

FLORIDA SHERIFFS ALL POINTS BULLETIN



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State jail accreditation system underway

by Lt. Bob Brongel,
Sarasota County S.O.

SARASOTA – In July, 1997, during the FSA meeting in Naples, a sub-committee was formed by the Florida Model Jail Standards (FMJS) Committee, and was instructed to develop an independent, voluntary corrections accreditation program. This project was in response to a recognized need to establish a professional accreditation process specific to Florida to guide jail administrators in their duties. FSA President Everett Rice appointed Captain Joe Fontana of Sarasota S.O. to chair the sub-committee and the "Florida Corrections Accreditation Commission, Inc. (FCAC) is the result of the sub-committee's work.

Although a national jail accreditation program exists, it was felt by many in the Florida jail community that national accreditation was too generic, and focused more toward federal/state institutions, was too costly, and did not take Florida laws and regulations into account. Many of the smaller agencies and facilities are unable to achieve national accreditation simply because of the fees involved. Clearly, a state based program was needed and FCAC was developed to respond to the need.

The committee actually began work in August of 1997. The first order of business was to draft practical, realistic standards which would address correctional, business and management practices. The parameters within which the committee operated demanded the program be affordable to even the smallest jail, be based on Florida laws and regulations, and had to have as an end goal, a means to achieve heightened standards of professionalism for Florida's jail community.

After several meetings of the sub-committee, the formal process for Corrections Accreditation was developed. The final draft of the accreditation standards manual addressed every aspect of a correctional facilities' operation, including: fiscal services, personnel, training, security and control, order and discipline, admission, classification, release, housing, sanitation, food service and safety. All totaled, there are 266 total standards, 82 of which are mandatory, with the remaining 184 non-mandatory. (NOTE: a facility has to meet 100% of the mandatory standards and 90% of the applicable non-mandatory standards to achieve accreditation.)

Standards were adopted from a variety of sources, most notably the Ameri-

can Correctional Association (ACA) and the Commission on Florida Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies (CFALEA). At the heart of this program, though, is the Florida Model Jail Standards (FMJS). Every model jail standard was incorporated into this accreditation program. As jail rules (Chapter 33-8) were in Florida administrative law for many years, it was felt the FMJS most clearly reflected correctional practices in the state, and were understandable to every administrator wishing to become accredited.

To administer the program, the Florida Corrections Accreditation Commission, Inc. (FCAC)

was formed. Commissioners were appointed by the Model Jail Standards Committee at a meeting held in Pinellas County on January 9, 1998, and the Commission was formally incorporated as a not-for-profit organization on March 23, 1998.

The makeup of the Commission is designed to reflect a cross section of both large and small facilities, and is comprised of the following members: Pasco County Sheriff Lee Cannon (Chair), Clay County Sheriff Scott Lancaster, St. Lucie County Sheriff Bobby Knowles, Warden Cindy Clifford of Volusia County Department of



Sheriff Lee Cannon,
Chairman, Florida Corrections Accreditation
Commission

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Corrections, Sarasota County Captain Joseph Fontana, Manatee County Major Richard Ference, Glades County Commander Ken Holley, Sarasota County Lt. Bob Brongel, Sumter County Warden Larry Taylor, Pinellas County Sergeant Vince Gibney, and County Commissioner Ray Sansom of Okaloosa County.

Two organizational workshops have been held, during which most of the details of the accreditation process were finalized. The accreditation standards recommended by the sub-committee have been formally adopted, several committees were appointed and plans were made for the first general meeting which was held in Tallahassee on May 19, 1998.

In conjunction with the meeting, a joint, statewide press conference with FSA was held to announce formation of the Commission. FCAC will be responsible for all aspects of the state corrections accreditation process.

For those agencies wishing to be accredited, some of the benefits they may realize after completion of the program include: improved management, an added line of defense against lawsuits, reduction in liability, demonstration of a "good faith" effort to improve conditions of confinement, increased accountability, adoption of sound operating practices, enhanced public credibility for administrative and line staff, a safer and more humane environment for personnel and offenders, establishment of measurable criteria for upgrading programs, personnel, and physical plant improvements.

As stated above, one of the criteria was to make this an affordable program, and to establish a fee structure that would allow even small facilities to participate. As a result, the following fee structure has been adopted, and is based on rated capacity: (0 - 49) \$500; (50 - 249) \$1,000; (250 - 1,000) \$3,000; (1,000 +) \$4,000.

