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“FASTER” Dog Team Impresses Citrus Officials

On the afternoon of Friday, January 31, the sheriff’s office in Citrus County was called by the wife of Frank Gerald, an 83-year old Gospel Island resident who apparently wandered away from his home and failed to return.

Over the weekend, Citrus authorities searched feverishly in the area near Mr. Gerald’s home. Their helicopter was activated, and it joined in the search effort, complete with its heat-seeking scope. No luck.

On the following Monday, Citrus officials decided to try something different. They called the Florida Association of Search Teams and Emergency Rescue known as “FASTER”, an acronym for a loosely knit canine search and rescue team. Lucy Walburn, the group’s President and founder lived in Chiefland, just north of Citrus County.

Walburn and her german shepherd “Markus” arrived in Inverness later that day accompanied by fellow-handler Sarah Garfunkel and her retriever, “Ryder.” They personally visited Mrs. Gerald and learned more about Frank Gerald, his walking habits and where he might have gone. They also explained to Mrs. Gerald that their search dogs employed a different search technique than most.

“Our dogs search areas using air



FASTER President Lucy Walburn with a few of their trained search and rescue dogs.

scent, not by sniffing the ground like many of their canine counterparts,” noted Walburn.

Then, it was off to search.

“Within three minutes the dogs had raised their heads, indicative of picking up the scent,” Walburn said. “And within a total of seven minutes the dogs found Mr. Gerald’s body in a dense tangle of underbrush about .3 mile from his home.”

Needless to say, Citrus County authorities were overwhelmed.

“Everyone here was very much impressed with the results of FASTER’S efforts. They work well with law enforcement and their animals are very well trained,” said Lt. Pat Fisher, a spokes-person for the sheriff’s office. “When the need arises, we wouldn’t hesitate in calling them anytime.”

Walburn was quick to note that, “more and more sheriff’s departments

are finding that we are not trying to compete with them...we only want them to consider us as possible a resource in special situations.”

Aside from search dogs, FASTER’s all-volunteer teams are trained and equipped to respond in other types of search and rescue.

With their home base in Levy County, they are a private, non-profit organization whose services include open water rescue and recovery; cave rescue and recovery; cave dive recovery; high angle rescue; critical care and emergency wilderness medicine and man-tracking, land navigation and search management skills.

The team is affiliated with N.A.S.A.R., the National Association of Search and Rescue, and it functions as a community service organization which makes presentations to local schools, scout troops, 4-H groups and the like.

For further information on FASTER, contact Dr. Keith or Lucy Walburn at (904) 493-0282. They can be reached for emergency call out through an answering service at 1-800-945-FAST.

BRIEFLY . . .

Police chases outlawed:

Police car chases have been banned in Omaha, Nebraska because the city faces more than \$10 million in lawsuits filed by people who claim that they were injured during pursuits, said Police Chief James Skinner.

Courtesy of *St. Petersburg Times*, 12/12/91



Ray Goode addresses the luncheon crowd on Florida's economic forecast.

FSA Administrative Seminar Held in Jax

Nearly 200 participants from 57 of the 67 sheriff's offices across the state shared their thoughts and ideas and heard from an array of recognized professionals, at the first ever Administrative Management Training Seminar sponsored by the Florida Sheriffs Association. The seminar was held at the Omni Jacksonville Hotel, February 16-18, 1992.

More than 250 participants including sheriffs, sheriffs personnel and corporate sponsors gathered Sunday evening, February 16 with a reception hosted by the Hunt Insurance Group. Class tracks kicked off at 8:30 AM on Monday morning, with the last course ending at 5:00 PM on Tuesday afternoon.

Among the 25 topics covered were accounting issues; affirmative action; minority recruitment; sexual harassment; planning of human resources; total quality management; risk management; veterans rights and preference; workers compensation issues; grant funding & administration; purchasing; Americans with Disabilities Act; public records; fair labor standards issues and off-duty employment.

Mr. Ray Goode, Managing partner

with Goode, Alcott, Knight & Associates and Chairman of the Board of the University of Miami was the keynote speaker at Monday's luncheon. Goode presented an interesting and informative economic forecast for Florida and spoke of its implications on our state and local governments.

