies doing business in the state to inform the Department of Motor Vehicles anytime that a driver loses insurance coverage, and require the DMV to require drivers to turn in the registration for the vehicle(s), then maybe the uninsured drivers in this state would drop in numbers. It is something that the legislators must and should look at, for the well being and safety of all motorists on the highways of this state.

As for the users of cell phones, again, a law could be passed pertaining to the use of cell phones while driving.

New York has just passed such a law, and all law enforcement units throughout the state enforce it. For the legislators who just say that this is "a hot item" and are afraid to hurt someone's feelings, they should give up their seat and allow someone else in office that would look out for the people of this state.

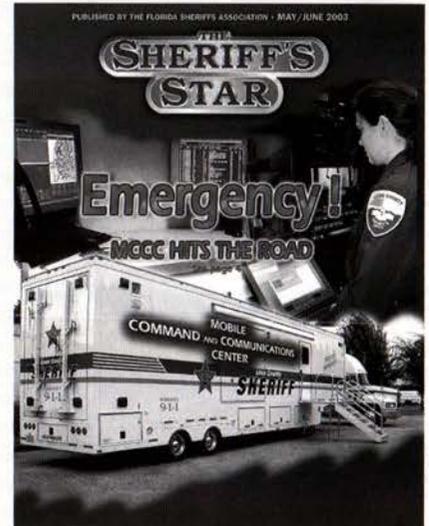
Thank you for the space in your fine magazine for this comment.

JM, Orlando

Subject: Hurricanes

Editor:

The article in May/June 2003, by



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Sgt. Rick Hord regarding hurricanes was the most comprehensive, yet concise, discourse on hurricanes I have ever read.

This comes from an old hurricane hunter pilot who flew into hurricanes dozens of times in a three and half year tour with the U.S. Navy Hurricane Hunter squadron.

You can believe we read any and all writing on hurricanes. I was pleased to read the fact that February is the only hurricane-free month on record. Few people are aware of that.

Thanks.

TNT, Jacksonville

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The Sheriff, the Goat and Statute 588

By: Ruth Sasser
Bay County Sheriff's Office

The crime spree was over. Reports of a gray-haired male running wild on the public streets of Bay County had come in all week and authorities finally had the culprit behind bars. The only question now was what to do with the prisoner. Incarceration had only aggravated his already nasty temperament and he was proving to be a disciplinary problem. On top of everything, he had an enormous appetite and was consuming everything in sight. A meticulous search of the State Statute book turned up an old law that provided the answer to the dilemma: *Turn the old goat over to the Sheriff.*

Immensely relieved, Animal Control authorities sent a letter to Bay County Sheriff Guy M. Tunnell stating:

"...our division picked up one goat running at large...Attorney Duncan...advised me ...to refer the matter of an auction pursuant to State Statute 588.25. Please proceed with the requirements of an auction..."

After 30 years in law enforcement, Sheriff Tunnell thought he had just about seen it all. After conducting his own research he discovered that Statute 588.16 and .17 did, in fact, state:

"It shall be the duty of the Sheriff or his deputies or any other law enforcement officer of the county...where livestock is found to be running at large or straying, to take up, confine, hold, and impound any such livestock. Upon the impounding of any livestock...the Sheriff shall forthwith serve written notice upon the owner...unless such livestock be redeemed within three days from date thereof that the same shall be



Bay County Sheriff Guy Tunnell (far right), took the news that he was responsible for a stray goat all in stride. He staged an auction on the courthouse steps, as the Statute directed, and acted in the role of a rural county Sheriff from times past. His wife, Patti Tunnell, is at center. Clerk of the Court Howard Bazzel (left) had his own costume ideas – a wig.

offered for sale."

After seeing to the safety and welfare of the citizens of Bay County for 12 years, Sheriff Tunnell now found himself responsible for the well being of one gray and white Billy Goat.

Following the letter of the law; having fun, too

In accordance with regulations outlined in the statute, notification was made to the owner of Billy Goat in a local paper through an advertisement. After three days, when no owner stepped forward, the Bay County Sheriff's Office began preparations for a livestock auction. A local TV station heard about the plight of Billy Goat and ran his story on the news, giving Billy Goat an opportunity to state his side of the story. Billy declined to comment. A local newspaper also ran photos and conducted a contest to "Name That Goat." Billy Goat basked in his 15 minutes of fame.

