

# FLORIDA SHERIFFS ALL POINTS BULLETIN



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## Bay County's Maulbeck Wins Deputy Sheriff of the Year

By Julie S. Bettinger  
Editor

Picture this: It's Memorial Day weekend on one of Northwest Florida's most popular beaches. Double red flags are waving, there are 6- to 7- foot seas, and it's one of the roughest sea days of the year, as far as the undertow goes.

Still, vacationers are sprawled all over the beach and some of them – despite warnings – are in the surf. It's a Beach Patrol Deputy's worst nightmare.

Over Memorial Day weekend 2008, the Bay County Sheriff's Office received 24 water calls and made 39 rescues. Thankfully, they had a former Navy Combat Dive Instructor working Beach Patrol that weekend. In one day, Deputy Ray Maulbeck made 10 of those life-saving rescues.

Maulbeck, who served a 20-year tour of duty in the U.S. Navy, worked for the Panama City Police Department as a patrol officer and an undercover narcotics officer. He moved over to the Bay County Sheriff's Office four years ago.

Assigned to the Beach Patrol



**For his willingness to face life-threatening scenarios, saving 44 potential drowning victims and rescuing an elderly man from a burning home last year, the Florida Sheriffs Association named Bay County's Ray Maulbeck Jr. Deputy Sheriff of the Year. He is pictured (holding plaque) with his wife Judy and FSA President Sumter County Sheriff Bill Farmer. Photo by Jon Singley, Sheriffphoto.com**

Unit, Deputy Maulbeck is responsible for enforcement of county ordinances and water rescues, along with his other patrol duties, in the unincorporated 13 miles of beach in Bay County.

On Memorial Day last year, Maulbeck's Navy training came back to him. He was able to put all thoughts of self-preservation aside – and enter the raging, angry seas, time after time, to rescue swimmers who were in distress.

Deputy Maulbeck was successful in every one of his rescues – all 10 of them!

Once the last victim was pulled from the water, Maulbeck was visibly exhausted, but he continued his duties patrolling the beaches until the end of his shift.

Last year, Panama City Beach experienced some of the roughest water conditions in recent history, which meant business was good for Beach Patrol. By the end of 2008, Deputy Maulbeck's team had responded to a total of 236 swimmers in the water. Of those, 90 were water rescues and nearly half were rescued by Maulbeck himself.

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# Budget Booster: Agencies Receiving Huge Savings on Purchases

Good news: The federal discount purchasing program (1122) has expanded beyond purchases for counter drug activities. It now includes purchases used in homeland security and emergency response operations.

What was once the "Florida Counter-Drug Procurement Program" is now called the "Florida Sheriffs Association 1122 Program" to reflect the expansion.

Florida is one of only six states currently in the pilot program expansion – and that means Florida-based state and local agencies can get significant discounts on their purchases through 1122.

Many law enforcement agencies are already enjoying huge discounts for counter drug activities. A state agency was able to add 36 boats to their fleet because of their savings. One Sheriff's Office is able to keep their aviation unit because of the savings.

Following are just some examples of items that agencies can purchase:

- Body armor, including canine body armor
- Helmets
- Restraining equipment, cuffs, batons, distraction devices
- Canine training and handling equipment
- Emergency signal systems
- In-vehicle protection and restraint systems
- Alcohol detection kits and devices
- Firearms storage
- Drug testing equipment and kits
- Criminal investigative equipment and supplies

***"The majority of savings on purchases have ranged from 50 to 75 percent, and one agency reported savings as much as 86 percent."***

- Surveillance systems
- Firefighting and rescue equipment
- Marine craft and equipment
- Alarm and signal systems
- Special purpose clothing
- Power distribution equipment, generators and batteries
- Laboratory equipment
- Photographic equipment, printers and related supplies
- Computers, software and services

FSA's Glenda Travis is the point of contact for the 1122 program. She is contacting current participants (Sheriffs, Police Chiefs and state agencies)



*Glenda Travis*

to get new Memorandums of Agreements signed, since the current ones don't include the additional areas. If your agency has not yet participated, or if you want to be given priority for contact, please call or e-mail Glenda Travis, Florida Sheriffs Association, 1-800-877-2168, or e-mail: [gtravis@flsheriffs.org](mailto:gtravis@flsheriffs.org). You can also visit FSA's Web site: [www.flsheriffs.org](http://www.flsheriffs.org), and choose "Federal 1122 Program" link for more details.