Gary Perkins, Director of FSA's Administrative Services summed it up nicely. "In training efforts, FSA has primarily focused on the law enforcement or corrections function. This time we explored administrative issues and met with response which exceeded our best predictions."

"We found a craving for the issues addressed in this training seminar," noted J. M. "Buddy" Phillips, FSA's Executive Director. "You can be sure that we will continue to address this need in future sessions."

Florida is number #1 in Accreditation

As of January, there were 195 law enforcement agencies from across the nation which had earned accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies. 31 were from Florida, including 12 of our Sheriff's Offices. As we go to press, 63 more police agencies in Florida are in some stage of the process.

To date, the following Sheriff's Offices in Florida have earned the honor: Broward County, Charlotte County, Hillsborough County, Indian River County, Lee County, Manatee County, Marion County, Monroe County, Palm Beach County, Pinellas County, St. Johns County and Volusia County. Keep up the good work, folks! It's not surprising that we're #1.

FSA Deputy Sheriff of Year Nominations Sought

The Florida Sheriffs Association recently sent a memo to all 67 sheriffs which solicited nominations for the 1992 FSA Deputy Sheriff of the Year Award.

Each sheriff is allowed to submit the nomination and supporting documentation for one individual per year. The acts for which a nomination is made should have been primarily accomplished during calendar year 1991, when possible. The criteria includes:

- a heroic act
- high personal standards and service above and beyond the call of duty
- "technical" excellence
- innovation/initiative in creating a new crime prevention program
- outstanding efforts in criminal investigation
- outstanding narcotics investigation
- other exemplary performance as deemed by the Sheriff

The 1992 winner will be invited (expenses paid with his/her spouse) to the 1992 FSA Summer Conference Banquet. The recipient will be presented a plaque and a check for \$1,000. The Banquet will be held on the evening of July 21 at the Sonesta Sanibel Harbour Resort near Fort Myers.

Last years' winner was Sgt. Susan Goreck of Polk County.

In the incident which precipitated her nomination, Sgt. Goreck went undercover at great peril, and over an 18 month stretch, earned the confidence of a murder suspect by the name of George Trepal. The subsequent investigation showed that Trepal introduced a toxic substance known as thallium nitrate into soft drink bottles found within his neighbor's refrigerator. He then recapped the bottles without leaving evidence of tampering.

One family member ultimately died, but the rest survived after suffering terrible illness. Trepal is now sitting on Florida's Death Row.

EDITOR'S CORNER

By Tom Berlinger



"Thirty-Three Dash Eight"

For those of you working in one of Florida's county jails, you'll recognize the term, "Thirty-three Dash Eight" (33-8) as those sometimes dreaded rules issued by the Florida Department of Corrections - rules by which they measure your jails conformity to certain court imposed standards and "good correctional practices."

To be sure, 33-8 has been a blessing for some, and a headache for others. With Florida's \$25,000 homestead exemption on the first \$25,000 of assessed valuation on real property, some county coffers just don't have the tax

base to adequately fund the requirements of 33-8 and other necessary government services. In some counties, though, 33-8 has helped local sheriffs in their quest to upgrade deplorable and unmanageable jail conditions, particularly when their Board of County Commissioners fail to place the proper amount of priority on their jail.

Florida's Sheriffs voted at a recent Conference, and DOC agreed to participate, to review 33-8 in its entirety, with the hopes of coming to some agreement as to modifications which, if implemented, would lessen the financial burden to county government without adversely affecting jail inmates or staff.

As FSA's representative, I was appointed to serve on "our side" of the committee along with Directors Mike Berg of Duval County; Terry Moore of Volusia; Richard Penn of Pinellas; Lonnie Lawrence of Dade; Dennis Williams of Hillsborough; and Dennis Williams of Wakulla (yes, there are 2 of them). The first of a series of meetings

with DOC took place on March 11-12 in Tallahassee. After arriving at some suggested changes, a group of sheriffs and jail administrators will take another look at what we've done. We'll keep you posted on what transpires. In the meantime, call one of the jail committee members whose jail system mostly resembles yours, with ideas you have about possible changes.