On June 26, 2003, a bright summer day, a friendly crowd of more than a 100 gathered at the steps of the Bay County Courthouse to watch history in the making. The atmosphere was festive, as children on summer break played under the watchful eyes of their parents while senior citizens swapped stories and exchanged pleasantries.

Local radio station WPAP offered doughnuts and soft drinks as Panama City's most popular morning drive disc jockeys Dr. Shane Collins and Tom Lewis entertained with a colorful play-by-play of the festivities. Shortly before 10 a.m. the most famous Billy Goat in Bay County arrived ensconced in a special enclou-

sure in the back of a 1951 Chevrolet pick-up with an entourage of four professional goat-handlers in attendance. Billy Goat posed for pictures while handlers fed him his favorite snack—apple slices.

Sheriff Tunnell, his overalls adorned with a bright, shiny Sheriff's star, arrived moments later. He was greeted by the Clerk of the Court, Harold Bazzel, who was sporting a powdered wig like the Clerks of yesteryear. According to the Statute, the Clerk was to be present to receive monies raised at the auction.

The auction began promptly at 10 am. Excited participants quickly ran the bids up to \$200. Billy Goat, on his best behavior, appeared unfazed by all the attention. In a matter of minutes and two bangs of a gavel, one Wayne "Seat Cover" Hudson became the proud owner of Billy Goat for the grand sum of \$250.

And so ends the story of the Sheriff, the goat, and Statute 588. Let history record that all parties involved answered the high calling of the law and obeyed the wishes of our forefathers...no matter how small and seemingly insignificant. Speaking of forefathers, while researching Statute 588 and its history, Sheriff Tunnell discovered that the last time a Bay County Sheriff was called on to dispose of livestock was in 1925 when Sheriff O.E. Hobbs auctioned cattle.

Sheriff Hobbs was Sheriff Tunnell's great uncle.

The Florida Sheriffs Pay Tribute to Carl Stauffer



He is credited with launching the Florida Sheriffs Association's Honorary Membership Program, now 140,000 members strong. He was one of the founders of the Florida Boys Ranch – forerunner of the Youth Ranches of today – and the Florida Sheriff's Bureau, which is today's Florida Department of Law Enforcement. It was this man who established many of FSA's programs and services still in place today.

Carl Stauffer, the gentleman who built a foundation under what has become the largest law enforcement association in the nation, died of cancer on June 17 at the age of 86.

Part of FSA's rich history

Stauffer was an integral part of the growth and success of the Florida Sheriffs, having started his 50-year association with FSA in 1953. He served as Executive Director for nearly 23 years and is credited with making it the progressive law enforcement organization it is today.

Stauffer's legacy lives on in print, as well. He created, wrote, edited and handled photography for *The Sheriff's Star*, and FSA's sister magazine, *The Rancher*, published by the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch. He was also an accomplished author, having written a history of St. John's Episcopal Church in Tallahassee, a book titled, "God Willing," which was published in 1985.

After Stauffer retired as Executive Director in 1978, he continued to edit both magazines until 1995. At the age of 78, he decided to return to freelance writing and worked as an editorial consultant to FSA.

Still, during his "less active" years,

His Legacy Lives On

Carl Stauffer
February 17, 1917 – June 17, 2003

among his other numerous projects, he created a photographic archive and contributed to the book, "A History of the Florida Sheriffs," which was published in 2001.

Stauffer was held in such high regard by his many friends and colleagues of FSA, as well as the 67 Sheriffs of Florida, that he was given the rare honor of being named an Honorary Sheriff in 1996.

Providing a firm foundation

"Carl Stauffer was really a household name at the association," says FSA's recently retired Executive Director, Buddy Phillips. "The contributions he made live on today."

Phillips says they live on in the Youth Ranches, the magazines and the association's programs that keep it so strong.

"Looking at our financials, if it hadn't been for Carl, we wouldn't be where we are today."