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By Julie S. Bettinger



**Social Networks:  
Proceed With Caution**

I entered the world of social networking quite innocently. It was for investigative purposes. I was writing about how the Polk County Sheriff's Office was nabbing sexual predators through MySpace and I wanted to know more about how offenders gained access to kids.

I launched a Facebook page, tooled around a bit, then logged off. I only entered minimal information in my profile and didn't even post a personal photo. The next time I logged on, I discovered "friend" requests...and I didn't even want to be found!

Little by little, I warmed up to social networking and now I Facebook pretty regularly.

Still, I have been quite vigilant about my settings to protect my privacy and have been very discerning about adding friends. If someone creates posts or uploads photos that aren't appropriate, I either de-friend them, hide their posts or block them completely from my page.

**That "secret camera"**

One day I received a private message from someone I knew from high school. I had just added him as a friend, but had not gotten a chance to check out his page. The subject line was, "Did you liike our smaall secret caamera?" (typos and all). Red

flags went up, so I opened the message. There was a link with an odd address ending in "cool clips." I clicked on it, and up came...you guessed it – porn.

I was furious. I couldn't believe that I had added this guy to my friends! I quickly de-friended him and sent him a message back, blasting him for targeting me with porn. Days later I learned that the link was a result of a Facebook virus that sent the message to everyone on his Friends list. So he was a victim, too.

The experience made me wonder, "How did this happen?" I mean, one of the things that I liked about Facebook was that it seemed pretty safe – if you use all the privacy settings.

I called my friend Mike Phillips, Agent Supervisor for FDLE's Florida Computer Crimes Center. He was on his way to a conference for the Sheriffs' Executive Assistants to present on that very topic. The title of his presentation: Security in a Virtual World.

Mike confirmed that – yes – some applications on Facebook have viruses, so you have to be careful about using the games and other tools. But then he told me some things that went beyond my initial fears.

For example, he said those who work in law enforcement need to be especially mindful of what they post on their Facebook or other social networking page, since you never know who might see it.

Mike cited a recent case where an officer in New York was giving testimony in court. The defense attorneys used what the officer had posted on his Facebook page to suggest to the jury that he lacked credibility. The jury voted in favor of the defense.

That case was related to something the officer posted, but you

also have to be just as vigilant about what other people post about you – including photos. It goes without saying that undercover officers can't afford to have their family members posting photos of them, with tags linking to their page. In fact, it may be a question as to whether undercover deputies should even have a FB page.

Mike says he's even cautious about friend requests he receives. Someone – including a reporter – could create a false profile to get access to sensitive information. He verifies independently before adding someone as a friend – which would give them access to his FB page.

"I look at Facebook friends as my outer circle," he told me. Mike doesn't put any personal contact information on his page and doesn't use his primary e-mail for social networking. On his wall posts, he never talks about what he's going to do – which might give an indication to someone about his whereabouts or those of his family. He said he also heeds the long time advice from his father, the late Buddy Phillips (nicknamed "The Sheriff of Florida," for the many counties he served), who said, "Never let a person take a picture of you with a drink in your hand." Even if it's water. The advice was to politicians and Sheriffs, but it's just as applicable for the rest of law enforcement.

The bottom line is social networking is here to stay and that means law enforcement agencies should look at the vulnerabilities and advise all personnel for the protection of their mission. It's just a matter of time...