FSA Jail Workshop Called A Success

The Florida Sheriffs Association sponsored its' annual jail Workshop by hosting a three day training conference entitled "Contemporary Jail Issues in Florida - 1992" on February 3-5, at the Ocala Hilton.

Sheriffs Rick Roth of Monroe County and Taylor Douglas of Putnam County joined with over 100 jail administrators and their staff to interact with guest presenters and each other on timely issues dealing with jail administration.

Presenters included Sheriff Peter Y. Flynn of Plymouth County, MA; DOC Inspector General David Smith; Dr. Jim Sewell, Director of FDLE's Executive Institute; Fred Parker, legal counsel and defense attorney within the Florida Sheriffs Self-Insurance Plan; Bill Powers, FSA's legal counsel on labor issues; and Rod Miller, of NIJ's Jail Industry Program.

Aside from serving as a presenter, Sheriff Flynn (the "Sheriff of Plymouth Rock" as he jokingly called himself) decided to take in many of the instructional blocks as a student.

"In all my years as sheriff, I have never observed this large a gathering of jail administrators from one state together in a training class," he noted. "The course content was interesting and relevant to today's correctional administrator, and I applaud your Association for sponsoring such a successful venture."

Crack Task Force Continues Impact

The Florida Sheriffs Association Statewide Crack Task Force was established by unanimous vote of the Sheriffs in 1989. The success enjoyed by the group continues to impress even the most skeptical observers.

In addition to training hundreds of officers on the proven methods for fighting the crack cocaine related problems within their community, the Task Force has had unparalleled success in effecting arrests and seizures.

For the period 1989-91, the Task Force has:

- effected 29,926 arrests
- seized 156,714 "rocks", 1810 lbs. of cocaine, 4761 lbs. of cannabis, and an assortment of amphetamines, LSD and other dangerous drugs
- seized 2626 vehicles
- seized 2 boats
- seized over \$4 million in currency
- seized 1675 firearms

Broward Sheriff Nick Navarro volunteered to spearhead the effort, and he's as pleased as he can be about the results to date.

"The FSA Crack Task Force is without question, the most successful joint effort of this magnitude, in history," Navarro noted. "Georgia and South Carolina joined with us last February in one sweep, and together we made a total of 13,500 arrests."

The Task Force will continue its effort indefinitely.

Cultural Awareness Training for Florida's Officers

By R&D Specialist Lisa Hopkins
and R&T Specialist
Alicia Washington, CJS&T

In response to the mandates of House Bill 1431, passed during the 1991 legislative session, a 12-member Criminal Justice Training Advisory Group was established to assist the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission and the Criminal Justice Executive Institute in implementing the required training programs for Florida's officer trainees, agency executives and officer instructors. This law, which originated from the work of the Racial and Ethnic Bias Study Commission, requires the development of officer training programs in the area of interpersonal skills relating to racial and ethnic minorities, with an emphasis on cultural awareness.

During their first meeting, the Advisory Group established goals and identified relevant issues surrounding the development of the training programs. Some of the issues discussed were: the importance of "commitment from the top" and executive involvement in training; incorporating the principals of cultural awareness into agencies' daily operations; establishing a system for positive and negative rewards based on agency adherence to these principles; ensuring that all officers at all levels attend the training and demonstrate a proficiency in the topics; and addressing gender bias in the training programs.

Subsequently, the Criminal Justice Training Advisory Group identified areas where Florida's officers require specific training in interpersonal skills relating to gender, race and

ethnicity. With the participation of officers, instructors, community advocates, and other interested individuals in attendance, the Group members composed a list of items to be included in the development of the training programs. The list was extensive and included ideas such as: providing officers opportunities to interact with culturally representative citizen panels to increase familiarity, cultural sensitivity and self awareness among participants; the implications of "group think"; the importance of individuality and self worth; valuing diversity; identifying racism and sexism; identifying "hate crimes"; understanding body language, language and behavior cultural differences; communication skills (the importance of courtesy); dealing with juveniles; problem-solving policing; anger and stress management techniques; de-escalation techniques; importance of equal treatment for all socioeconomic, racial, ethnic and gender groups; and the importance of cooperation between disciplines (law enforcement and corrections).