Phillips says that Stauffer was very much a visionary. He established the Honorary Member program for the association, which granted citizens who are not professionally associated with law enforcement to benefit from membership. In fact, many other state associations have patterned their own programs after FSA's.

A former freelance journalist and reporter for the *Florida Times Union* and *Tallahassee Democrat* newspapers, Stauffer determined that members could benefit from a magazine. He created a quarterly publication for FSA, which eventually went bimonthly, and a quarterly for the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches. While Stauffer did the majority of writing, his wife, Louise Stauffer, was proofreader.

"(FSA) has been Louise's family, too," Phillips acknowledges.



At the January 1996 Sheriffs' conference, Carl Stauffer (center) was made an Honorary Sheriff, FSA's highest award. He's pictured with his wife, Louise Stauffer (right) and then FSA president Sheriff Tom Mylander.



From left, FSYR President-Emeritus Harry Weaver; FSA Executive Director Buddy Phillips; Carl Stauffer; Suwannee County Sheriff Al Williams; FSYR President Roger Bouchard; and Bradford County Sheriff Bob Milner at the dedication ceremony of the Florida Sheriffs Association library.

Recollections of the man

Phillips says his ties to Carl and Louise Stauffer go back to his early days as a Deputy, then a 29-year-old Sheriff living in Live Oak. "Carl and Louise just became a resource for us," he says. Stauffer became a vast storehouse of knowledge of the Florida Sheriffs Association because he was really on the ground floor of growth and expansion.

"Carl got along with everybody," Phillips says. Though challenging issues are common when you lead an organization of the 67 chief law enforcement officers in Florida, Phillips says Stauffer never allowed things to fester.

"He would say, 'Let's talk and resolve those issues.' Carl always worked things out."

Stauffer's trademark was humor. He saw the good and was the author of many of the lighter moments at the Florida Sheriffs Association, Phillips says.

About a dozen current and former Sheriffs gathered on July 3 at Advent Christian Village church, in Dowling Park, Florida, to pay tribute to Stauffer through a memorial service. Though respectful, it was clear that those gathered were there more to celebrate Stauffer's life than to mourn.

Harry Weaver, President Emeritus of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, recalled personality traits unique to his good friend during the eulogy.

"Carl had the ability to listen with all of his heart, all of his soul and all of his mind," he said, "and with sincerity.

"He had a tremendous sense of humor - he was never without it," Weaver continued. "He had a talent for

the written word, a talent to size up people and to get you to talk." Recalling that Stauffer was a journalist, foremost, he said, "He was one of those reporters that people liked."

Numerous achievements

Weaver recalled that when Stauffer and the leadership of the Florida Sheriffs Association were getting the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch off the ground, Stauffer agreed to serve as acting director.

Providing an indication of how a person becomes so accomplished, Weaver said simply, "There's never been a better planner and a person who worked his plan," than Carl Stauffer.

Jeff Stauffer, Carl's youngest son, said his father had a simple philosophy to guide him in his life on earth. "He would choose quality (of life) over quantity any day of the week," he said, "and he was blessed with both during his 86 years."

The Rev. Ron Thomas, a friend of Carl and Louise Stauffer, read from a journal that Carl started in 1991, after his sons urged their father to write a bit of their family history - as he could recall.

A calligraphy notation at the front states, "The purpose for this journal is to gain insight into the heart and soul of our father, Carl Stauffer, so that we, his sons, may have a better understanding of ourselves."

On the lines inside, Stauffer obliged. His sense of humor is readily apparent as he begins, "...I have always been motivated by a desire to be a little bit different from the ordinary bloke - not bizarre or weird, just unique.

"And so, in keeping with my oddball

impulses, I have decided to begin (this journal) with my obituary."

He reasoned, "That way I can make sure it's done right."

Then, the self-authored obituary starts, "Carl Stauffer, 82, died today while attempting to jog around the driveway..."

Switching to a more factual approach, it recalls that he was born in Burnside, Pennsylvania, and graduated from Bucknell University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English. The journal accurately lists his survivors, including his widow, Louise, three sons - Robert, Steven and Jeffery; and a daughter, Shirley (from a previous marriage).