The Commission and its operations will be funded primarily by the accreditation fees. However, as with all organizations, there are start-up costs which need to be financed. At the last workshop, Sheriff Lee Cannon presented a check to the Commission to assist the start-up effort, and Sheriff Bobby Knowles pledged a donation as well. Other Sheriffs and agencies concerned with the success of this program are encouraged to pledge their financial support as well, in order to get this program "off the ground."

The Commission has appointed an Executive Director and authorized him to manage the day-to-day activities of the Commission. For any information on accreditation or the Commission, please contact: Capt. Kim Bogart, FCAC Executive Director, at his office in the Pasco County Sheriff's Office. He can be reached at (813) 844-7733.

Tired of telephone solicitors?

*by Bob Crawford,
Commissioner of
Agriculture and
Consumer Services*

How many times have you sat down for dinner, been disturbed by a ringing telephone, and found that the caller only wanted to sell you aluminum siding or a side of beef? Or, they were professional solicitors, callers who are looking to line their company's pockets with your money at the expense of the programs they tout so loudly?

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As law enforcement personnel, you will no doubt encounter residents who will benefit from this service as well. If you or they have any questions, one only needs to call us toll-free, at 1-800-HELPFLA (435-7352).



ANN ARBOR, MI - The *Ann Arbor News* reported that a man walked into a Burger King in Ypsilanti at 5 AM, flashed a gun and demanded cash. The clerk turned him down because he said he couldn't open the register without a food order. When the man ordered onion rings, the clerk said that they don't serve onion rings for breakfast. Frustrated, the man walked out without any money.

EDITOR'S CORNER

By Tom Berlinger



Could this be you?

Start with a cage containing five apes. In the cage, hang a banana on a string and put stairs under it. Before long, at least one ape will go to the stairs and start to climb toward the banana. But, as soon as he touches the stairs, spray all five of the apes with cold water. After a while, another ape makes an attempt with the same result — all apes are sprayed with cold water. Then, turn off the cold water.

If, later, another ape tries to climb the stairs, the other apes will try to prevent it, even though no water sprays them. Now, remove one ape from the cage and replace it with a new one. The new ape sees the banana and wants to climb the stairs. To his horror, all of the other apes attack him. After another attempt and attack, he knows that if he tries to climb the stairs, he will be assaulted.

Next, remove a second of the original five apes, and replace it with a new one. The newcomer goes to the stairs and is attacked. The previous new-

comer takes part in the punishment with enthusiasm. Again, replace a third of the original apes with a new one. The new one later makes it to the stairs and is attacked as well. Now, two of the four apes that beat him have no idea why they were not permitted to climb the stairs or why they are beating of the newest ape - yet they do.

After replacing the fourth and fifth of the original apes, all the apes which have been sprayed with cold water have now been replaced. Nevertheless, no ape ever again approaches the stairs. Why not?

"Because that's the way it's always been done around here."

The moral of the story is that every organization has things that they still do that may have no basis in current reality. It's just more difficult to try something new, even if productivity will double or triple.

This is human nature and none of us is immune. But, being aware of this truth helps us to make changes or cause us to hire someone who has the ability to facilitate the introduction of new ideas into our daily routines.

One thing for certain, we'll never know for sure how it works, until we try!

(Editor's Note: This article was found on the internet in a newsletter called "FASTER News," and was shared with the All Points Bulletin by Marion County Sheriff Ken Ergle).

"Operation Thunder Road" is a success!



Pinellas County Sheriff Everett Rice, the chairman of the statewide sheriff's task force

After months of careful planning and among a total of 101 local, state and federal law enforcement agencies by the Florida Sheriff's Statewide Task Force, the week of May 11 was designated for what is believed to be the largest statewide multi-agency law enforcement operation in the nation.

This gigantic planning effort culminated in a two-day intensified law enforcement project involving: highway, bus, parcel, mini-storage, hotel/motel, train, car rental, marine and airport interdiction; search warrants, reverse drug, institutional drug, fugitive apprehension, street-level drug, crack cocaine reverse stings, marijuana eradication, prostitution reverses, buy-bust drug operations, marine theft, robbery intervention, robbery warrant, criminal gang, non-support, nightclub investigation, violent felon apprehension, commercial vehicle, alien apprehension and driver's license check operations.

When the final tally was in, the operation was declared a success, with a total of 3,748 suspect criminals arrested. As a side benefit, the value of the seizures of drugs, currency, vehicles, vessels, firearms, property and equipment totaled some \$6,540,423.

