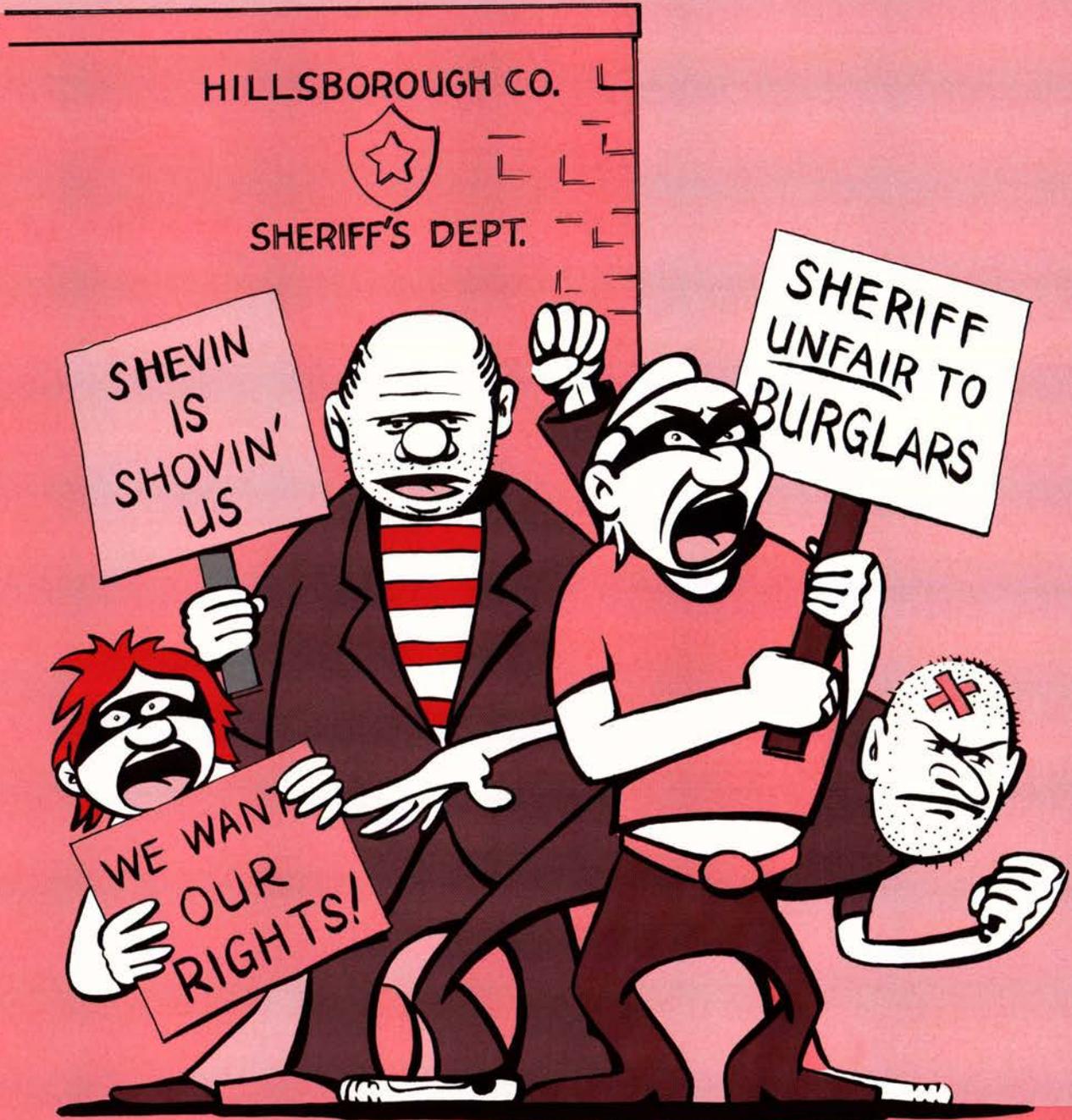


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## **UNEMPLOYED BURGLARS BLAME SHEVIN AND BEARD**

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Sheriff Bill Roberts (left) and Bob Dick, President of Chapter 8, Florida Restaurant Association, cook up plans for Junior Deputy Dine Out Day.