*Julie*

# The History of Standards Development in Florida Jails

By Ned Hafner  
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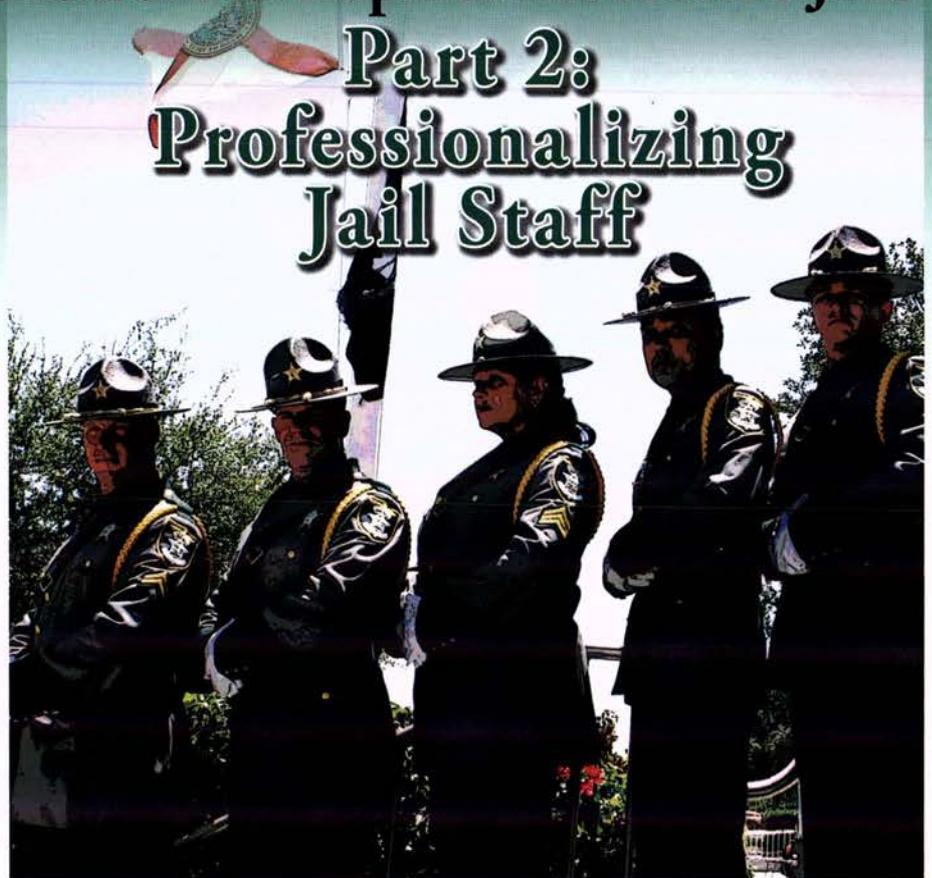
## Editor's Note:

The first part of this story, "Professionalizing jail facilities," ran in the spring edition of APB. Download the full article online at: [www.flsheriffs.org](http://www.flsheriffs.org). Choose the Law Enforcement link.

To address professionalism and staffing, the Governor created the Correctional Standards Council. Their mission was to develop standards and training for corrections personnel. Many hours were involved in the writing of the curriculum to be delivered to the participants. Originally, 20 training academies were certified to conduct the certification programs. These consisted of 18 Community/Junior Colleges and two Vocational-Technical Centers.

This Council was administratively assigned to the Department of Corrections. Majority of the appointments were ex-officio in nature. The members consisted of state-level executives, such as the Department of Corrections Secretary and the Florida Attorney General. Other members were local jail administrators and criminal justice educators; one member was an at-large participant.

The group met on a regular basis for a couple of years. The staff support was assigned by the Department of Corrections. Initially, this support consisted of a Chief, two Field Representatives and one clerical support person. Later, as



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the mission was expanded and the daily responsibilities increased, the staff grew larger.

The first approved basic course curriculum consisted of 160 contact hours of instruction. The curriculum was geared heavily towards behavioral types of training as well as legal liability and the varied responsibilities of a corrections officer. It should be noted that the 160-hour curriculum was a minimum. Some academies or agencies chose to adding additional hours of contact by expanding some of the subject matter as well as add topics. This, however, came about later in the process.

Once the trainees successfully completed this course they became Certified Corrections Officers. One of the major issues facing the professionalism ef-

fort was the establishment of a "grandfather clause," and July 1, 1974 was chosen as the magic date. If an officer was employed before that date, he/she was "grandfathered" in as a Certified Corrections Officer. If appointed after that date, the officer was required to successfully complete the basic course.