In keeping with his humorous bent, Stauffer gives details about a memorial service that will be held "on some convenient Monday evening, in accordance with the wishes of the deceased." He said he wanted to avoid casting a pall of bereavement over anyone's weekend, and he hoped mourning would be limited to a few snuffles.

Florida Sheriffs - a lasting legacy

To recognize Stauffer's contributions to law enforcement and the state of Florida, FSA is dedicating its new library and resource center to him. It will be called the Carl Stauffer Library.

In keeping with Stauffer's request - we will pay tribute to, rather than mourn, the man behind this great organization. He was a walking history book of the Florida Sheriffs Association and we are honored to have called him our friend and colleague.

Still, Carl, we will miss you.

Individuals Carry the Torch for Better Standards in Law Enforcement



The Florida Sheriffs have been actively involved in promoting accreditation for law enforcement and have continuously supported the Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission.

The Commission, based in Orlando, assesses an agency's policies and procedures, management practices, operational procedures, and support services to determine compliance with nationally recognized standards of excellence. Collier County Sheriff Don Hunter is this year's Commission Chairman.

St. Johns County Sheriff Neil J. Perry was one of the founders of the group and has remained devoted to increasing standards throughout law-enforcement agencies in the state.

His unwavering commitment brought recognition in the way of an annual service award, called the "Neil J. Perry Award for Excellence."

The award focuses on individuals or teams that make a significant contribution to the Commission by virtue of their involvement with original, innovative programs or suggestions to improve the accreditation process.

Sheriff Perry was involved with the state accreditation program development as early as 1993, when he participated in the review of the Statewide Accreditation Standards Task Force's November 1993 Feasibility Study, facilitated proposed standards review, and chaired the Charter Committee. He continued by serving on the Florida Sheriffs Association Accreditation Committee, until he was voted in as the first Chairperson in January 1995.

Sheriff Perry remained the Chairperson until February 1997, and under his effective leadership the first and second editions of the Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation Standards Manual were published, the first 10 agencies were accredited in October 1996, the first Executive Director and Commission staff were hired, and many of the Commission protocols were established that are still practiced today.

Sheriff Perry served on the Commission a total of six years and his record of service to the Florida law enforcement community represents the group's ideal of the commit-

ment it takes to earn the service award, which is his namesake.

Award Winner: Former Pasco County Sheriff's Office Captain

Kim Bogart, right, a former Pasco County Sheriff's Office Captain, was given this year's Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission Neil J. Perry Award for Excellence. Dianne Hill (center), Accreditation Manager for the Hernando County Sheriff's Office, was named as the Accreditation Manager of the Year, and Robert Garlo, Assistant Chief of the Tequesta Police Department, was chosen Assessor of the Year.



Sheriff Neil Perry

ment it takes to earn the service award, which is his namesake.

Award Winner: Former Pasco County Sheriff's Office Captain

This year's Neil J. Perry Award was given to Kim S. Bogart, Executive Director of the Florida Corrections Accreditation Commission (FCAC).

Bogart is one of the pioneers of the state accreditation process. He was instrumental in developing the AC/TRAC software and as the Accreditation Manager for the Pasco County Sheriff's Office – a pilot agency – he provided the Commission with valuable program information that improved the process for all subsequent agencies achieving accreditation.

Bogart's continuous commitment to professionalism is evidenced by his willingness to serve the Commission as an instructor for the past six years, teaching and developing curriculum for the Accreditation Manager and Assessor, "Preparing for the Onsite" classes and various other training workshops; and being an Assessor and Team Leader, performing approximately 12 onsite assessments and numerous mock assessments.

Kim Bogart's faithful dedication to the Commission and the law enforcement community is most impressive because he has been donating his time toward these efforts for the last two years with little compensation. It is his many years of exceptional service as an Ambassador for the Commission that exemplifies the dedication Sheriff Neil J. Perry also provided, therefore

making Bogart worthy of this recognition and honor.

"Competition for the award was particularly keen," said Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission Executive Director Susan Kyzer. "There were several nominees, any of whom would have represented the Commission in an outstanding fashion. The nominees were rated in a number of areas, including the originality of work product and commitment to the Commission. By his selection, Kim Bogart has shown that he is truly the 'best of the best.'"

