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The Escambia County Sheriff's Office's new Air Borne Law Enforcement (ABLE) Unit is improving public safety in Northwest Florida. Pictured above (from left) Larry Burner, Escambia Search And Rescue; ABLE Observer Steve Cappas; Claudia Polston, Escambia Search And Rescue; and ABLE Pilot Bill Walsh.
As we embark upon the holiday season and the coming of a new year, I would like to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt thanks to our many members for their generous support this past year and to wish each of you a most joyful holiday season and a prosperous new year.

This truly is a time of reflection as we give thanks to our Heavenly Father for His many blessings . . . and as one of our members so appropriately stated . . . “During this time of giving, we should seek His guidance in helping those less fortunate and ask that he might grant us the wisdom to choose those causes that are worthy of our assistance . . . for the needs are many.”

Truer words were never spoken, particularly at this time of the year when our phones ring off the hook with telephone solicitations . . . asking for a charitable contribution for this cause and that.

To assist our members in making an informed decision when called upon to give . . . we thought it might be helpful to include an article in this issue of The Sheriff’s Star regarding charitable giving which I will touch on momentarily. But first I would like to alert our readers to one such soliciting organization which is currently causing quite a stir among our members because its organizers have chosen a name and logo that is similar to that of the Florida Sheriffs Association.

During the past month, I have received calls from citizens around the state that have received telephone solicitations from a newly formed group that calls themselves “The Florida Sheriffs Deputies Association.”

Unfortunately, many recipients of these calls mistakenly think that they are coming from the Florida Sheriffs Association because of our striking resemblance . . . both in name and appearance. What is most disconcerting is that those who have been called have taken me to task for the hard line tactics that they think that we are using and intentionally trying to confuse the public into giving again . . . when it’s not us at all.

In fact, the Florida Sheriffs Association has never used telephone solicitation as a means to recruit members, and we do not endorse telephone solicitation for any charitable cause. We consider it to be invasive and abusive. In many cases, organizations that use this method have employed professional solicitors who frequently use strong-arm tactics to get monetary commitments – and their targets are often the unsuspecting elderly.

If you are contacted by this group, no matter what the caller tells you, please be aware that not only is the Florida Sheriffs Association not affiliated with this organization, the Sheriffs in this state have not in any way endorsed or approved it – nor have they been approached by their deputies to do so. In fact, the vast majority of the deputies I have surveyed were not aware that such an organization even existed. From what we have been able to discern the Florida Sheriffs Deputies Association appears to be an independent effort by a group based in the Miami-Dade area.

So if you receive a phone call from someone who represents an organization that “sounds like” the Florida Sheriffs, know that it is not us. And your first indicator is that they used the telephone to contact you. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding a soliciting organization . . . or wish to file a complaint . . . we strongly urge you to contact the Florida Department of Agriculture Division of Consumer Services at 1-800-435-7352. Also, if you need to file a complaint about possible frauds, contact the Attorney General’s Office at 850-487-1963.

To help you make distinctions between worthy causes, we’ve included a very informative article in this issue of The Sheriff’s Star titled, “Beware of Charitable Solicitations by Phone: Give Wisely.” We’d like to thank our sister organization in Georgia for much of the research that went into the article.

One thing that you will learn from reading this article and its sidebar, “Is This a Legitimate Charity?” is the importance of finding out how much of the nonprofit’s funding actually goes toward the purpose for which it was raised. More than 70 percent of donations to the Florida Sheriffs Association actually go to programs for their intended purpose. And the Florida Sheriffs Association continues to have one of the lowest administrative costs among Florida nonprofits. Since its founding in 1893, the Florida Sheriffs Association has worked very hard to earn the trust and confidence of both the citizens and business leaders of this state and we will continue in our endeavors to retain that support and trust.

So please be wise in your giving – and be especially careful when that telephone rings with a request for money. Make sure it’s a legitimate and worthy cause . . . and above all else, please know that it is not the Florida Sheriffs Association calling.

Gary Perkins, Executive Director
CRIME TRENDS

‘Tis the Season... for Shoplifters!

By: Cpl. Rick Hord, Okaloosa County Sheriff’s Office

The holiday season is the busiest for retail business... including retail theft.

Here’s an eye-opening fact: industry experts believe shoplifting adds an average of seven percent to the price of everything you and I purchase. That’s like paying sales tax a second time.

Last year, our Okaloosa County Sheriff’s Office in Northwest Florida arrested 357 shoplifting suspects. Contrary to popular belief, the majority were adults – not juveniles (206 adults vs. 151 juveniles). The breakdown by sex: 111 adult males, 95 adult females; 82 girls, 69 boys. Last year, of the 600 cases of retail theft reported to our Sheriff’s Office, 60 were in the month of December alone.

Those figures are only the tip of the iceberg. For each of retail theft reported to a Sheriff’s Office or the police, numerous others go unreported. Sometimes, the store chooses not to pursue the case, while other times, the crime is not discovered until much later – if ever.

What can we do about shoplifting? Here are some suggestions:

• Take it seriously. Teach your kids from an early age that stealing anything from anybody is a serious crime. If you own or manage a shop, don’t hesitate to prosecute all thieves. Don’t fall for the old “give me a second chance” plea. How do you know you’re not the tenth merchant to give this thief a second chance this week? The court will be lenient towards first-time repentant offenders, but a shoplifting ignored is a shoplifting condoned.

• Deter potential thieves. If you’re an honest customer, you’re like 90-percent of us. That still leaves one customer out of the other nine in the store who will steal something if they think they can get away with it. Don’t let them. Report suspicious customers to a store employee without delay.

• Be aware of the magnitude of the problem. Have you ever seen empty packaging materials at the end of an aisle? Discarded price stickers in the restroom? Clothes hangers in the fitting room? Empty or partially-empty blister packages hanging on the display rack? There’s only one explanation. Shoplifters have been there. The fact is that shoplifters have been virtually everywhere... and every time they steal, they steal from you.

The citizen’s arrest is alive and well. I’m sometimes asked if there really is such a thing as a “citizen’s arrest.” Yes, there is – and not just in the movies. We do not recommend the average citizen confront a violent felon, but almost all shoplifting arrests are “citizen’s arrests,” effectuated by the store manager or other employee. The law gives retail personnel the authority to detain suspected thieves. The merchant, however, also faces the possibility of civil liability if he or she uses excessive force or wrongly detains someone. For that reason, store personnel should be trained on what to look for... and when and how to approach shoplifting suspects.