The second magic date was July 1, 1976. That's when all correctional personnel were required to be state certified. The question was, what do you do with those correctional officers who did not meet the deadline? The initial plan was to discharge them, but a court case arose based on a class-action suit filed by a group of officers. The ruling was in their favor and the opinion, of course, was based

upon the fact that when they were hired, certification was not a condition of employment. This issue was quickly resolved by making further adjustments on the dates and resulting in no one being discharged.

In 1981, the contact hours were doubled. The curriculum was increased to a total of 320 hours of training in the basic academy. In the years since this adjustment, many more changes and additions have occurred. Today, the average training curriculum is well over 600 hours.

### **Formation of a new commission**

In approximately 1983, the Correctional Standards Council was abolished. The responsibility of conducting the certification process for Corrections Officers was assigned to the Police Standards Commission. This independently-appointed body is staffed by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. The name of the component was eventually changed to the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission. The Commission is responsible for the certification for both corrections personnel and law enforcement personnel. The structure and organization remains the same today.

The next organization that was developed to further the cause of professionalism in corrections was the Florida Corrections Accreditation Commission, in 1998. The purpose of this 11-member body of criminal-justice professionals is to develop standards for the accreditation of local jail facilities. The development of the accreditation standards were, for the most part, derived from the Florida Model Jail Standards. This process once again allows for an

independent body to evaluate the operations of a local jail facility.

Each jail may apply for accreditation status on a strictly voluntary basis, on the part of each agency. The process to become an accredited agency is lengthy and involves the individual jail reviewing all of its practices as well as policies and procedures utilizing the Accreditation Commission documents as a guide. Once the facility considers that they are ready for the formal process, the commission sends in selected accreditation assessors to conduct a "mock evaluation." This is usually about a three-day exercise. At the conclusion of this assessment, the facility administration is informed of the positives and negatives in meeting the standards, and provides guidance on any shortfalls that might exist to encourage corrective action.

At the discretion of the facility administrator, they may request the formal on-site evaluation. Once again, the commission sends in a team of assessors to review the facility. Once all of the requirements have been met, the facility receives its certificate of accreditation, which is good for three years. The facility may request re-accreditation status at expiration and the process is started all over again.

The positive side of this process is that it allows outside professionals to enter the facility and make assessments. What could be better than to have fellow professionals enter your operation and offer their input and views – both positive and negative? This system also creates an open dialogue between fellow professionals, which ultimately encourages the positive elements of networking.

One of the primary benefits of the accreditation process is that it enforces practices that minimize exposure to liability issues. For the most part, the accreditation standards, which were derived from the Model Jail Standards, have already passed muster regarding "protection from liability" issues, as many of them have been repeatedly tested in the court system.

Over the years of attending state and national academies, conferences, workshops, etc., it has become apparent that the problems that we face in Florida corrections are found in other jurisdictions as well. We all share the same issues and challenges. However, as I travel the country, it has been encouraging to know that Florida is ahead of many other states. It all goes back to the early 1970s, when Florida Corrections professionals recognized the problems and worked toward resolution over the years.

There is no comparison to the conditions and operations of local jails today with the standards (or lack of) and practices of pre-1970. Construction standards, operational standards and staff development standards have brought about better and more professional jails throughout the state. Because of the early efforts of the Criminal Justice Standards and Goals Commission, this has also become true in other parts of the country.

*Ned Hafner retired from the Florida Sheriffs Association in June 2009. You may download his full article online at: [www.flsheriffs.org](http://www.flsheriffs.org). Choose the Law Enforcement link.*

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### **Bay County's Maulbeck Wins Deputy Sheriff of the Year**

These were all potential drowning victims and all were saved because of this man's willingness to place himself in grave danger. In fact, nearly every time Deputy Maulbeck entered the water, double red flags were displayed.

Still, this story of heroism isn't limited to the beaches.