"Operation Thunder Road proved that sheriffs, and a large group of law enforcement agencies at all levels, can work together for a common cause and be successful," noted Pinellas County Sheriff Everett Rice, the chairman of the Statewide Sheriff's Task Force.

"It also proved that while each of us have specific duties to perform as law enforcement agencies, that our overall mission is the same — to combat crime and protect the citizens of our state," Rice said.

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Florida DOC has award-winning Website

If you are one of the three people left on the face of the earth who has not taken an opportunity to explore the internet's Worldwide Web (www), you're gonna be shocked at what's sitting as close as your fingertips!

Since you could write an article as thick as the Manhattan telephone book and not even scratch the surface of what's out there, I am going to focus on Florida based web pages that will provide access to a wealth of information useful to Florida's law enforcement community.

In future editions of the APB, we'll take a look at different sites and tell you what you can expect by pulling them up on the internet.

So, let's start with the home page of the Florida Department of Corrections (FDOC). You can find them at the following address: <http://www.dc.state.fl.us>

The Lycos Internet search engine named FDOC's web site the #1 corrections website in the entire nation! One run through their page and you'll understand how they earned that prestigious title.

"It's not often you find a useful prison Web site, but this one has loads of statistics (3 meals a day for inmates costs



\$2.23 a day), graphs on its budget, and information on various lockups around the Sunshine State," said the *Lycos Internet Review*.

Florida's prison population numbers more than 65,000. In addition, over 140,000 individuals are under some form of supervision. Thus, inmates all over the state lined up to have their picture taken last month, as part of a massive department-wide effort to put every single one of them on the internet.

"Now, any citizen of Florida, any government official, and law enforcement officer, any victim of a crime, or anyone, anywhere, can search this site by name, by offense, by county, etc. and find and duplicate the pictures, release records, release dates, and prior prison

terms of the offenders incarcerated in Florida," noted Harry Singletary, the Secretary the Department of Corrections and the prime mover behind this ambitious undertaking.

The process starts when convicted inmates make their first stop at one of the state reception centers on their way to a permanent assignment. The inmate's picture is taken and the photo, along with the criminal record, will be available

on the internet the day after the inmate enters the system. Information on release dates and changes in locations are updated daily; and all other information will be updated weekly, on Saturday.

The Corrections Offender Network also has a direct link to the Inmate Escape Search. This page is currently under construction and will allow the public and law enforcement to view photographs of fugitives for whom an outstanding warrant exists.

"If you're a deputy or detective and you haven't taken a look at this terrific resource, you're missing out," noted Buddy Phillips, FSA's executive director. "Once you see what DOC has put online, you'll be using this page forever."

POP QUIZ ON FLORIDA PRISONS

TALLAHASSEE - *The Correctional Compass*, a publication of the Florida Department of Corrections, recently published a "pop-quiz" for employees in their agency. Let's see how well you can do? The answers will be published elsewhere in this edition of APB. Take a look around for them.

1. Are correctional officers within state prisons armed? Circle YES NO
2. If an inmate is given a life sentence today, according to law, will he or she serve a life term? Circle YES NO

3. Is the typical inmate housed in an air-conditioned prison? Circle YES NO
4. Is the percentage of sentence that an inmate actually serves today higher, about the same, or lower than it was five years ago? Circle one HIGHER ABOUT SAME LOWER
5. Are inmates released from prison because of overcrowding? Circle YES NO
6. How much does it cost to keep an inmate in state prison for a year? Cir-

cle one: a) less than \$10K; b) \$10K to 15K; c) \$15K to 20 K; d) \$20 to 25K; e) \$25K to 30K; f) \$30K to 35K; g) over \$35K.

7. Which group do you think makes up the majority of the prison population? Circle one: WHITE BLACK HISPANIC
8. Do you think that correctional probation officers are required to collect victim restitution from the offenders they supervise? Circle YES NO
9. What is the most important job of the Department of Corrections? Circle one: Rehabilitation/Punishment/Public Safety/Prevention/Other

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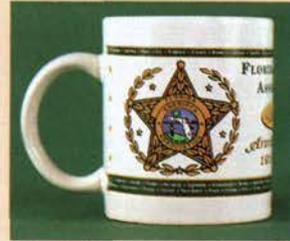
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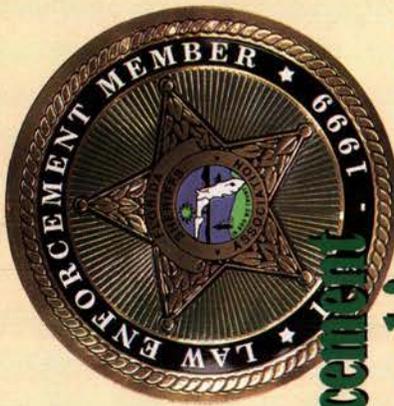
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Manatee tag most popular again...