For information and training, contact your local Sheriff’s Office. And do your part to prevent shoplifting. You’ll be helping us all save a buck. ♦
New Florida Laws Now in Effect

By: Cpl. Rick Hord, Okaloosa County Sheriff’s Office

A fter the Legislature convenes every year, laws are phased in. Some new laws have been put into effect recently that citizens should be aware of:

• Laser Beams. Pranksters with laser pointers beware: “beaming” a cop is not a joke in Florida. Under a law that took effect October 1, “to knowingly and willingly shine, point or focus the beam of a laser lighting device at a law enforcement officer in a manner that would cause a reasonable person to believe that a firearm is pointed at him or her” is now a specific part of Florida’s assault statute. A court can fine violators up to $500. There have been actual cases where Sheriff’s Deputies have been startled to see a dot of laser light on themselves or on their partner.

• Elder Abuse. Another new law signals our state is serious about protecting the elderly. Theft is now a more serious offense if the victim is age 65 or older. Penalties have been reclassified and special provisions for restitution and community service have been added for theft from elderly victims.

• Highways as Speedways. On the roads, Florida has a message for anyone who thinks the taxpayers have provided a drag strip or racetrack. This new law includes not just the driver or drivers involved in a race, but also the passengers and anybody involved. The law states, “a person may not in any manner participate in, coordinate, facilitate or collect moneys at any location for any such race; ride as a passenger in; or purposefully cause the movement of traffic to slow or stop for, and such race, competition, contest, test, or exhibition.”

Not that racing on Florida’s public roads has ever been legal... it hasn’t... but until now, only the driver was breaking the law – and the penalty was a traffic ticket. Now, everyone involved as outlined above is committing a criminal misdemeanor for which they can go to jail. The minimum fine for first offense is now $250, plus a mandatory one-year driver license revocation.

Legislators apparently also had in mind “showoffs” in writing this law. Those tough penalties apply not only for “racing” and “drag racing,” but also for “any... test of physical endurance; exhibition of speed or acceleration...”

• Protecting Identities. Another new law is aimed at identity thieves. We’ve all heard of crooks that use other people’s ID to obtain credit or make purchases. Social security numbers in Florida are now more difficult to access than before. Court orders and judgements will no longer display social security numbers, and anyone trying to obtain access to someone’s social security number under false pretenses is now committing a crime.

Also on the subject of identification... one new law adds some requirements to the application process for Florida ID cards... and another makes it a felony to sell driver licenses and state ID cards – real or fake.
Telemarketing has been around for decades, yet the last dozen years have seen an explosive growth in the number of daily solicitations, now by e-mail and fax as well as by telephone. The telemarketing industry has grown from a remarkable $435 billion in sales in 1990 to $600 billion in the last year.

But not all consumers are happy with these statistics. Examples of complaints filed with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) are from a busy mom trying to home school her children during the week, but telemarketer calls constantly interrupt. Another daughter complained that incessant telemarketer calls tie up the line so that she could not reach her elderly mother, whose fax line also bleated at 3 a.m. with unwanted calls.

According to K. Dane Snowden, Chief of the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau (CGB) at the FCC, consumers like these are complaining to the FCC about unwanted and uninvited calls from advertisers and telemarketers. “Telemarketing is a legitimate means of reaching consumers. However, there are instances where abuses in telemarketing practices adversely impact the consumer,” Snowden says.

Congress created the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA) in 1991 in response to consumer concerns about the increasing number of unsolicited telephone marketing calls to their homes, and the FCC created rules in 1992 to implement the TCPA.

The FCC’s TCPA rules prohibit telephone solicitation calls to your home before 8 a.m. and after 9 p.m. A telephone solicitor must give his name, the name of the entity for which he is calling and a telephone number or address to contact that entity.

Further, the rules require telemarketers to maintain a “Do Not Call” list and, as Snowden notes, consumers can get some relief by requesting to be placed on that company’s list. The telemarketers must keep you on the list and may not call for 10 years. “Violations of these rules can result in fines for the caller,” Snowden says.

Certain calls are exempt from many of the FCC’s rules, including calls from companies with which the consumer has an existing business relationship and those from tax-exempt, non-profit organizations — including many political organizations.

To learn more, you can request a Fact Sheet from the FCC explaining the rules in detail by accessing the FCC web site (www.fcc.gov/cgb under “Consumer Alerts and Fact Sheets”) or by calling the FCC consumer centers at 1-888-CALL-FCC (TTY 1-888-TELL-FCC). You may also call this phone number or contact this website if you have questions or a complaint to file with the FCC against a telemarketer.

In addition, the Direct Marketing Association (DMA) sponsors the Telephone Preference Service, which maintains a “Do Not Call” list. DMA members are required to use this list. You can register for free by mailing your name, phone number and signature in a letter to: DMA Telephone Preference Service, Box 643, Carmel, NY 10512. Or, for a $5 fee, you can register online at www.the-dma.org/cgi/offtelephonedave. Once you register, your name stays on this list for five years.

Currently, the FCC is considering ways in which it can revise its telemarketing rules to adequately protect consumers’ privacy. “The Commission’s rules attempt to strike a balance between the rights and interests of the consumer with legitimate telemarketing,” Snowden says.

“With the advent of new technologies in telemarketing such as faxes and autodialers, the FCC must gauge whether its existing rules maintain that balance or require augmentation.”

The FCC has asked for comments on whether it should change its rules that restrict telemarketing calls and, if so, how. One possible change being investigated is that of establishing a national Do Not Call list in addition to the lists maintained by some states.

The FCC wants to hear your comments on and suggested changes to the current TCPA rules. You can file comments electronically or in written form. To file electronically, you must access the FCC’s Electronic Comment Filing System through the FCC’s web site (www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html). To file by paper, you can send your comment to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554. Your comment must include the docket number (CG Docket No. 02-278) for proper filing.