## Here's one meal that is one heluva good deal

**CLEARWATER** — One day each year thousands of Pinellas County residents get an opportunity to enjoy a good meal in a good restaurant and at the same time help a good crime prevention program.

Sheriff Bill Roberts calls it his "Junior Deputy Dine Out Day," and it annually raises more than \$16,000 to fund his Junior Deputy Sheriff League, a crime prevention organization that teaches youngsters respect for law enforcement.

Here's how it works:

In cooperation with Chapter 8 of the Florida Restaurant Association, Dine Out Day tickets are sold for \$1 each, and they can be redeemed for food at participating restaurants on the appointed day, which this year was May 18. From each ticket redeemed, the Junior Deputy program receives 50 cents and

the restaurant receives 50 cents.

Sheriff Roberts said the funds raised by Dine Out Day help to pay for materials and quality programs used in all of the Pinellas County public, private and parochial schools to teach youngsters the principles and procedures of professional law enforcement.

This is a learning experience for the youngsters, but there are additional benefits. Direct contact with deputy sheriffs in the schoolroom also builds respect for law enforcement.

Sheriff Roberts said this is the only program of its kind in the United States that receives its funding solely from the citizens it serves, and does not rely on state or federal funding to keep it going.

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# Your Sheriff is “an involved kind of guy”

In addition to being the chief law enforcement officers of their counties, Florida Sheriffs contribute their knowledge and experience to a variety of councils, committees and advisory groups on a state-wide level.

The membership of the important Governor's Commission on Criminal Justice Standards and Goals includes four sheriffs and one former sheriff. Sheriffs Dale Carson (Jacksonville), Walt Pellicer (Putnam County), Ed Stack (Broward County), and Lu Hindery (Alachua County) are all members of the Commission along with former Alachua County Sheriff Joe Crevasse.

The Commission is the policy setting group which decides how federal Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA) funds will be distributed to local planning agencies to make improvements in the criminal justice system.

On the local level, this federal money is planned for and spent by six Metropolitan Planning Units (MPUs) and eleven Regional Planning Councils (RPCs). Each MPU and RPC has a law enforcement advisory committee made up of local criminal justice officials such as judges, state attorneys, probation and parole officers, police chiefs and, of course, Sheriffs.

Thirty-three of Florida's 67 Sheriffs have been appointed by Governor Reubin Askew to serve on these seventeen law enforcement advisory committees.

The Florida Police Standards and Training Commission is the policy setting body which deals with minimum standards and advanced training for all state and local law enforcement officers in Florida. Sheriffs W. A. Woodham (Gadsden County), Mel Colman (Orange County), and Don Moreland (Marion County) are the three Sheriffs who serve on this Commission.

Minimum standards and training for correctional officers are set by the Florida Correctional Standards Commission with Sheriffs Ken Katsaris (Leon County) and John Whitehead (Union County) serving on this body.

The Florida Department of Criminal Law Enforcement (FDCLE) is the state equivalent of the FBI. To help it carry out its duties, FDCLE has three advisory bodies plus the Police Standards and Training Commission mentioned above. The Crime Laboratory Advisory Committee has 10 members, including Sheriffs Dale Carson (Jacksonville) and Bill Roberts (Pinellas County).

Another FDCLE group is the Local Law Enforcement Advisory Council which is made up of six members. Three of them are Sheriffs Frank Cline (DeSoto County), Sam Joyce (Indian River County), and Newton Murdock (Hardee County). The Criminal Justice Information Systems Council is the third FDCLE body. It includes among its ten members Sheriffs Dudley Garrett (St. Johns County) and E. Wilson Purdy (Dade County).