In addition to other law enforcement agency employees, Alan Morrow, Alachua County Sheriff's Office, was a nominee for the Neil J. Perry award.

"Becoming accredited by the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation is considered a significant accomplishment and this status is held in high esteem by the criminal justice community."

- Hernando County Sheriff Richard Nugent



Accreditation Manager also a Sheriff's Office employee

The Commission selected Dianne Hill, an employee of the Hernando County Sheriff's Office, as the 2002 Accreditation Manager of the Year.

According to the Commission, this award honors a highly motivated individual who has exhibited the skills to accomplish a law enforcement agency's goal of achieving law enforcement accreditation demonstrating professional excellence. The Accreditation Manager's primary responsibilities include tracking the agency's standard compliance efforts and serving as the liaison between the agency and the Commission.

Sheriff's Office Major Royce Decker nominated Hill, saying "because of her work and commitment to standards of excellence, we, as members of this agency, as well as our community, are better served. Mrs. Hill is a class act and an Accreditation Manager of distinction."

Dianne Hill has been involved in her agency's accreditation efforts since 1993 and has served as the Accreditation Manager for the Hernando County Sheriff's Office since 1999, where she prepared her agency for initial accreditation and reaccreditation.

Dianne started her career in law enforcement as a deputy with Citrus County Sheriff's Office in 1985. She was hired by the Hernando County Sheriff's Office in 1987, and after sustaining an on-duty injury in 1991 and losing her certified status, she was assigned to the Office of Professional Standards as a Research Analyst.

"Undergoing the voluntary state accreditation process provides an agency with a quality assurance review, an excellent opportunity to

benchmark performance, and a way to identify opportunities to continue to improve in efficient and effective daily operations," said Hernando County Sheriff Richard Nugent.

"Becoming accredited by the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation is considered a significant accomplishment and this status is held in high esteem by the criminal justice community. We are proud of Dianne Hill being named the Commission's Accreditation Manager of the Year; she is the rudder that keeps our agency headed in the right direction."

Other nominees for this award from Sheriffs' Offices were: Phil Finlay of the Orange County Sheriff's Office and Linda Johnson, from the Polk County Sheriff's Office.

In other award news, the Commission selected Robert Garlo, Assistant Chief of the Tequesta Police Department, as the 2002 Assessor of the Year. Other nominees for this award included Steve Houglan, Orange County Sheriff's Office.

Broward Sheriff Gets OK to Take Over Fire-Rescue

A recent plan advanced by the Broward County Commission would put Broward County Sheriff Ken Jenne in charge of the county's fire-rescue units, in addition to his law enforcement responsibilities.

The County Administrator will begin negotiating with Sheriff Jenne's office and plans to bring a draft of a contract to them to consider at a later date.

Many lauded Sheriff Jenne's track record and stated



that this type of arrangement would not even be considered under most other circumstances. With his leadership, though, they felt comfortable moving forward.

Bringing fire-rescue and law enforcement units under the same administrative umbrella would allow the county to save money while enhancing communications, improving service and eliminating duplication of many administrative functions, Sheriff Jenne maintains.

During Sheriff Jenne's presentation before commissioners, the chambers hosted several dozen firefighters — many of whom wore T-shirts with a message of support: "A partnership in public safety."

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. Many progressive business 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." The Florida Sheriffs recognizes those businesses that are making a difference in their communities. Gold members commit \$500 annually, Silver members \$250 and Bronze members \$50 annually.



OSCEOLA COUNTY - 30-year certificate presented by Osceola County Sheriff Charlie Aycock to Raymond Barrette.



SARASOTA COUNTY - 25-year certificate presented by Sarasota County Sheriff Bill Balkwill to Hazel Burns.



Theodore Nilsen



Alan Cross



Byron Jones

SARASOTA COUNTY - 30-year certificate presented by Sarasota County Sheriff Bill Balkwill to Alan Cross, Byron Jones, Mr. & Mrs. William Eschelbacher and Theodore Nilsen, who is a proud centenarian.



VOLUSIA - 30-year certificate presented by Volusia County Sheriff Ben Johnson to A.R. Jones.