The input from the Advisory Group along with the mandates of House Bill 1431 will be used to develop a minimum eight-hour curriculum for basic recruit officers in all disciplines, and an eight-hour curriculum required for continued employment. In addition, the current curricula for basic training in all disciplines as well as instructor training will be revised to incorporate gender, racial and ethnic bias concerns throughout the curricula.

Alzheimer's Association Offers Educational Program for Police

The Alzheimer's Association has developed a new police training curriculum designed to help law enforcement officials recognize and respond to Alzheimer's patients.

Nearly one million Americans suffer from Alzheimer's Disease. According to the association, police sometimes mistake Alzheimer's patients for drug abusers.

The police training kit explores the nature and effects of the disease, as well as strategies for helping victims who are encountered while wandering or driving unsafely.

To obtain a complimentary copy of the curriculum, contact Nancy Erickson at (312) 335-8700.

Call for Presenters

Youth Crime Watch of America, a school-based crime and drug prevention organization is now accepting calls for presenters for the 6th Annual National Youth Crime Prevention Conference. The conference will be held October 14-17, 1992, in Miami, Florida. Please contact: Patricia Waters, Youth Crime Watch of America, 5220 Biscayne Blvd., Suite 207, Miami, Florida 33137. (305) 758-9292.

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New Breed of Narcotics Dogs Taught to Sit Down on the Job

By Donald Thompson
Metro-Dade Police Dept.

His name is Butch. He's 75 pounds of Labrador Retriever who can accomplish more by sitting down than most of his brethren can in moments of high drama.

According to Metro-Dade Police Sergeant Wesley Dallas, his human partner, Butch represents the latest development in illicit drug detection.

"Ever since drugs have become a national malignancy, law enforcement agencies have been using specially trained canines to sniff out drugs at airports, docks, and terminals," Dallas says. "There was loophole in their training, though."

The dogs were taught to locate the illegal substances, then indicate their locations by aggressively biting and scratching at them. This was a serviceable response as long as investigators were dealing with boats and cars, but was hardly appropriate in dealing with humans who might be hiding contraband on their persons.

Butch and other members of the new breed are taught to be passive: to sniff out the drugs and then sit down next to them. That's all. Just sit.

"In a way, it's got to be as disconcerting to a smuggler as a dog who growls and claws," Dallas says. "Can you imagine the picture? Here you are, trying to secretly carry dope into the country, and suddenly this strange dog sits down next to you. You move, he moves. You run, he runs. You stop, he stops. He's your shadow, pointing like an arrow to your crime. It's like having a fur-bearing conscience."

Sergeant Dallas and Butch recently graduated from the U.S. Customs Service Training Center in Front Royal,

Virginia. They are the newest additions to the Metro-Dade Police Department's narcotics control capabilities, thereby increasing the Department's effectiveness by one more dimension.

Studies Report on Safety of Police Traffic Radar

WASHINGTON, DC — Governmental authorities are unanimous in their assessment that no convincing evidence exists of health risks resulting from occupational exposure to traffic radar devices, according to a publication released today by the Electromagnetic Energy Police Alliance (EEPA).

The face sheet *Police Traffic Radar, Promoting Highway Safety through Electromagnetic Energy*, provides historical background and key concepts of traffic radar systems and explains the microwave transmissions used in most traffic radar operations.

The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) have commented on allegations of health effects resulting from occupational exposure to police traffic radar. The agencies concluded that there is no basis to question the safety of police radar, finding no convincing evidence of any risk. Human exposures produced by police traffic radar units are well below the safe exposure limits adopted by scientific bodies anywhere in the world. The fact sheet cites results from studies conducted by the National Institute of Standards & Technology (NIST) and the Institute of Police Technology and Management (IPTM) that support the same position. EEPA encourages increasing understanding of potential low-level exposure effects through careful scientific research by government, industry and academia.

To put police radar in perspective, the fact sheet contains a chart compar-

ing output levels of common emission sources, such as AM/FM radio transmitters, CB radios, portable cellular phones and children's walkie-talkies, all which operate at power levels generally much higher than that of police radar.