For the third year in a row, the most popular specialty tag in the state in 1997 was the Manatee license plate, selling a whopping 153,475 plates and raising \$2.3 million. As a group, the 38 specialty plates available in 1997 raised almost \$17 million.

The biggest dollar producer once again was the panther plate, raising the sum of \$3.6 million at \$25 apiece.

In descending order, the ten most popular specialty plates in 1997 were: the Manatee, the Panther, the Challenger, the University of Florida, Florida State University, the Education plate, Florida Arts, U.S. Olympic, Invest in Children, and the Florida Salutes Veterans plate.

Running dead last of all the specialty tags were the Orlando Predators with 393; the Miami Hooters with 136, and the tag for Florida's newest university based in



Fort Myers called Florida Gulf Coast University with a total of 40 tags bought statewide in 1997.

All of the specialty tags can be viewed on the DHSMV home page on the internet at <http://www.hsmv.state.fl.us>

Recent additions to the specialty plate market are the Tampa Bay Buccaneers plate and a soon-to-be issued plate for our very own Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches that will be available later this year!

(Information courtesy of Expressways, a publication of Florida's DHSMV.)

The long and the shorts of it....

Florida has always been a mecca for warm-weather lovers, and this season is no exception. The brutal truth told, May and June of 1998 are one of the hottest on

record — in the history of recorded weather!

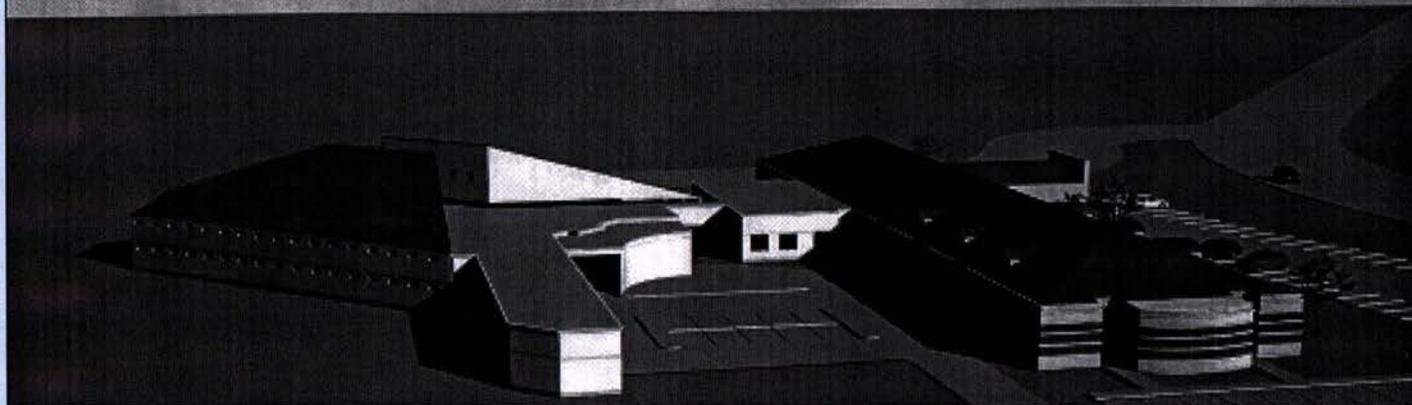
Normally reserved as the exclusive domain of bicycle patrol, community policing units and beach patrol officers, now Palm Beach County Sheriff Robert Neumann will allow most all members of his uniformed patrol division to opt to wear uniform shorts while on duty, instead of the customary long pants.

The black-striped forest green pants will be an option to more than 350 patrol deputies during the hot summer months, according to sheriff's Director Rick Lincoln.

"We had a uniform committee go over it, and we decided that deputies could have a choice," Lincoln told the *Palm Beach Post*, "It's taken this long because many people believe that a cop should 'look' a certain way."



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COPS' elects three new trustees

CAMDENTON, MO - Stating that they want to "give back" to the organization that helped them cope with the loss of their law enforcement officer, three surviving parents have joined the Concerns of Police Survivors "COPS" National Board as new regional trustees.