“We encourage consumers on both sides of the issue to use the Commission’s processes to be heard,” Snowden says. ♦

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Escambia County Sheriff's Office Air Operations: Ready, Willing and "ABLE"

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It's a cool morning in April, and a desperate search is underway in the Florida Panhandle to locate four missing hunters. The group, ranging between the ages of 15 and 22, has been missing since the day before when they entered into a swamp while hunting wild hogs. When the group failed to return home, concerned family members reported them missing and a search party was organized. Area K-9 units were called in to help and the four hunters were soon located. However, the rescue was far from over. Having located the hunters more than two miles into the snake infested swamp, the question of how to get out still remained. Soon, the Escambia County Sheriff's Office helicopter hovered overhead, and within minutes, was able to guide the group to a river where area fishermen waited in a boat to take them to safety.

Since Escambia County Sheriff Ron McNesby established the Air Borne Law Enforcement (ABLE) unit in 2001, stories of rescues such as this are becoming more and more common. The ABLE Unit has proven to be a valuable asset to the daily operation of the ECSO. It's composed of two pilots and two observers, with all four ABLE team members having a commercial pilot's license. Both pilots were selected based on their prior military experience and flight hours, each having logged more than 5,000 flight hours. In addition, three Escambia County Sheriff's Deputies are assigned to the unit as part-time observers. All observers are Florida certified law enforcement officers.

While the primary focus of the ABLE unit is assisting patrol deputies, the unit serves in a variety of other functions. The unique geography of the Gulf Coast provides numerous year-round uses for ABLE. During the summer and early fall months, the unit focuses largely on marijuana eradication efforts. From 1,000 feet above, the trained eye can spot anything from a single marijuana plant growing next to a house to a group of plants in a thickly wooded pine forest. In 2002 alone, the unit helped to eradicate more than 1,300 marijuana plants in Escambia County and the surrounding area. The unit also assists beach lifeguards by conducting surveillance of surf conditions and warning swimmers of dangerous rip currents and the presence of sharks. The holiday shopping season keeps the team busy as well, assisting patrol deputies while watching for suspicious activity in mall parking lots and more heavily populated areas.

Recently, Escambia County's ABLE unit has partnered with Escambia Search And Rescue (ESAR) in "Project Lifesaver." The program utilizes electronic wristbands (similar to the trans-
mitters used in wildlife tracking) to help locate those who are subject to wandering from their familiar surroundings and becoming lost. These may include adults suffering from Alzheimer’s or children diagnosed with Down’s syndrome or Autism. Should a person become lost, portable handheld receiving antennas on the helicopter and on the ground are adjusted to pick up the specified transmitter frequency assigned to the person who is missing. The equipment can reduce search time to a matter of minutes (average air time 15-20 minutes) instead of hours, days, or even weeks, therefore increasing the chances of survival.

When time counts, the ABLE unit responds. On June 27, the unit assisted the Pensacola Beach Fire Department in a daring night-time search and rescue which involved a man whose personal watercraft had stalled, leaving him stranded in a high-traffic waterway. Without any lights, the stranded jet skier was in danger of being hit by other boaters. Using its 30-million candlepower searchlight, the ABLE Unit managed to locate and illuminate the jet skier until a Pensacola Beach Fire Department rescue crew could tow him safely to shore.

Even when the ABLE team isn’t assisting patrol, searching for illegal narcotics or performing rescue operations, there’s still plenty of work to be done. Training is crucial to the success of the operation, as is routine maintenance of the equipment. A recent training involved a mock prison escape in the northern end of the county in which the ABLE

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The ABLE unit assists with crowd control during a Blue Angels Air Show on Pensacola Beach. The show draws an average crowd of 80,000 to the beach every year. While the Blues are performing, no swimmers are allowed in the surf.

Observer Todd Tolbert and Pilot Pete Keeling display marijuana plants which were located utilizing the ECSO ABLE unit.
DUI: Not Worth the Price

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Ever tried to talk a drunk out of driving? It's not easy. To succeed, you need a secret weapon. Fortunately, we've got one.

That secret weapon is information. Facts can help when making decisions. The word "decision" is significant: To Drive or Not to Drive is a decision.

Here are some facts:

• More and more drunk drivers are getting caught. Our county alone averages more than three drunk drivers going to jail every day. The Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office has experienced an increase of 137-percent in DUI arrests the last five years.

• If you are arrested drunk driving, you will spend the night in jail. In some states, DUI defendants can bond out of jail before they sober up, but not in Florida.

• The court-imposed fine is just the beginning of the financial impact of a drunk driving conviction. Experts estimate a first-offense DUI conviction costs the driver at least $7,000. Tow-truck and impound lot charges, legal fees and the costs of any and all court-ordered probation, counseling, and schools come out of the defendant's pocket, as will taxi fares and higher insurance rates.

• Speaking of court, don't count on an acquittal. For more than a decade, the conviction rate for DUI cases in the local court system has been consistently above 96-percent. Lately, it's been close to 99-percent.

• Just a few years ago, it was rare for a drunk driver to go to jail because a citizen saw them and called the cops. Now, it's routine.

Cellular telephones, as well as public interest in combating DUI have tremendously increased the drunk driver's chances of getting caught.

* DUI is a toll-free call for reporting suspected impaired drivers. Be aware that in some counties, this rings to the 9-1-1 operator. Another good toll-free cellular number is * FHP (statewide, to reach the Florida Highway Patrol).

• Drunk Drivers are experts at making excuses. They believe their own excuses. They always overestimate their ability to drive. Every excuse is fatally flawed. A classic example is the drinker who confidently states, "I'm OK to drive. Follow me home, and flash your high-beams if I'm not driving well and I'll pull over and let you take me the rest of the way." Here's the fatal flaw in that one: many drivers appear to drive safely as long as they go from Point-A to Point-B with no surprises. They have no idea that their judgement, perception and reactions are all seriously impaired until something unexpected happens.

• Another dangerous misconception is the idea that if you're not driving, it's OK to get drunk. Here's a fact to put that idea to rest: drunk pedestrians get killed in Florida every year at a rate even higher than drunk drivers, their passengers and the occupants of cars they hit.