HERNANDO COUNTY - Presented by Sheriff Richard Nugent to (from left) Harold Kruser (25yr), Sue Saxon (Builder) and Carol Socash (30yr).



Mr. & Mrs. William Eschelbacher



NASSAU COUNTY - 30-year certificate presented by Nassau County Sheriff Ray Geiger to Lucile M. Brandies.



NASSAU COUNTY - 40-year certificate presented by Nassau County Sheriff Ray Geiger to Bennie C. Lewis.



B.W. "Walter" Parker, Sr.



Mrs. Herbert S. McKendree

NASSAU COUNTY - 25-year certificate presented by Nassau County Sheriff Ray Geiger to B.W. "Walter" Parker, Sr. and Mrs. Herbert S. McKendree.



PASCO COUNTY - 30-year certificate presented by Pasco County Sheriff Bob White to Edward Burnsed.



PASCO COUNTY - 25-year certificate presented by Pasco County Sheriff Bob White to John P. McGinnis.



Leonard Sasso



Carl Oder

CITRUS COUNTY - 30-year certificate presented by Citrus County Sheriff Jeff Dawsy to Carl Oder and Leonard Sasso.

FLORIDA SHERIFFS YOUTH RANCHES

HONOR ROLL



MARION COUNTY – Presented by Marion County Sheriff Ed Dean to Mr. & Mrs. John P. Daniels.



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*. Those whose gifts total over \$5,000 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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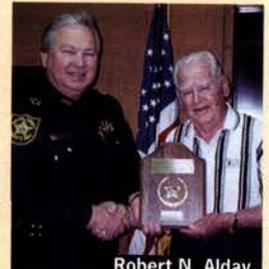
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NASSAU COUNTY – Presented by Nassau County Sheriff Ray Geiger to Mary Sadesky, Robert N. Alday and Mr. & Mrs. Chester R. Lewis.

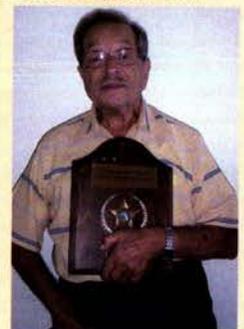


PINELLAS – Presented by FSYR Development Officer Don Meek to Thomas McAvoy.



BARTOW – Presented by Polk County Sheriff Lawrence Crow, Wally Edwards (Boys Ranch Alumni) and Youth Ranches President Roger Bouchard to Joyce Edwards (Youth Villa employee).

PALM BEACH COUNTY – Presented by FSYR staff to Melvin Roth.



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Mr. & Mrs. Roy E. Taylor

TAYLOR COUNTY – Presented by Taylor County Sheriff Bummy Williams to Mr. & Mrs. Roy E. Taylor, Lt. & Mrs. Jeff Poitevint, Sgt. & Mrs. Raymond Kellerman & family, Rev. & Mrs. Lusby Burruss and Mr. & Mrs. Fred Ogilvie.



PALM BEACH COUNTY – Presented by FSA President Martin County Sheriff Bob Crowder (left) and FSYR President Roger Bouchard (right) to George Labodo.



CHARLOTTE COUNTY – Presented by Charlotte County Sheriff Bill Clement to (left to right) Donna Roguska, Anthony J. Moros, Jr. and Mrs. & Mrs. Alan F. Rogers.



Mr. & Mrs. Fred Ogilvie

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The Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches accepts vehicles in fair to great condition! Please be sure your donation has emission controls, fair tires, no major body damage, the engine and transmission in good working order and no major rust problems. Boats need to have road worthy trailers. Call 1-800-765-3797 to make your tax deductible gift of a car, truck, boat, RV or any vehicle and help save the future of a deserving child.



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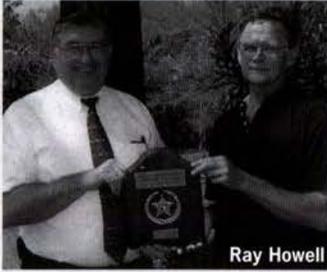
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SUWANNEE COUNTY – Presented by Suwannee County Sheriff Al Williams to Ray Howell, Diane & Dennis Nein, Mr. & Mrs. Sirak and Cherl Cazely.