This fact sheet is the sixth in a series of publications on non-ionizing electromagnetic issues. Other topics include: Understanding Electromagnetic Energy, Radio and Television Broadcasting, Video Display Terminals, Cellular Radio - Cellular Telephone, and Automatic Electric Blankets. Single copies of EEPA's fact sheets are available on request; multiple copies may be purchased for \$.50 per copy, with minimum orders of \$10. Volume discounts are also available. To order, contact: EEPA, 1255 Twenty-third Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20037-1174, Phone: 202/452-1070, FAX: 202/833-3636.

EEPA is a non-profit association of manufacturers and users of electrical and electronic systems. EEPA develops education programs, sponsors research and advocates rational, scientifically based standards on the production and use of non-ionizing electromagnetic energy.

First Traffic Radar Lawsuit Dismissed

Kustom Signals, Inc. of Lenexa, KS, has announced that the case of **Rosen v. Kustom Signals et al.** has been dismissed by the US District Court in San Francisco. The **Rosen** suit was the first lawsuit alleging personal injury to police officers caused by microwave emissions from police radar devices. Such product liability lawsuits have recently been brought against manufacturers of police radar devices, even though such devices meet all applicable safety standards for human exposure to microwave emissions.

For further information, feel free to write John M. Kusek at Kustom Signals, Inc., 9325 Pflumm, Lenexa, KS 66215-3347 or call him at (913) 492-1400.

Office of the Attorney General Victim Service Information & Referral Line 1-800-226-6667

As of November 4, 1991, the Office of the Attorney General's Division of Victim Services and Criminal Justice Programs began offering victims of crime or their next of kin toll-free phone access to information concerning victim compensation, appellate victim services and referral to local victim service programs.

By calling 1-800-226-6667 (or 487-7015 in Tallahassee area) victims may inquire about victim compensation requirements and claims status. Requests for claim applications can also be initiated through this line.

Victims now may inquire about the appellate court process, as well as, the status of a particular appellate case.

The toll-free Victim Service Information and Referral Line also provides callers with information on victim services programs and referrals to local providers. Callers will be encouraged to call their local crisis line and information and referral lines for additional assistance.

The Division of Victim Services and Criminal Justice Programs will maintain an updated directory of available victim services throughout the State of Florida. Additionally, referral to programs located in other states will be available.

It is the goal of the toll-free Victim Services Information and Referral Line to increase accessibility to victim services offered through the Office of the Attorney General, as well as, making available information and referrals to local victim service providers.

The toll-free Victim Service Line will be answered from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and is specifically designed to be used by victims. Those providers and other agen-

cies with concerns and questions are asked to call the appropriate program office. The office numbers are listed below.

All numbers are area code (904)
Division Director's Office488-0848
Bureau of Victim Services488-0600
Bureau of Victim
Compensation488-0848

Bureau of Grants &
Planning487-4760
Bureau of Criminal
Justice Programs487-3712

For more information about the toll-free Information and Referral Line, please contact Paul Freeman, Chief, in the Bureau of Victim Services at (904) 488-0600.

Deputies Provide Positive Image at Youth Ranches Summer Camp

It's quiet now at the Florida Sheriffs Youth Camp near Barberville. The laughter that echoed across the grounds and small lake for 12 weeks last summer camp is silent.

The loud dinner bell that crashed into the thoughts of boys and girls to announce a meal or special activity is silent.

The 10-year old who was so proud when, guided by the strong hands of a volunteer deputy sheriff, he mastered holding the bow just right, nervously drawing back the arrow and aiming for the bull's eye, is sitting in a classroom miles away daydreaming of last summer's experience at Youth Camp.

Deputy sheriffs who attended Summer Camp are at their usual work places, minding the criminal element and making Florida a better place in which to live. These officers, however, cannot forget the faces of the boys and girls they met; faces that provided a constant reminder that troubled boys and girls are looking for someone they can trust, someone to point them in the right direction towards adulthood.

On June 10, Summer Camp will



Bonds are formed between camp counselors and youngsters that last a lifetime.

come alive again. Many deputies will make the trip for the first time while others will return after three, four, or five summers as volunteers. The youthful friends they make, the bonds that are formed and the tug at their heart keeps them returning each summer.