The decision to act responsibly must be made in advance, by persons who have the information they need to make the right decision. Even a slight degree of impairment can result in tragedy when individuals make poor decisions. With DUI, it's not worth the price.
Letters to The Editor

Editor:
Observing many people, including school children, walking along the right-hand side of roadways prompts this first comment. It would seem little attention is given to correcting this dangerous situation. Law enforcers, plus parents & school officials should inform "all" about the safety of using the left side while walking along a roadway. A small reminder placed on "roadway information signs" would help. The second comment is about those drivers who position their hand on the upper side of the steering wheel while driving. If the airbag is discharged while your hand is near the top of the wheel you can imagine the consequences. This probability is real when rear ended by a vehicle & you are unaware of it beforehand. Perhaps this should be the responsibility of the auto companies, however it needs attention in any case. I've contacted AAA for help on these two items without attention. Thank you for hearing me out on these concerns.
E.R. – Lakeland

Readers: The following letter was received by FSA regarding a recent article that ran in The Sheriff's Star. We thought our readers might enjoy it. It's from the former Sheriff of Seminole County, J.L. Hobby:

I enjoyed reading the recent Sheriff's Star article by Steve Olson about my old Chief Deputy Ollis Owen. Seeing the pictures of my deputies and me during my first term as Sheriff of Seminole County brought back memories for me! (You may be interested in knowing that I hired the first black Florida Deputy Sheriff, Willie R. Brown, shortly after these pictures were made.) We each did our personal best to serve all the people of our county fairly, honestly – so that later on we would have no regrets. I'm glad to know that we haven't been forgotten!!

After retiring from the Sheriff's office and the SCL Railroad, I returned to my family farm in South Georgia, and live here today among the fields and pastures of my childhood. I exercise at the gym every day, still drive my tractor and operate my backhoe! God has blessed me with a long, healthy life, and children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren who love hearing my remembrances of the escapades and episodes of Seminole County 50 years ago!

Thank you again.
Sincerely,
J.L. Hobby

Editor:
I have read, with great interest and appreciation, your very fine article on operation of motor vehicles with safety on the highways of the state of Florida ("Are You Unknowingly Breaking the Law?" – July/August 2002).

If you write a similar type article for other law-enforcement publications, please include reference to the statutory requirement that headlights should be on when operating the vehicle in rain or other inclement weather.

Florida is unique in that it has thousands of older drivers and, at times, the headlights on in the rain prevent an accident.

As an aside, I suggest that Sheriffs' vehicles have their lights on in rain or other inclement weather, i.e., snow, for example.

I hope your article is released to newspapers throughout the state.

R.E.S. – Pensacola

Editor:
The Deputy's Prayer found in the Sept/Oct. edition is great. I salute all our law enforcement who put their lives daily on the line to protect us and ask the good Lord to keep all safe as you endeavor to keep all of us safe.

R.H. – Palm Bay

Editor:
I'm a professional repossessor here in Florida and something that bothers me and maybe you can't answer but why can you buy six months car insurance but your tag is good for a year? Over half of the vehicles I pickup the insurance has lapsed. Looks to me like the insurance companies are making money but the law is slow to catch up. I have found a small amount of vehicles with "seize tag" orders on them. What can I or anyone do to help this situation?

J.R.M.

Editor responds:
This is a good question for our insurance professionals out there. If anyone has an answer, please send your comments to The Sheriff's Star and we'll print it in a future edition.

HAVE A COMMENT?

If you would like to send a comment, please write:
Editor, The Sheriff's Star Magazine, P.O. Box 12519, Tallahassee, FL 32317-2519, or e-mail: jbettinger@sheriffs.org.

While we are not able to publish every letter, or answer them personally, we will do our best to get your comments represented in these pages. Please write legibly. We reserve the right to edit for space considerations. For privacy reasons, we will only publish the initials and city or county of the writer unless authorization is given.

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Orange County Sheriff’s Office Opens New Central Complex

This past October, the Orange County Sheriff’s Office opened its new Central Complex. About half of the 218,000-sq.-ft. building, a former department store, has been completely renovated in Phase 1 of Orange County Sheriff Kevin Beary’s move to consolidate key units and divisions under one roof.

The attractive new facility now serves as the Sheriff’s administrative offices, Media Relations, CID, Uniform Patrol Command, Forensics, Supply, Community Services, Information Management and Fleet Maintenance. Construction is expected to continue through 2005. When completed, Human Resources, Records, Fiscal Management, Professional Standards and other agency functions will begin operating out of the new building.
Two Florida Deputies Among the Finalists in the Florida Retail Federation's 2002 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year

Each year, the Florida Retail Federation honors law-enforcement officers by considering nominations for the Law Enforcement Officer of the Year. This year, two deputies were among the four finalists and also won the $3,000 award. He was recognized for his high volume of arrests – 94 in a recent month – and large number of seizures of narcotics and illegal funds.

"Each nomination we received reflected quality law enforcement in Florida and exhibited a great measure of professionalism," says Richard A. McAllister, Florida Retail Federation president and chief executive officer. "Our selection committee's task of choosing among these distinguished officers was not an easy one. Each of these officers is very deserving and a credit and inspiration to all of Florida's law officials. We are heartened by the positive influences that our state's law-enforcement professionals are having on the quality of life for all Floridians."

The Florida Retail Federation (FRF) is the statewide trade association representing retailers in Florida in the legislative and regulatory process. FRF also provides networking and cost saving services to the state's second largest industry – retailing.

The purpose of the nearly 30-year-old Law Enforcement Officer of the Year (LEOY) program is to support and encourage outstanding police work throughout the state. LEOY also seeks to recognize the important contributions made by Florida's law-enforcement professionals in promoting safety and security in places of business. The theme from the program's inception recognizes the service officers provide on a day-to-day basis: "Often taken for granted, they never stop serving...because they care."

Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office Investigator Brian Shonk was recognized for his work this past year successfully investigating an armed bank robbery and several residential and car burglaries, all of which resulted in arrests. A seven-year veteran of the Sheriff's Office, Shonk's investigative skills were considered instrumental in saving victims potentially thousands of dollars by quickly identifying and arresting persons who were passing counterfeit business checks. Deputy Shonk has a remarkable 48-percent clearance rate. A Certified Child Safety Seat Inspector, Shonk has conducted many inspections both during and off duty. He also teaches child safety classes at a local hospital.

St. Lucie County Sheriff's Detective Scott Silverman has enjoyed a 25-year career in law enforcement. He was spotlighted for his efforts to combat the growing epidemic of obtaining prescription medication by fraud. Deputy Silverman worked with county pharmacists and other medical professionals to set up a countywide diversion alert system. Between July 2001 and June 2002, Silverman's diversion investigations resulted in 123 arrests with 490 criminal charges, the seizure of 13 cars, hundreds of dollars in cash and more than 2,000 prescription pills.