Serving law enforcement survivors in the states of PA, DE, MD, VA, WV, and the District of Columbia, Joe Wagner of Wilmington, DE, will serve as the Northern Seaboard Region Trustee. Joe's daughter, Sandra Wagner, was killed accidentally in April, 1996, while she was serving with the Delaware State Police.

Carol Ingram of Adairsville, GA, has assumed the position of Southern Seaboard Region Trustee, serving survivors in NC, SC, GA, KY, and TN. Robert Ingram, Carol's stepson, was shot to death in July, 1993, while serving the Cobb County (GA) Police Department.

The Gulf Region Trustee is Darold Russell of Winter Haven, FL. Darold will serve survivors in the states of AL, MS, AR, LA, FL and the Caribbean region. Darold's son, Bruce Russell, was shot to death in May, 1982, while serving with the Roseville, MN, Police Department.

We're proud to also announce that Floridian Debbie Geary is this year's National President of COPS. Debbie's husband was killed while serving as a Cooper City, FL, police officer.

COPS is a national, non-profit organization with headquarters in Camdenton, MO. COPS provides programs and services for the surviving families of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.

"The Florida Sheriffs Association has been a long-time supporter of the COPS organization, and we will continue to be," noted J.M. "Buddy" Phillips, the association's executive director.

For more information about COPS, information about survivors benefits, or to help support COPS' programs, contact them at (573) 346-4911, or e-mail: cops@nationalcops.org

You can visit the COPS website at <http://nationalcops.org>

Town to publish photos of arrestees

EATONVILLE - For the first time in the city's history, the *Eatonville Extra*, a locally owned citywide newsletter will be publishing the names and photographs of people arrested within the city limits of this town located just north of Orlando.

The feature will focus on misdemeanor and felony

drug charges because 85% of the local town's arrests stem from "local street sales," said Mayor Anthony Grant.

Juveniles will not be named, and the local police chief will have discretion on deciding which suspects will be included.

"It can be a deterrent," noted Eatonville police chief Victor Burns. "We are going to shame somebody so that they don't want to get arrested again."



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To speak to someone about the Shaken Baby Conference, you can call Special Agent Michael J. Vendola of the State of Wisconsin, Department of Justice, at (920) 832-2750.

Is your PC ready for Y2K (the year 2000)?

NOTE: Before performing any of these tests that involve changing PC's system date and time, ensure that you close down any scheduling or appointment software!

It is no secret that the year 2000 (Y2K in computerese jargon) is expected to cause untold headaches for computer-based operations of all kinds, from big business right on down to your desktop or laptop personal computer (PC). (In fact, just prior to writing this article, I performed the year 2000 test on the computer I'm using for this edition of APB. When the computer was *supposed* to roll over to the year 2000 during the test, it reverted back to the year 1982!)

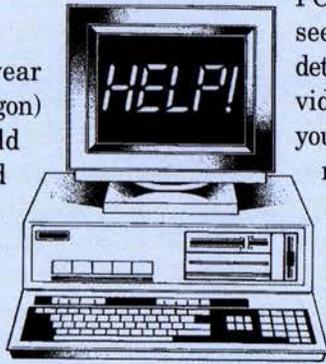
So, quick and easy procedures have been developed to test for both the year 2000, and to test to see how your computer will handle the Leap Year in 2000 as well. Good luck!

To test for the Millennium Bug, follow these steps:

- Go into the area which allows you to set your time and date settings.
- Set the date to 12/31/99
- Set the time to 11:58 PM
- Completely shut down and shut off the computer.
- Wait at least 3-4 minutes, then turn the PC back on.
- If it does not read 1/1/00 or 1/1/2000, your PC is not Millennium compatible.

To test for the Leap Year bug, follow these steps:

- Set the date setting to 2/28/2000
- Set the time setting to 11:58 PM
- Turn the computer off and wait at least 3-4 minutes.
- Then the computer back on and see if the date reads 2/29/2000



- If not, your PC does not recognize the year 2000 as a leap year.

So, what to do?

If your computer does not recognize the Millennium, and you plan to own the computer beyond 1/1/2000, contact your PC hardware vendor (or see websites below) and determine if they can provide a BIOS update for your make and model. If not, it's probably time to begin shopping for a new computer sometime soon — but be sure that you specify Y2K compliance before you make a purchase. NOTE: Windows 3.x also requires a software fix — available at www.winmag.com/people/melgan/year2000

For the most part, you will probably find that Win95, Windows NT and all Macintosh operating systems are Y2K compliant, but I wouldn't assume that to be the case 100% of the time. If you have 16-bit (DOS or Win 3.x) programs running on your PC, they may or may not be Y2K compliant.