SUWANNEE COUNTY – Presented by Suwannee County Sheriff Al Williams to Henry & Edna Watson.



SUWANNEE COUNTY – Presented by Suwannee County Sheriff Al Williams to Doug Elliott (left) and Keith Hudson (right) of the Suwannee River Riding Club.



COLLIER COUNTY – Presented by FSyr Chairman Suwannee County Sheriff Al Williams (right) and FSyr President Roger Bouchard (left) to Fred Hertel.



INDIAN RIVER – Presented by Sheriff Roy Raymond (center) to Don and Judy Deeson.

Star Briefs

Consumers Win With National Do Not Call List Registry

According to news headlines, Americans are fed up with telemarketers.

When the federal government introduced its national Do Not Call Registry, phone lines were slammed. People were anxious to be the first to have their phone numbers deleted from telemarketing prospecting lists.

An estimated 104 million sales calls are made to U.S. homes every day. But with this free service, slated to begin Oct. 1, relief is on its way.

By submitting their phone number to the new registry, Americans can be shielded from most unwanted calls — excluding charities and political groups, that is.

Companies are still free to call existing customers if they've done business with you in the last 18 months. That means you may still get solicited for new services — like those from your long distance carrier — but this list will eliminate a large percentage of solicitations.

Credit card issuers, insurers, phone companies and others who traditionally use the phone to sell their products risk being fined up to \$11,000 per illegal call, if they phone someone who is on the Registry.

The Federal Trade Commission expects roughly 60

million Americans to sign up during the first year.

How soon will your calls cease as a result? Telemarketers are supposed to check the registry for new numbers every three months, so there may be some lag time. But those who register by Aug. 31 should see fewer calls on Oct. 1.

You may register up to three numbers, including cell phone numbers. However, you cannot register business numbers.

Unlike Florida's do-not-call program, which costs \$10 to join and must be renewed each year for \$5, the national registry is free to consumers, and consumer phone numbers are kept on file for five years.

Florida officials are determining how the federal registry will affect its list and they have agreed to share their entire list of no-call numbers with the FTC. So if you're already registered on the Florida list, you'll be automatically placed on the national list.

There are two ways to get your phone numbers on the Do Not Call Registry. Call toll-free at 1-888-382-1222 (TTY callers should dial 1-866-290-4236), or go to www.donotcall.gov.

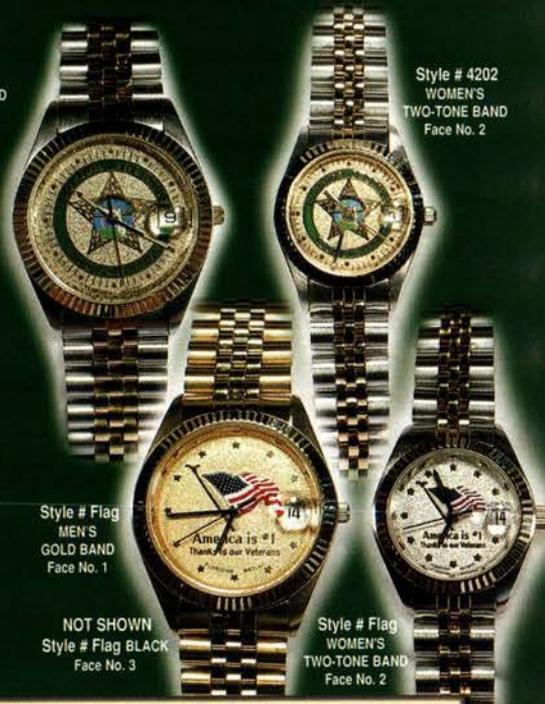
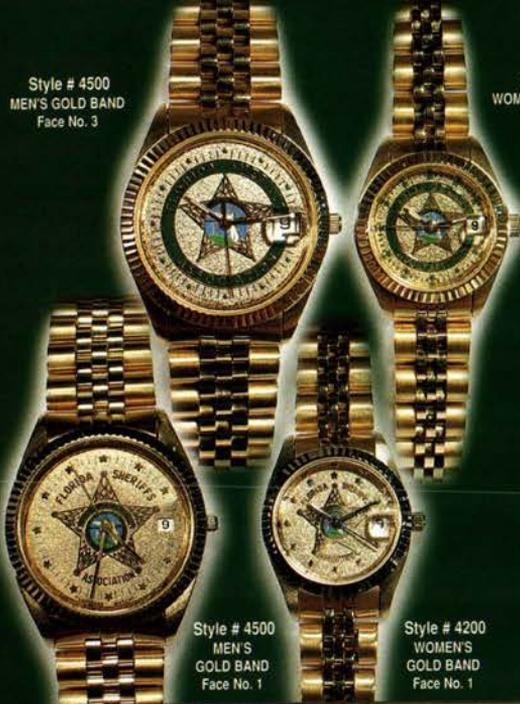
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MEN'S GOLD BAND
Face No. 3