The Florida Department of Offender Rehabilitation (DOR) is responsible for the running of prisons in the state and, to receive input from local officials, it has five Regional Advisory Councils which coincide with its five regional districts. Each Advisory Council, by law, must include a Sheriff. The five Sheriffs are Charles Applewhite (Jackson County), Dale Carson (Jacksonville), Rollin Zimmerman (Brevard County), Lanie Norvell (St. Lucie County), and Jim Hardcastle (Sarasota County).

Many Sheriffs are on advisory committees for law enforcement training programs at local junior colleges and vocational-technical schools. Florida Sheriffs are also active in the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA). Sheriff Walt Pellicer is Sixth Vice President, Sheriff Sam Joyce is NSA State Director, and Dale Carson is on the NSA Board of Directors.

The Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund, Boys Ranch and Girls Villa utilize the talents of seven Sheriffs and ten civilians as trustees; and the Florida Sheriffs Association, with every Sheriff in the state as an active, dues-paying member, gets Sheriffs involved in a variety of projects dealing with many aspects of the criminal justice system.

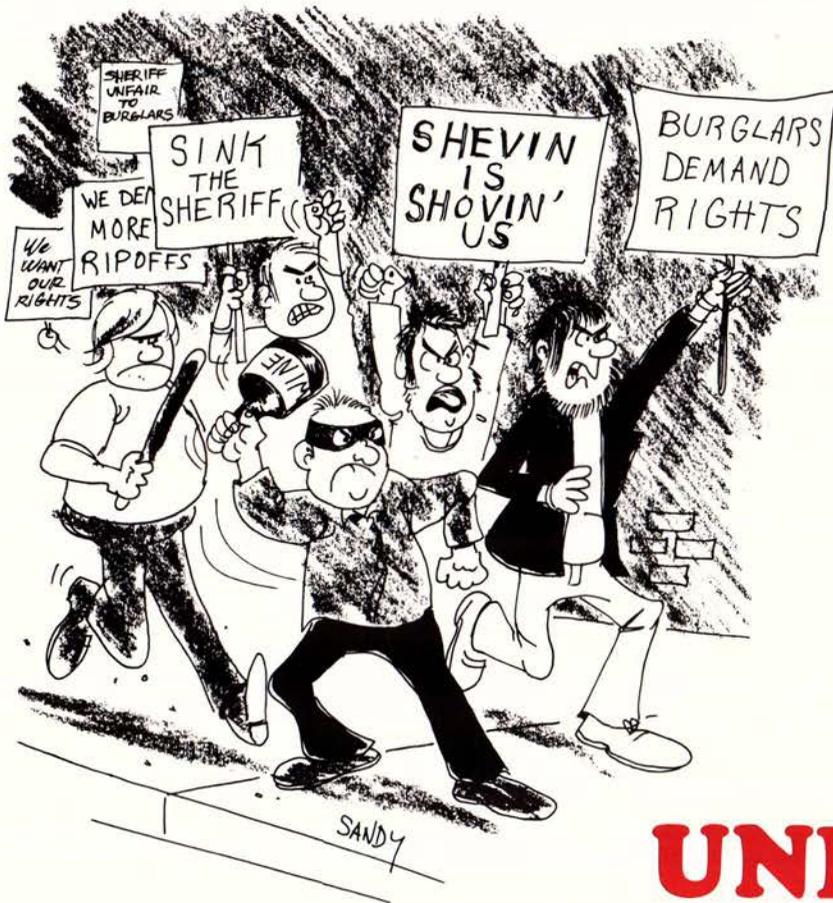
This article does not begin to cover all of the activities of Sheriffs above and beyond the call of duty. It does not attempt to list, for instance, the charitable fund raising activities, youth projects, training programs and civic betterment campaigns that benefit from the active participation of Sheriffs.

It does, however, attempt to show that your Sheriff is an “involved kind of guy” whose dedication to the betterment of his county, state and nation is not limited to the duties prescribed for him in the Florida statutes.