If my PC recognizes the Millennium but does not recognize the Leap Year?

Reset the date to 2/29/2000 and you should find that it will be okay.

For additional information, these are good Web reference sites:

- www.mbs-program.com (general info on the Canadian Y2K effort)
- www.righttime.com (downloads of Y2K testing tools)
- www.Year2000.com (good clearinghouse of Y2K info)
- www.sysopt.com (downloads of BIOS update software)

answers to "Pop Quiz" -page 4

1. NO, they are not armed. But, 49.3% of the news media thought they were and 32% of the general public thought that they were as well.
2. YES. If you get a life sentence today, you will serve the rest of your life in prison. 55% of the news media got this wrong, and 50% of the general public got it wrong.
3. NO (unless it's a privately run prison). 55% of the news media and 88% of the general public erroneously believed that the state's prisons were air conditioned. In fact, seven of DOC's 55 prisons are air-conditioned, while all five privatized prisons are air-conditioned.
4. HIGHER. 64% of the general public and 46% of the news media blew this one when they answered "lower." In fact, the percentage of sentence served has more than doubled in the last five years, from 34% in 1992, to 73% in 1997.
5. NO, overcrowding is no longer a factor in release of inmates. And a whopping 96% of the general public, as well as 88% of the news media got this wrong.
6. C. It costs the state \$17,958 to incarcerate an inmate in a major institution in FY 96-97. This figure includes everything from food and security to the "prison blue" uniform and shoes. 19% of the news media got this one right, as did 20% of the general public.
7. BLACKS, though not by much. In June, 1997, 55% of the prison population was black. 65% of the news media and 68% of the general public got this one correct.
8. YES. CPO's collected about \$25 million in restitution during the last fiscal year. 39% of the general public got this one right, while 30% of the news media answered correctly.
9. The Department's mission statement notes that, "public safety is our primary job." Only 40% of the news media and 39% of the general public got this one correct.

State holds ceremony for officers killed in '97

TALLAHASSEE – On May 4, the state chapter of the Fraternal Order of Police conducted its annual ceremony honoring those law enforcement officers who lost their lives in the line of duty during 1997.

A 21-gun salute and a bagpipe rendition of "Amazing Grace" were a part of the ceremony attended by Governor Lawton Chiles, Sen. Charlie Crist, and other state level dignitaries.

According to statistics gathered by the state lodge of the FOP, there were a total of nine law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty last year in our state.

They were:

- Robert Vargas, Miami-Dade County Police Department, Feb. 7.
- Glenn "Rowe" Austraw, Pensacola Police Department, Feb. 26.
- Johnnie N. Patterson, Jr., Winter Haven Police Department, March 8.
- John L. Butler, Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, March 10.
- Robert Wendlandt, Miami-Dade County Police Department, March 15.
- Jeffery S. McIntire, Crestview Police Department, July 17.



- Robert G. Smith, Florida Highway Patrol, July 26.
- Joe Jones, Collier County Sheriff's Office, Dec. 13.
- Michael J. Metroka, Broward County Sheriff's Office, Dec. 15.

The FOP also takes time out to honor those law enforcement officers who were permanently disabled during the year.

If you have never attended one of these impressive police memorial ceremonies, try to make it to next year's event in Tallahassee.

You won't soon forget it....

New report shows that police rarely use force

For every 10,000 responses to police calls for service, force was used an average of 4.19 times, meaning that police did not use force of any kind in 99.96% of their calls, according to a new report released May 2 by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP).

The report contains a comprehensive examination of police use-of-force,

including use of physical, chemical, impact, electronic, and firearm force. The preliminary findings reflect data provided to the IACP from approximately 400 law enforcement agencies in seven pilot states: Arkansas, New Jersey, New York, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, and Washington, plus a number of individual departments from around the country.

The report indicates that police rarely use force in their interactions with citizens, regardless of jurisdiction size. While not nationally representative, data presented in the report are highly representative of the aggregate of contributing law enforcement agencies.

"For some time now, the American public has been concerned and confused about media-reported incidents of police use of excessive force. Now we have

developed the means to collect reliable data in order to present an accurate picture of this critical performance issue," said Bobby D. Moody, president of IACP and the chief of police in Marietta, GA.

For more information on the results of the study, contact the IACP at (703) 836-6767. IACP members can research this and other law enforcement topics through the IACP website.



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