Another of Silverman's investigations uncovered a Treasure Coast-area physician who was over-prescribing and prescribing Oxycodone without conducting proper medical examinations. The investigation resulted in nine counts of trafficking in Oxycodone, four counts of Medicaid fraud, one count of racketeering influence and corrupt organization and four counts of manslaughter.

Both deputies, nominated by their respective Sheriffs, will receive a memento from FRF designating the honor and a certificate of commendation for their outstanding work.
Any law-enforcement officer will tell you that time is of the essence when trying to catch criminals and keep the public safe. And time that is saved often means the difference between life and death.

In order to collapse the time delay on many of its services, the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office has invested $1.7 million in electronic upgrades, which includes a new computer system for dispatch, software programs and even computers in the patrol cars.

Deputies on the frontline now receive e-mails and other daily updates on mobile computers installed in their vehicles. One aspect of the microDATA system, called Virtual Partner, allows a deputy to search several state databases to get information from a Florida auto tag. The deputy can learn if the car is stolen, who it's registered to and driver's license information, all before leaving the safety of his or her vehicle. As another officer safety consideration, the computer replies within seconds to the deputy in a voice message—a mode that's especially valuable in high-speed pursuits.

Using new mapping systems, 9-1-1 dispatchers in St. Johns County now see computer displays of the phone number and address of the call, a map of the exact location and information about previous incidences at the address, such as a deputy getting bitten by a dog.

In addition, emergency operators will eventually be able to locate cellular phone calls within 55 yards. They can also pinpoint the closest fire hydrant to a burning building and provide near-exact offshore distances to boats in distress.

"During these times, every second counts," says St. Johns County Sheriff Neil Perry. "The sooner we can pinpoint the caller's location, know where we are going and what to look for when we arrive, the quicker we can get help to that person."

The mapping product is very detailed, says Major Herb Greenleaf, Deputy Director of Operations for Support Services in St. Johns County. It's invaluable in helping deputies find locations quickly. "If they give us a name we can find the street address," he says. The
St. Johns County Sheriff’s Office was recently contacted by a state law-enforcement agency, and they used the system to assist. “They were looking for a particular address in the county,” Greenleaf explains. “They were in their helicopter and we were able to supply the latitude and longitude of the address to them. They entered the information into their GIS system and flew directly to the location. They were amazed how we were able to get them the information in a matter of seconds.”

The system is also helping St. Johns County respond to its increasing number of calls for service. In January, 43 users handled 5,432 messages, and by October, 138 users handled 75,994 calls.

Officials are working to integrate the Sheriff’s Office system with that of St. Augustine Police Department and St. Johns County Fire & Rescue, which are also on the microDATA system. By having all working on the same system, deputies will be able to access shared files not readily available before. He or she can use this information to complete an investigation, make an arrest or get warrants for a suspect’s arrest.

More bells and whistles are being added monthly. By the end of next year, the system will allow the Sheriff’s Office to track deputies and to know where their vehicles are located—which will create an additional safety net.

The Sheriff’s Office also plans to implement a silent dispatch feature, which will prevent criminals with a police scanner from listening to the Sheriff’s Office communications. It will also speed the processing of urgent calls from deputies.

The upgrades are a good example of what St. Johns County is doing to improve response and to put public safety first, says Sheriff Perry. “After all, the whole point here is to save lives.”

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**Helping to Fulfill the Dream for Her Sons**

The Broward County Sheriff’s Office has helped fulfill the dream of one of their sergeants, Toni Cornett, who died earlier this year. Sergeant Cornett had promised her two sons, “One way or another, you will go to college.”

When the Broward Sheriff’s Advisory Council considered the two boys’ plight, they voted to purchase a four-year college degree for each of them. So although Blake and Brandon Cornett will be deprived of their mother, they will not be deprived of a future.

In presenting the scholarships, Broward County Sheriff Ken Jenne told the boys that Sergeant Cornett was a very talented and gifted employee and that she had a promising career with BCSO. He said she would be sorely missed.

The Broward Sheriff’s Advisory Council was formed in 1983 by a group of prominent businessmen who wanted to help Sheriff’s Deputies and their families. Since its inception, the BSAC has assisted over 70 deputies’ families and awarded over 37 fully paid, four-year scholarships to the survivors of deceased or disabled officers. It’s an organization that is really making a difference in the lives of law-enforcement officers and their families.

For more information on the BSAC, call 954-370-0041.
The Florida Sheriffs Association is issuing a warning to citizens who might be targeted by telemarketers soliciting donations. Even though it is legal for organizations and associations to solicit by telephone, the Florida Sheriffs do not endorse fundraising projects or advertising sales conducted by telephone and do not find it an acceptable practice for any organization representing a law enforcement group or association.

We've had specific reports in recent months of organizations using similar sounding names to the Florida Sheriffs Association. One in particular, the "Florida Sheriffs Deputies Association" is causing confusion among our members. This organization is in no way affiliated with the Sheriffs in the state and has never been endorsed or approved by the Sheriffs. The organization appears to be an independent effort by a group based in Miami.

If you receive a call from this organization, please be aware that there is no affiliation to the Florida Sheriffs. The fact that you receive a phone call should serve as your red flag.

Following the 9/11 tragedy, there was an increased incidence of fraudulent claims against charities. There's no better time than now to develop a healthy skepticism about their practices.

Fraudulent telephone and advertising schemes rip off hundreds of millions of dollars nationwide from unsuspecting citizens and businesses. Very often, those individuals are elderly and shut-ins who have been targeted as "easy prey," because they are home during the day and more susceptible to strong-arm tactics.

We suggest that individuals who receive solicitations by telephone use the following precautions:

- **Ask questions.** Honest businesses don't mind answering questions. Ask the solicitor what percentage of funds raised actually goes to the charity (or purpose intended) and what percentage goes to fund raising.

- **Request a list of the Board of Directors of the organization.** Nonprofit organizations with a good track record should be able to assemble a credible list of supporters. Be sure to ask the person's title or affiliation outside of the organization.

- **Don't act immediately.** One phone call from what may be a professional fundraiser is never enough to determine the legitimacy of the organization. For this reason, it's wise not to buy or pledge anything by phone. Ask for the offer or donation request to be mailed to you in writing before you send money. Be very cautious of anyone using "runners" to pick up contributions to avoid using the United States mail.