The Florida Sheriffs Youth Camp Summer Program provides opportunities for nearly 500 youngsters each year, activities which are both fun and which bring them closer to a law enforcement officer who will listen and provide structure and discipline in a loving way.

The bond between the law enforcement officers, staff, and boys and girls is never more evident than on the last night of camp, or when the buses are about to pull away to separate them, perhaps forever. The memory of Summer Camp lingers in the minds and hearts of those who attend, and it keeps officers returning year after year.

Sound like something you'd like?

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During the staged riot at the old Key Vaca jail facility, would-be prisoners attempted to recreate a true jail riot by throwing food, water and other items at the Correction's Officers being trained.



In the current Correction's Academy, held in Marathon, Training Officer Sam Holton planned and executed a staged riot situation in the old jail facility at the Key Vaca Substation. The riot was used to teach the Correction's Officers how to psychologically, and physically handle riot conditions. Here, two trainees subdue and restrain a prisoner. Prisoners in the staged riot were played by road patrol officers and other Sheriff's Office employees who offered their services for the training.

Sheriff's Office holds Correction Academies

*By Becky Herron
Monroe County Sheriffs Office*

Correction Officers working Monroe County's jail facilities are being brought up to date in training through successive academies being held in Marathon.

The Sheriff's Office is currently running back to back correctional academies to satisfy state requirements that all Correctional Officers be certified within six months of be-

ing hired. Upon resumption of jail management from Wachenhut Corp. earlier in 1991, the Sheriff's Office had to replace a large number of employees, and ended up with quite a few Corrections Officers who needed to be certified.

Two academies have been completed. A third, which began in February of 1992, will bring 80 percent of employees in the jail up to their training requirements. A fourth academy will then most likely be held during the summer months to finish up the process.

One unavoidable drawback which has arisen, is that the academies have caused a temporary manpower shortage in the jail. Due to the shortage, the Traffic Enforcement Division of the Sheriff's Office has been temporarily transferred to road patrol, and everyone is pitching in to fill jail positions, where needed. The shortage should be alleviated after the third academy ends in April. At that juncture, the jail will be functioning at full strength once again, utilizing its own personnel.

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For more information on how you can volunteer for a lifetime of great memories of your "summer of '92," contact the Florida Sheriffs Youth Camp Director Bill Frye at (904) 749-9999.

Dallas Police Introduce Program to Help Merchants Recognize Criminals

"Just the Fax" is an innovative program designed by the Dallas Police Department to quickly disseminate

important information about criminal offenders or suspicious persons to merchants in downtown Oak Cliff.

Officers at the Jefferson Neighborhood Police Office have developed a specially-designed description page which includes information on suspects or suspicious persons' clothing, physical features, unique characteristics (tattoos, scars, etc.), automobile (make, color, license number) and/or weapon (revolver or automatic).

The "high-tech wanted poster" is completed immediately after an offense occurs and is then faxed to Oak Cliff merchants participating in the program. Merchants make copies of the fax and

distribute the information on their block.

Officer J. J. Matthews said in the past an offender would strike one business and before officers could make the initial report, the same suspect would hit additional locations along the same street.

With "Just the Fax," officers should be able to notify merchants with suspect descriptions before additional offenses occur. Also, Matthews said, the program should make merchants more aware of crime in the area and should result in the apprehension of more suspects.

Courtesy of Crime Control Digest, 12/2/91



ATTENTION

All Prevention Professionals, Counselors, Teachers, Parents, Volunteers, Law Enforcement, Nurses and Kids

Take advantage of this opportunity to sample the most creative and innovative prevention strategies available. Make plans to attend the 1992 Prevention Conference, in Orlando, April 6-8.

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Florida Coming Together Drug Free is sponsored by:

- Florida Alcohol Drug Abuse Association
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NCIC Offers Training Videos

The FBI's National Crime Information Center (NCIC) has produced 13 training videos to be viewed by NCIC users throughout the criminal justice system. These videos present critical information concerning missing children, wanted persons, unidentified persons, and stolen property.

Major policy issues, such as hit confirmation and data quality, are also addressed.