#### **Fire-Rescue, too**

In November of last year, Deputy Maulbeck was faced with a different life-threatening scenario. While patrolling an area that had been temporarily assigned to the Bay County Sheriff's Office, Deputy Maulbeck responded to a residential fire. The first to arrive – even before firefighters – he learned there was an 85-year-old, bed-ridden man trapped inside. Maulbeck and another deputy entered the mobile home, which was filled with smoke. Crawling along the floor, Deputy Maulbeck found the elderly victim and yelled out to his fellow deputy. He quickly broke out the window to let fresh air into the black room and perhaps open an escape route.

The elderly man was conscious but not moving. Recognizing that the man's dead weight would be difficult to balance, the deputies transferred him to a nearby wheelchair. As they were about to hoist the man through the window, firefighters, bunkered with air packs, broke down the door and Maulbeck was able to give the man safe passage with their assistance.

Deputy Maulbeck and his fellow deputy were later treated for heat and smoke inhalation.

When asked about the numerous rescues he's made – from drowning and fire – without regard

***“Crawling along the floor, Deputy Maulbeck found the elderly victim and...quickly broke out the window to let fresh air into the black room”***

for his own life, Deputy Maulbeck says these are just acts that occur in the line of duty. In fact, Ray Maulbeck considers himself to be just “an average deputy.”

However, when recounting the experience with the elderly man – his first ever fire rescue – the former lifeguard from New Jersey admitted he would take double-red flags any day over a fire.

Still, it never crossed his mind to run from it. He told newspaper reporters later, “We just went in; we never thought about it.”

Had it not been for the actions of Deputy Ray Maulbeck, numerous lives would have been lost last year. For this reason, the FSA awards committee concluded that his courage and self-sacrifice are deserving of statewide recognition. This recognition comes with a handsome plaque and a check for \$1,000.

Please join us in congratulating Bay County SO's Ray Maulbeck, Florida Sheriffs Association's 2008 Deputy Sheriff of the Year.

#### **FSA Names Two Honorable Mentions**

By virtue of their job description, numerous men and women are worthy of the title “Deputy Sheriff of the Year.” That makes

the awards committee members' job a difficult one.

That's why members of the selection committee decided to recognize two other nominees as “Honorable Mentions” – Polk

County Sheriff's Deputy Rainier Escheu and Martin County Sheriff's Deputy Jason Howard.

Deputy

Rainier Escheu, who has served the Polk County Sheriff's Office for 11 years, was nominated for his rescue of two women from a burning home. After pushing one to safety, he walked and sometimes crawled on his hands and knees to find additional victims. He found another woman in a room trying to save personal belongings by tossing them out a window. His escape now blocked by flames, Deputy Escheu put the woman through the window to safety. He remained in the home to search for children, as he had observed toys scattered about, when he saw the two women try to re-enter the residence. Deputy Escheu grabbed both women by the wrist and took them to safety again. Once outside, he learned that the residing children were not at home.

Because of his willingness to sacrifice his own personal health and safety, the two victims suffered only minor injuries from smoke inhalation.

Deputy Jason Howard, who has garnered seven letters of commendation and a Distinguished Service Award in only four years with the Martin County Sheriff's Office, is being recognized for his extreme bravery and

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## Accreditation Update

By Peg Gant,  
Executive Director  
Commission for Florida  
Law Enforcement Accreditation, Inc.



The Florida Accreditation summer conference was held June 29 – July 3 at the Hyatt Coconut Point in Bonita Springs. Host agency was the Cape Coral Police Department. Many thanks to the Florida PAC Executive Board for hosting the annual awards luncheons for both the Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation, Inc. (CFA) and the Florida Corrections Accreditation Commission (FCAC).

Winners of CFA awards were:

- 2008 Assessor of the Year: Lt. Robert “Andy” Wagner, University of Florida Police Department
- Accreditation Manager of the Year (two winners): Tammie Jacobs, North Port Police Department; and Cheryl Turner, Altamonte Springs Police Department

Winners of the FCAC awards were:

- 2008 Accreditation Manager of the Year: Captain Amy Barnell, Osceola County Corrections Facility
- 2008 Assessor of the Year: Master Deputy Jason Wheeler of St. Lucie County Corrections
- 2008 Distinguished Service Award: Deborah Moody, Program Manager for Florida Accreditation

During the CFA business meeting, commissioners reviewed

and accredited nine agencies. Agencies receiving reaccredited status were: Hernando County Sheriff’s Office, Martin County Sheriff’s Office, Cocoa Police Department, Gulfport Police Department, University of Florida Police Department, Gainesville Police Department, Palm Beach County School

District Police Department, Palm Beach Shores Police Department and West Palm Beach Police Department. Congratulations to all of these agencies for their success and commitment to a philosophy of excellence.