- **Ask for financial documentation.** Any reputable organization should be happy to furnish you with a copy of their annual report. Also, ask for a copy of the IRS letter stating that it is a 501(c)3 tax exempt organization.

- **Just because it has a law enforcement name doesn't mean it's legitimate.** If the caller says they are representing a certain law enforcement group or organization, have them furnish you with the law enforcement agency that is sponsoring the fund raising. Ask for a phone number and/or web site to follow up on your inquiry.

- **Beware of official-looking insignia.** Do not be fooled by promotional materials that look "official" or use names similar to well known companies or government agencies. Marketing companies can be very crafty in their ability to transform junk mail into urgent-looking documents.

To avoid calls from telephone solicitors, get your name registered with the "No Call List." Telephone solicitors are prohibited from placing a sales call to any number that appears on this list. There is a small fee
Is This a Legitimate Charity?

By: Cpl. Rick Hord, Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office

With so many solicitations coming over the telephone and by mail these days, it's a common question: How do I know this is a legitimate charity?

The State of Florida has laws to help answer that question. Any charity soliciting in Florida must file certain documents and register as a charity. That produces a very useful publication that you may obtain in printed form or access on-line. On the Internet, go to www.800helpfla.com and get to the "Gift Giver's Guide." Or, call 1-800-435-7352 (that's 1-800-HELP-FLA) and ask the Department of Agriculture and Consumer services to send you a printed copy of the book. It's not just a leaflet, it's almost the size of our local telephone book.

Using that book can sometimes be confusing. Many well-known charities have dozens of local chapters and affiliated organization that may be listed individually. The address to send contributions may not help; it may be the address of a fund-raising company that handles many clients. If you're having trouble finding the exact match for the listing, look for the "registration number" on the charity's printed material.

Once you've found the listing in the book or on the web page, you will know how much money that organization raised last year, how much they spent, and their surplus or deficit. Most significantly, expenditures will be broken into three broad categories: "Program Services," "Administrative," and "Fund Raising." Sometimes, "Program Services" is the smallest of the three.

Our Sheriff’s Office recently helped a citizen look up a charity that appeared worthy of support. The citizen was contemplating sending five dollars, in the hope of helping the cause highlighted in the fund-raising letter. From the information in the "Gift Givers’ Guide," he learned the fund-raisers would keep the lion's share of his donation, with administrative overhead eating up more than half of the rest; the "cause" would receive less than 37 cents of a five dollar contribution.

The Guide will tell you how much of your dollar goes to the program, but it does not help you decide if that "program" is something you would choose to support with your hard-earned dollars. For that, you need still more information. You may call that 1-800-HELP-FLA number and ask for a copy of the charity's report... or you can ask the charity itself for their report and additional information.

"Is this a legitimate charity?" is a fairly simple question to answer... if you define "legitimate" as registered with the state and having required documents on file. A more meaningful follow-up question might be "is this charity worthy of my support?" That's not as simple to answer. It's a judgement nobody can make for you. Information is available to make an informed decision... and we recommend taking advantage of that information.
Sheriff's Office Introduces Initiatives to Help Combat Domestic Violence

By: Palm Beach County Sheriff Ed Bieluch

According to a U.S. Department of Justice report titled, "Intimate Partner Violence," about one million people in the United States were victims of domestic violence in 1998. During the year 2001, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement statistics show 124,016 domestic violence cases reported statewide, a reduction of 613 cases from 2000. Seven thousand fifty of these cases originated in Palm Beach County and the Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office handled 3,568 – or a little more than half – of the county cases.

The Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office has implemented several new programs to combat domestic violence. The traditional response of law enforcement to domestic violence was not always effective because even though the suspect may have been arrested, the victim was often left alone without any assistance. This, in turn, was cause for concern because the root of the problem was not being addressed and deputies would therefore continue to respond to the same address time and time again and the "cycle of violence" would continue. This was not only placing victims at risk for further harm, but also endangering the children living in the home, the responding deputies and society as a whole.

The Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office has taken aggressive steps to combat this "cycle." In 1997, our agency specially trained a small cadre of deputies for expertise in investigating domestic violence cases. Today this unit, known as the Domestic Abuse Response Team (DART), has grown to 140 officers.

The Sheriff’s Office also initiated the "Volunteer Domestic Violence Victim Assistance Program" to work hand in hand with the DART program. The Victim's Assistance Program is creative in that it utilizes professional volunteers from the community that are specially trained to work with victims of domestic violence immediately – from the scene – via telephone. The two programs have also partnered with "Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse" (AVDA), which is a local Certified Domestic Violence Shelter for abused women and men.

To assist in programs that combat domestic violence, the Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office has obtained two grants in order to implement two other new programs. One of the programs is the "Internet Project," which consists of Sheriff’s Deputies taking photographs of domestic violence crime scenes and transmitting them via the Internet to first appearance Judges, domestic violence shelters and victim service providers. The other program is called "Kids In Domestic Situations," a.k.a. "KIDS." With KIDS, the Sheriff’s Deputies identify children living in homes in which domestic violence has occurred so that the children’s names can be provided to a specific contact person who works for the School Board of Palm Beach County. The contact person then informs each child’s guidance counselor or school principal about the violence the child has witnessed so that follow-up can be initiated with these children and counseling can be provided to them, if needed.

The Volunteer Domestic Violence Victim Assistance Program follows a step-by-step protocol utilized by Sheriff’s Deputies and DART Officers. Once a DART Officer responds to a Domestic Violence call, they must determine the severity of the crime and place them in to one of two categories. Level 1 cases involve serious injury or severe psychological trauma to the victim or children and the victim is often taken to the hospital. In this instance, the DART Officer will contact a Palm Beach County Victim Services Advocate to respond to the scene or hospital to provide crisis intervention. Fortunately, only a small percentage of our cases are classified as Level 1 cases.

Level 2 cases (which make up the majority of the domestic violence responses) involve victims who do not have severe injuries. When a Level 2 case occurs, the
deputies are trained to get in contact with the “on-call” Volunteer Domestic Violence Victim Advisor. The Volunteer Victim Advisor is fully trained on what questions to ask the deputy over the telephone regarding the incident, and then the Advisor requests to speak with the victim. Once on the telephone with the victim, the Volunteer Victim Advisor completes an “Abuse Indicator Assessment.” This assessment is a tool utilized to determine the level of abuse the victim has been suffering at the hands of the abuser and is used as an indicator of potential future violence. The Advisor then goes over a “Safety Plan” with the victim and provides him or her with important community service referrals. The Advisor also completes a follow-up contact with the victim in order to check on their safety and to inquire if they followed through with the referrals made.