The NCIC training videos are widely used by law enforcement agencies and have been successfully included in training programs for prosecutors, corrections officers, and employees of local, state, and Federal court systems.

Copies of the NCIC training videos may be purchased through the National Audiovisual Center. They will be grouped on single VHS tapes in the following sets:

ORDER #	TITLES	PRICE
A18852	NCIC Overview	\$15-\$30*
A18854	NCIC Hit Confirmation NCIC Validation Policy NCIC Responsibilities for the Agency Administrator	\$35
A18855	NCIC Missing Children NCIC Unidentified Person File NCIC Wanted Person File	\$35
A18856	NCIC Packing the Record Investigative Off-Line Search	\$35
A18853	NCIC Vehicle File NCIC Vehicle File "The Winning Team" NCIC Boat File	\$35
A18858	NLETS The vital Link Overview	\$15-\$30*

* If you order one or more \$35 programs, you may purchase one or both overview programs at \$15 each. If you purchase only overview programs, the cost is \$30 each.

Courtesy of *Crime Control Digest*, 8/12/91

DC to Allow P&P Officers to Carry Firearms

At the recommendation of the Probation and Parole Services Safety Task Force, the Department of Corrections will begin promulgation of a rule with an expected implementation date of July 1, 1992, authorizing Probation and Parole officers the discretion to carry firearms in the course of their duties.

The Department will establish criteria for qualification, certification and standardization of weapons. P&P officers will be required to provide documentation on psychological screening, weapons maintenance, training and certification with a firearm.

Officers choosing to carry a firearm will be required to bear the cost of the weapon, ammunition, training and related equipment. However, the Department will work with vendors to help reduce costs.

The Probation and Parole Services Safety Task Force was created by the Department to address and prioritize the issues of field and office staff safety. Other safety issues that were addressed by the Task Force in order of priority include the creation of a Correctional Probation Specialist position, providing cellular phones or radios to officers, and implementing security measures at P&P offices. The firearm issue was named fourth in priority of the 20 issues listed. The Department will seek legislative support for future funding of firearms and related equipment for its P&P Officers.

FLORIDA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION'S Law Enforcement Membership program



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An invitation to Deputy Sheriffs, Correctional Officers, and Civilian employees....

Since 1910 the Florida Sheriffs Association has been serving the Sheriffs, their staff, and the citizens of Florida by:

- upholding the concept of local law enforcement;
- supporting better training for Sheriffs office personnel;
- encouraging progressive law enforcement legislation; and
- by establishing the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, Inc. to care for neglected, unsupervised and troubled boys and girls.

The main sources of funding for these privately funded public services are our Florida Sheriffs Association Membership and charitable programs.

The **Law Enforcement Membership** is open to all Sheriffs Office and Criminal Justice personnel. Your \$20.00 yearly membership dues will entitle you to receive the *All Points Bulletin*, a newsletter for law enforcement people, edited by law enforcement people. As its title suggests, the *All Points Bulletin* publishes articles from all points of the criminal justice system, and therefore is of interest to a broad spectrum of readers.

Law Enforcement Members also receive an identification card, a handsome membership decal printed in 5 colors on gold foil mylar and embossed, *The Sheriff's Star* and *The Rancher* magazines, and may purchase Law Enforcement Member automobile tags for \$10.00 each.

Take a moment to fill out the application below and join Florida Sheriffs, other law enforcement personnel, and the citizens of Florida in their joint efforts to make this a better and safer state in which to live.



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City State Zip Code _____

Law Enforcement Agency _____

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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32317-2519

PLEASE CHECK HERE:

- I am enclosing my annual dues of \$20.00 which includes a year's subscription to the *All Points Bulletin*, *The Sheriff's Star*, and *The Rancher*.
- As a new Law Enforcement Member, I wish to purchase _____ Law Enforcement automobile tags at \$10.00 each. (Only Law Enforcement Members are eligible to purchase these tags.)
- I am enclosing a gift, in addition to my dues, of \$ _____ to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, Inc.
- I am not interested in becoming a member of the Florida Sheriffs Association, but I am enclosing a donation to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, Inc. in the amount of \$ _____.

Dues and donations are deductible for income tax purposes.