### Standards Review

The CFA Standards Review and Interpretation Committee (SRIC) is chaired by Florida Wildlife Commission Col. Julie Jones and co-chaired by Hernando Sheriff Rich Nugent. SRIC had a heavy agenda and addressed each issue with careful review and resolution. You can find the Change Notice for standard changes approved by the Commissioners at June’s meeting on the CFA/FCAC Web site.

Programmers are continuing to work on updating the Accreditation Manager® software program. We hope to have more details in the near future.

Other Commission business included an update on the Inspectors General (IG) Investigations function accreditation program. Commissioners reviewed all of the material approved for that program, which launched July 1. In addition, a section on the new

Inspectors General Investigations Accreditation Program (IGAP) was launched on CFA/FCAC’s website. This program has been in development over the last two years. We are extremely proud to welcome Florida’s Inspectors General to the world of accreditation.

The next conference will be at the Sawgrass Resort and Spa in Ponte Vedra, October 25 – 30, 2009.

For more information on training opportunities offered by the CFA and FCAC, visit the Web site, [www.flaccreditation.org](http://www.flaccreditation.org).

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persistence in a potentially fatal confrontation.

While conducting a DUI traffic stop on June 1, 2008, he was suddenly attacked by three individuals who beat him and kicked him in the face and head. Although outnumbered, Deputy Howard did not succumb or retreat. Relying on his training, he fought back – finally relying on deadly force, as he was about to lose consciousness. It was later determined that at least two of his attackers had criminal “street gang” affiliations.

In April 2009, Deputy Howard received a Medal of Valor and a Purple Heart from the National Sheriffs Association for his actions. The Florida Sheriffs Association agrees that Deputy Howard’s bravery in standing his ground and doing what he was trained to do, “aim for the center mass and stop the aggression” is deserving of recognition.

Congratulations to Deputy Rainier Escheu and Deputy Jason Howard, FSA Deputy Sheriff of the Year Honorable Mentions.

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## Annual FLEPIOA Conference Provides Information Sharing and Training

By Carrie Eleazer  
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The Florida Law Enforcement Public Information Officers Association (FLEPIOA) held its annual training conference June 15-19 in St. Pete Beach. Hosts included the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office, Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, St. Petersburg Police Department, Pasco County Sheriff's Office and Polk County Sheriff's Office.

The speakers covered a range of topics. Captain Timothy Close with the U.S. Coast Guard, shared the Coast Guard's experience dealing with the local and national media during the tragic boating accident 50 miles off the coast of Tampa Bay involving four football players (two of whom were NFL players). Deputy Sheriff/PIO Carlos Padilla, Orange County Sheriff's Office, talked about his experiences dealing with the local and national media during the Caylee Anthony case. Then there were presentations by Laura McElroy from the Tampa Police Department, who helped facilitate the 2008 Super Bowl at Raymond James Stadium, and Stephanie Slater of the Boynton Beach Police Department, who instructed fellow PIOs on how to share information about their agencies through social networking sites such as YouTube, MySpace, and Facebook. The conference also included an interactive panel discussion with media representatives from radio, television, newspaper, and online sources. The media and the PIOs

During the FLEPIO training conference, Martin County Sheriff's Office Rhonda Irons (left) was named PIO of the Year. Presenting the award is Carrie S. Eleazer, Polk County Sheriff's Office Public Information Officer.



shared ideas, needs, wishes and desires for a more cohesive and better working relationship.