This program has helped many victims break the silence about domestic violence by giving them the power – through knowledge – about the abuse. It has also been instrumental in making victims aware of the local services available to assist them in order to seek out help for themselves and for their children.

The success of this program can be easily measured. More than 1,651 victims have been provided with assistance through this special volunteer program. Also, since the implementation of the DART and Volunteer Victim Advisor Program, our agency has noticed a steady and significant decline in Domestic-related victim homicides. The following chart tracks homicides that occurred in our jurisdiction:

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By providing victims of domestic violence with an immediate and effective response from law enforcement and Volunteer Victim Advisors, we have been able to collectively increase the safety of victims and their children while at the same time sending a message that victims do not need to suffer in silence. Through this Victim Assistance Program, we have been able to empower victims and at the same time let them know that people within their own community care about them and want to help.

We continue to recruit professionals in the counseling and social services field to become Volunteer Domestic Violence Victim Advisors. For more information on the program, contact the Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office at 561-688-4195 and ask for Marla Galindez, Volunteer Program Coordinator and Domestic Violence Victim Advocate, or 561-688-3972 and ask for Stacey Scott, Domestic Violence Victim Advocate. Or visit our web site: http://www.pbso.org

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Escambia County Sheriff’s Office Air Operations...

Unit was “on-scene” within 15 minutes and had located the “fugitive” within one minute of arriving on scene. The unit also keeps busy with public appearances at school functions and other community related events.

All of these services come at minimal expense to the county, as most of the equipment purchased was done so through grants or donations from area businesses. This equipment includes: four sets of ANVIS-9 night vision goggles – able to magnify light up to 10,000 times; a Forward Looking Infrared (FLIR) System which detects heat (such as body heat or that from a car engine); a Global Positioning System (GPS); and a 30-million candlepower searchlight. The two OH-58 helicopters themselves were of minimal cost: one was donated by the Florida Highway Patrol and the second was purchased for less than $80,000.

For patrol deputies, having an “eye in the sky” can reduce time spent trying to locate fleeing criminals. To the general population, this means public safety is increased in that the need for high speed pursuits is virtually eliminated. Most importantly, for the criminal element, it means you can run but you can’t hide. Indeed, when a need arises in Escambia County, the Escambia County Sheriff’s Office is ready, willing and ABLE! ♦

For more information about the ECSO Air Borne Law Enforcement Unit, call 850-436-9201, or log onto www.escambia.so.com.
News From Our Friends at Partners for Highway Safety

Country music singer Billy Dean has become a spokesperson for the Partners for Highway Safety in their effort to promote safe driving for teenagers.

The need to reach out to teens came suddenly after two of Dean's close friends lost children in traffic crashes in a two-year period.

He told the PHS, "I myself make a three-hour commute everyday and at least weekly I'm confronted with a life-or-death traffic decision. I asked myself, 'If I had a 16-year-old, would I let them make this trip?'" He continued, "I feel that there is a void in really extensive, practical driving education. I want to do something about that."

Dean first called a long time friend, Bruce Thomas, who owns Thomas Auto Stores in Dean's native of Quincy, Florida. Thomas produced research on teenage traffic crashes that concluded Florida is one of the top three states in teen traffic fatalities. And statewide statistics show that 28 percent of Florida teen drivers will be in a crash within the first 12 months of getting their operator's license.

Thomas and Dean discovered the PHS's Collision Avoidance Training, a two-day program for teen drivers that teaches crash prevention. Over the last two years, less than 2.5 percent of CAT's graduates have been in traffic accidents and none of them have every been physically harmed.

Since combining efforts, Dean, Thomas and the Partners for Highway Safety have launched a new web site: www.surviveto-drive.com. The site includes statistics on teen traffic deaths and crash prevention tips. There is also a personal message from Billy Dean.

The PHS notes that Dean has a positive image and a celebrity status that can serve as a great role model for teenagers. The hope is that the partnership will increase awareness for the CAT program which, in turn, will aid in saving the lives of our children.

"The real objective is to increase public awareness about safe driving," says Dean, in a recent PHS newsletter. "I want to help change the attitudes of teens toward driving. Hopefully the program will spread to a national level."

For more information on the nonprofit Partners for Highway Safety, write to: Partners for Highway Safety, 1920 Thomasville Road, Ste. 200, Tallahassee, FL 32303 or phone: 850-681-0800. Visit them on the web at: www.trafficsafety.net.

On September 8, 2002, the Seminole County Law Enforcement (sheriff and police) were honored at a church service at Central Baptist Church in Sanford called "A Week of Remembrance." The Seminole County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard presented the colors at the beginning of the ceremony. The event included a display of law enforcement equipment outside, an appreciation banquet, and a special church service.

Seminole County Sheriff Don Eslinger and U.S. Congressman John Mica were among the featured speakers during the service, which was both patriotic and somber, to mark the September 11th anniversary.

Did You Know...? Teenage girls are the highest target for abduction

Older children, in their newfound independence, are at a high risk for abduction.

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children reported recently that teenagers aged 12-19, especially girls, are the most victimized segment of the population in the United States. The average victim of abduction and murder is an approximately 11-year-old girl who is described as a "low risk," average child with a stable family relationship and has initial contact with an abductor within a quarter mile of her home.

Contrary to what many parents believe, older children can be just as vulnerable to tricks and enticements as younger children. They have fallen prey to promises of fame and stardom or great tickets to a rock concert.

The NCMEC produces an excellent publication titled, "Know the Rules," that is worth getting and reviewing with your teenagers. For more information, visit their web site: www.missingkids.com or call 1-800-THE LOST (1-800-843-5678).
This honor roll gives special recognition to individuals who have demonstrated their commitment to progressive law enforcement by supporting the Florida Sheriffs Association as honorary members for 25 years or more. Many progressive business leaders are supporting the Florida Sheriffs Association and its anti-crime activities by enrolling as Business Members of the Association and becoming "partners against crime." The Florida Sheriffs recognizes those businesses that are making a difference in their communities. Gold members commit $500 annually, Silver members $250 and Bronze members $50 annually.
FLORIDA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION HONOR ROLL

TAYLOR COUNTY – 40-year certificate presented by Taylor County Sheriff Bummy Williams to Dr. J. H. Parker, Jr.