Style # 4200
WOMEN'S GOLD BAND
Face No. 3

Style # 4502
MEN'S TWO-TONE BAND
Face No. 2

Style # 4202
WOMEN'S
TWO-TONE BAND
Face No. 2

NOTE: These water resistant, ETA Swiss quartz analog timepieces featuring a beautifully engraved "Sheriff's Star" in an all gold dress medallion, or a multi-colored sports style are available in both all gold or gold/steel two-tone as depicted. Also displayed are the patriotic Flag watches. These are available in three background faces: Face 1 - Gold; Face 2 - Silver and Face 3 - Black. All watches carry a 6-year limited warranty from the date of purchase against failures due to defective materials or workmanship. Gold or two-tone bands can be purchased with either of the four available faces. Style 4500 denotes men's gold band; 4502 denotes men's two-tone band. Style 4200 and 4202 are the women's gold and two-tone respectively.



Style # 4500
MEN'S
GOLD BAND
Face No. 1

Style # 4200
WOMEN'S
GOLD BAND
Face No. 1

Style # Flag
MEN'S
GOLD BAND
Face No. 1

NOT SHOWN
Style # Flag BLACK
Face No. 3

Style # Flag
WOMEN'S
TWO-TONE BAND
Face No. 2

MEMBERSHIP ITEMS ORDER FORM

Public safety is a concern to all citizens, and one way you can support public safety in your community is to show your pride in local law enforcement. To help you demonstrate your pride in crime-fighting efforts, the Florida Sheriffs Association has designed several items displaying the Sheriff's Star logo, and made them available to the general public. These quality items make great gifts too. Just fill in the order form and return it with your payment.

Mrs. Ms. Mr. Miss

Please return the entire
back cover page with your order.
Sorry, no overseas orders

Name (Please print)

Shipping Address

City State Zip Code

Contact phone number

Please make check or money order payable to
FLORIDA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION
P.O. BOX 12519, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32317-2519

I wish to purchase :

No. ___ *Golf shirts at \$30.00 each. \$ _____
Quantity ___ White (size S M L XL XXL)
Quantity ___ Green (size S M L XL XXL)
___ *Honorary Member Lapel pin(s) at \$8.00 each. \$ _____
___ *Belt buckle(s) at \$18.00 each. \$ _____
___ *Watches at \$165.00 ea. Style No. ___ Face No. ___ \$ _____
Flag Style Watches Face: Gold-1 Silver-2 Black-3
___ *Hats (white or green) at \$12 ea. \$ _____
___ *Coffee Mugs at \$13 ea. \$ _____
(postage & handling cost included in prices) Total \$ _____
* Please add 6% Sales Tax for membership items \$ _____
(Please allow 4 to 6 weeks for shipping) **Total enclosed \$ _____**
* Add .5%, .75%, 1% or 1.5% discretionary sales surtax, if applicable.

For credit card use
 VISA. MC. Card number

Name on card (please print) Expiration date

Contact phone number Total amount



GOLF SHIRTS
green or white with
multi-colored embroidered logo



BELT BUCKLE 3 1/2" x 2 1/4" solid brass



CAPS - WHITE OR GREEN
with multi-colored embroidery including
metallic gold thread, adjustable band



Honorary Member Lapel Pin
7.8" die cast metal with
5 color enameled finish



11oz. COFFEE MUGS
white color, with multi colored logo and
green bands listing all 67 counties