### Recognizing their peers

Traditionally at the conference, FLEPIOA honors members who excelled during the previous year. Receiving awards this year were: Elizabeth Daly-Watts, Clearwater Police & Fire/Rescue, who received the FLEPIOA Public Image Award; Rhonda Irons, Martin County Sheriff's Office, who was named the FLEPIOA PIO of the Year; and Debbie Carter, Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, who received the Jack Espinosa Award.

In addition to training and networking, members elected their new leaders. The new board members, who will serve two-year terms, are:

- Debbie Carter, Hillsborough (Tampa) County Sheriff's Office, President
- Sandra Boonenberg, Boca Raton Police Department, Vice President
- Stephanie Slater, Boynton Beach Police Department, Secretary

Carrie Eleazer, Polk County Sheriff's Office, Treasurer

FLEPIOA is a non-profit, professional, statewide organizational network comprised of law enforcement Public Information Officers (PIO) or agency spokespersons who provide support and/or assistance to one another.

The organization is divided into 10 regions with different counties – largely based on metropolitan media markets. Each area has a regional director who coordinates local training, meetings and other activities to help PIOs deal with regional issues, network and provide support in their roles as Public Information Officers.

Sharing experiences – good and bad – and providing updates on Florida Statutes and public record laws, are among the association's greatest resources. Much of this is accomplished during the annual training conference.

For more information visit the organization's Web site: [www.flepioa.org](http://www.flepioa.org).

# Pasco Sheriff's Office Expands Inmate Labor Programs

By Kevin Doll  
Public Information Director

Pasco Sheriff Bob White recently joined his detention deputies to present a number of new inmate labor programs that are being used to save taxpayers' dollars at the Central Detention Center.

These programs are part of the Inmate Labor Section (ILS) and also are designed to raise the work ethic of selected inmates and give them a productive way to spend their court-ordered sentences. All supplies – including the start-up costs of the programs – are obtained from federal grant funds and sustained through inmate welfare funds. It's a ground-up operation, as inmates poured the concrete slabs, put in the plumbing and electrical systems and erected the structures needed for all the programs.

"Inmates who participate in these programs receive a sense of achievement," Sheriff White said. "It's starting something and seeing it to fruition. Many of our inmates have not had that experience."

Included in the programs is the newly reconstructed hydroponics garden that was destroyed in the tornado that struck the detention center on December 16, 2007. Two different watering systems are utilized for the new hydroponics program – a horizontal system where the water and nutrients



**Picking lettuce and tending swine are part of PCSO's Inmate Labor Section activities, which has saved more than \$200,000 in food costs annually. Every 40 hours they work, inmates earn a day and a half off their sentence.**



circulate under the plants and a vertical system where the water drips down into the plants placed perpendicular to the ground.

The horizontal system has a capacity of 9,660 plants. When in operation, harvesting is conducted five days a week. Each day, 460 heads of lettuce are harvested. Each head of lettuce produced provides a saving of approximately \$1 to the Detention Culinary Unit, and annually this program produces a savings of about \$119,600.

### **New system added**

The vertical drip hydroponics program was initiated in October 2008. This new system requires less space than the conventional,

horizontal system. The vertical drip system has a capacity of 4,000 plants. In 2008, the vertical drip hydroponics system provided the Culinary Unit with 1,912 heads of Rex lettuce, which wholesales at \$1.49 per head – providing a savings of \$2,848. Since January 2009, this system has grown beefsteak tomatoes, grape tomatoes, bib lettuce, romaine lettuce, bell peppers, squash, cucumbers, collards, eggplant, thyme, basil, parsley, garlic and sage.

The other new programs include:

The Swine Program, which currently has 120 pigs. The bureau has an arrangement with the Man-

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atee Sheriff's Office to process our swine. The bureau sent 67 pigs to Manatee Sheriff's Office in 2008, which yielded 10,244 pounds of processed pork, for a savings of \$13,113. For 2009, the swine program has produced 6,325 lbs. of meat for a savings of \$15,812.

The Cattle Program started this year with 27 cows. There are approximately 45 acres of grazing land used for the program. This program has been augmented with donations from local farmers who have donated hay, cows and expertise. Future plans include incorporating beef

from this program into the inmate food system.