ST. LUCIE COUNTY – 25-year certificate presented by St. Lucie County Sheriff Ken J. Mascara to Mr. Havert L. Fenn.

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ST. LUCIE COUNTY – 30-year certificate presented by St. Lucie County Sheriff Ken J. Mascara to Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Saucier.

Len Warren

William B. Barlow

Keith H. Knorr

SEMINOLE COUNTY – 25-year certificate presented by Seminole County Sheriff Don Eslinger to Thomas J. McElroy.

MARION COUNTY – 40-year certificate presented by Marion County Sheriff Ed Dean to Len Warren, William B. Barlow and Keith H. Knorr, M.D., P.A.

ST. JOHNS COUNTY – 40-year certificate presented by St. Johns County Sheriff Neil Perry to Mario Taylor, Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wells.

Bill" Peters

Mrs. Ford, Kelley Smith, Mr. Lee


SARASOTA COUNTY – 40-year certificate presented by Sarasota County Sheriff Bill Balkwill (right) and Youth Ranches Development Officer Bill Brown (left) to Charles Hoffman (left photo) and Allen Greer.

LEE COUNTY – 25 and 30-year certificates presented by Lee County Sheriff Rodney Shope to Mr. & Mrs. Robert Marks.

BAKER COUNTY – 25-year certificate presented by Baker County Sheriff Joey Dobson to Rema Parker.

OKALOOSA COUNTY – 40-year certificate presented by Okaloosa County Sheriff Charlie Morris to F.E. Harrelson.

BAY COUNTY – 30-year certificate presented by Bay County Sheriff Guy Tunnell to Ltc. Howard and Josephine Wiggins.
On these pages we give special recognition to generous supporters of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches who have qualified for Lifetime Honorary Memberships in the Florida Sheriffs Association by giving $2,500 or more in cash or $5,000 or more in non-cash gifts to the Youth Ranches. Each Lifetime Honorary Member receives a plaque, a lifetime identification card and lifetime subscriptions to The Sheriff's Star and The Rancher. Those whose gifts total over $5,000 receive additional gold stars on their plaques – one for $5,000, two for $10,000, and so on, up to a maximum of five stars for gifts totaling over $25,000.

New Lifetime Honorary Members

- Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Adams
- Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Alexander
- Mr. and Mrs. John M. Allison
- American Legion Post No. 438, P. Myers
- Mr. Eugene S. Anderson
- Mr. Stephen W. Appel, Jr.
- Ms. Renee Attiti
- Dr. and Mrs. Vincent Azara
- ASC Geosciences Inc.
- Mrs. Genevieve S. Bailey
- Mr. and Mrs. William L. Batchelor
- Mr. Barry Baumgardner
- Mrs. Lu Ann Bear
- Beatec Industries Inc.
- Beef O'Brady's Golf Tournament
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- Mrs. Judy Bennett
- Mr. William P. Benz
- Mr. and Mrs. Thomas P. Berlinger
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- Mr. and Mrs. Bernard G. Bower
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- Mr. and Mrs. Phil Broughton
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- Rev. and Mrs. Leslie Burroughs
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- Mr. Frank Calderella
- Mr. and Mrs. Truman Carr
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- Mr. and Mrs. Richard Croatan
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- Mr. and Mrs. M. Donald Davidson
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- Mr. and Mrs. C. W. 'Wally' Edmonds
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- Mrs. Ernestine Feininger
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- Mr. and Mrs. John E. Fledderus
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- And Consumer Services
- Florida Power Corp. - Ocala
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- Frank's Farms - Ocala
- Mr. and Mrs. John Frengen
- Mr. Noel Gregory Gauthier
- Mr. and Mrs. James D. Gambine
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- Mr. and Mrs. Donald R. Grady
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- Ms. Emily A. Graham
- Mr. and Mrs. Mark Grider
- Mr. and Mrs. John C. Grubb
- Mr. Michael B. Haley
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- Mr. Joseph A. Henrici
- Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Holliston
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- Geetha Murthy
- Sandra and John Warr
- Elaine Toler
- COLUMBIA COUNTY - Presented by Columbia County Sheriff Frank Owens to Grace William, Geetha Murthy, Sandra and John Warr and Elaine Toler.
- Dr. and Mrs. Allan W. Rothchild
- Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rudd
- Dr. and Mrs. Donald J. Sheehan
- Mrs. Charles J. Sogotz
- Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Schuster
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- Mr. and Mrs. Tim Swart

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NASSAU COUNTY – Presented by Nassau County Sheriff Ray Geiger to Richard Bergman.

ORANGE COUNTY – Presented by Orange County Sheriff Kevin Beary and Sandy Phillips (left) to (L to R) Ruth Larr President of the Air Force Sergeants Association, Lance Newman and Joyce S. Dawley, Mr. and Mrs. Jack R. Seems, Eric Holm President of Golden Corral Restaurants and Richard C. Dennison.

SARASOTA COUNTY – Presented by Sarasota County Sheriff Bill Balkwill to Mrs. Murry Neuss, Elizabeth Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. John Mann.

ST. JOHNS COUNTY – Presented by St. Johns County Sheriff Neil Perry to (L to R) Deputy Herbert Green, Mr. and Mrs. William Kerr, Deputy Peter Dorpema and Mrs. Robert Wilson.

OKALOOSA COUNTY – Presented by Okaloosa County Sheriff Charlie Morris to Okaloosa Sheriff's Office Lieutenant Mike Haley, Greg Gaddis and Henry and Lee Garrett.
MEMBERSHIP ITEMS ORDER FORM

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

I wish to purchase:

- *Golf shirts at $30.00 each.
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- *Belt buckle(s) at $18.00 each.
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- *Coffee Mugs at $13 ea. $____
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- *Hats (white or green) at $12 ea. $____

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NOTE: These water resistant, ETA Swiss quartz analog timepieces featuring beautifully engraved "Sheriff's Star" dials in an all gold dress medallion, or a multi-colored sports style are available in both gold or gold/steel two-tone as depicted above. All watches carry a 5-year limited warranty from the date of purchase against failures due to defective materials or workmanship. Gold or two-tone bands can be purchased with either of the three available faces.