The Ornamental Plant Program also was started this year. The plants are grown within a grow house. The program will be used to augment Pasco government property landscaping and conduct horticulture training for inmates. The future plans for the program may include sales to the public to generate funds for inmate labor programs.

The Agriculture Program (outdoor soil garden) was the first inmate program to be created and has been in existence for nearly eight years. In the last 18

months, this three-acre tract has produced more than 114,000 pounds of produce which has saved nearly \$62,000 in food costs.

Sheriff White said only non-violent, sentenced inmates are used in the ILS. It comes with an added bonus: for every 40 hours they work, inmates receive a day-and-a-half off of their jail sentence.

For more information, contact Kevin Doll, Pasco Sheriff's Office Public Information Director, phone (727) 844-7759 or e-mail: kdoll@pascosheriff.org.

## Escambia S.O. Victim's Advocate Recognized

During National Crime Victims' Rights Week last April, which marked the 25th anniversary of the Federal Victim of Crime Act, Escambia County Sheriff's Office Victim's Advocate Mary Rebber received special recognition from Florida Gov. Charlie Crist and Attorney General Bill McCollum.

An employee of the ECSO since 1982, Rebber has worked tirelessly to institute an awareness of Victim Advocacy, dedicating her time and energy to assisting, counseling and supporting crime victims; helping them recover their assurance, self-worth, personal safety, and whenever possible, recovery of financial losses resulting from the victimization.



From left, Lt. Gov. Jeff Kottkamp, Escambia S.O. Victim's Advocate Mary Rebber, Gov. Charlie Crist, Attorney General Bill McCollum

In addition, Rebber has worked with the Rape Crisis Center, Naval Air Station Pensacola's Family Service Center and served at Ground Zero in 2001, working as a Victim's Advocate to the vast amount of emotionally and physically scarred survivors of 9/11.

"Ms. Rebber epitomizes professionalism, both as an employee and longtime volunteer," said Escambia Sheriff David Morgan. "She set the standard for this program at the Escambia County Sheriff's Office. We are proud that her efforts are being recognized."

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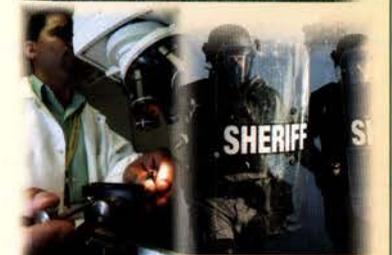
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## Thumbs Up to Collier S.O.

Feeding the news machine is challenging in today's information-craved world. Stagnant Web sites don't cut it anymore. You need to be responsive, thorough and think beyond facts – with photography, video and audio soundbites.



*Collier County Sheriff Kevin Rambosk*

The Collier County Sheriff's Office has kept up – converting their PIO activities to include a blog, multi-media page with videos, YouTube Channel, Twitter page, News Room, Press Release page, PIO "on-call calendar," complete with name and cell phone contact and an award winning e-newsletter. The agency wisely keeps an "events" section on their Web site, so reporters can separate breaking news from community events.

APB congratulates the Collier County Sheriff's Office for a job well done.

Find out more by clicking the News tab at: [www.colliersheriff.org](http://www.colliersheriff.org).



## The tradition continues...

Diehard motorcyclists gathered early on Sunday morning, July 19, during the Florida Sheriffs Association Summer conference to enjoy a leisurely ride and raise money for the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches.

Sixteen conference participants and motorcycles were escorted by seven Palm Beach County Sheriffs Office motorcycle deputies. The group left the PGA National Resort, rode to Indiantown and had breakfast – compliments of the Purdy, Jolly, Giuffreda & Baranco law firm of Ft. Lauderdale.

The group then rode to Pahokee, where they stopped to view Lake Okeechobee – and pose for a photo. The motorcycles circumnavigated the lake, going through Clewiston, Moore Haven and Okeechobee, then returned to PGA.

The total ride was 200 miles and raised \$575 for the Youth Ranches.

The next ride: FSA Mid-Winter conference in 2010. For more information, contact Terry Meek via e-mail: [meekt@mindspring.com](mailto:meekt@mindspring.com).