## Another Plaque For Stack

FT. LAUDERDALE — In a distinguished career punctuated with many awards, the latest honor to come to Broward County Sheriff Ed Stack is his having been chosen as “Man of the Year” by the Hollywood Civitan Club. He is pictured accepting a “Man of the Year” plaque from County Court Judge Morton Abram (right) who is a member of the Civitan Club's board of directors. (Hollywood Sun-Tattler photo)





Attorney General Robert Shevin (right) and Sheriff Malcolm Beard at Strike Force news conference.

# UNEMPLOYED BURGLARS BLAME SHEVIN AND BEARD

**T**AMPA — These are hard times for burglars in Hillsborough County. Many are unemployed. Some are actually thinking about going out and doing an honest day's work. Others are applying for food stamps.

Saddest of all are the morose ones who stand on street corners and talk about the good old days — those good old days before Hillsborough County Sheriff Malcolm Beard and Attorney General Robert Shevin organized a "citizens strike force" aimed at reducing residential burglaries in Hillsborough County.

The strike force was spearheaded by the Attorney General's HELP STOP CRIME! staff, Sheriff Beard's Community Relations unit, and selected local citizens.

During the month of March this crime fighting team mounted a saturation type burglary prevention campaign in the Town and Country area which had been developing a reputation as a sort of "burglars playground."

In this target neighborhood, with approximately 1,200 homes, one out of every 12 had been burglarized during the past year.

Immediately after the anti-burglary blitz, the burglary rate took a dramatic 75 per cent drop. In the first 20 days of April there was only one residential burglary, one commercial burglary, and one attempted burglary.

There was an aura of revenge surrounding the unsuccessful attempted burglary. It occurred at "The Family Y", the building that had been used as headquarters for the strike force project, and it was thwarted by locks which were installed as a result of the strike force project.



Mrs. Margie Reichenbaugh receives a security consultation from Sgt. James L. Walker, while Sheriff Malcolm Beard and Attorney General Robert Shevin listen in.



Sheriff Beard described the project as "highly successful" and announced that it is being extended to other areas of the county.

In Tallahassee, Attorney General Shevin was equally enthusiastic. He said the Tampa project had been highly effective as a pilot program, and the same techniques would be used in similar projects in other areas of the state.

"This was an intense effort that brought every resident of this particular neighborhood into direct participation in crime prevention practices," Sheriff Beard said. "It was personalized, one-to-one contact to teach them what to do to reduce their chances of being victims of residential burglaries and how to do it effectively.

"We involved as many members of each family as possible and offered them assistance in crime prevention measures as well as instructional information."

Young adults from the Explorers' Unit of the Sheriff's Office delivered letters to the families in the target area advising them the project was being launched.

A major feature of the program was a series of neighborhood meetings held in the homes of various residents of the target area who worked in cooperation with the citizens strike force team.

Sheriff's Office Detective Cliff Smither conducts neighborhood meeting to explain ways to improve home security.

At these meetings, home security hardware and other protective measures were discussed and illustrated. Home security evaluations were made for those who requested it. An identification engraving tool was made available to residents so they could engrave their valuables to readily identify their property in case of theft.

To brief the residents on the program, information kits were delivered to all homes in the neighborhood. Included in the packets were crime prevention tips, information from law enforcement experts, brochures and other materials prepared by the Attorney General's HELP STOP CRIME! staff and the Sheriff's Office.

Flyers announcing the opening and locations of the "citizens strike force" headquarters were also sent to each household.

All residents participating in the meetings and in other phases of the program received Citizens Strike Force decals to place on their windows or at the doors of their homes.

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# Crime prevention begins at home

## Front Entrance

Door should be metal clad or solid core wood construction. A dead-lock, in addition to the key-in-the-knob lock is essential. Use a wide-angle viewer rather than a door chain to observe callers. A screen door or storm door offers additional protection if kept locked.

## Ground Floor Windows

All ground floor windows should have key-operated sash locks or other suitable locks. Keep your windows closed and locked when you are away. Screens and storm windows should be securely fastened to the structure.

## Upper Floor Windows

Keep your second floor secure by trimming tree branches away from the house to prevent climbing, and do not store ladders where a burglar can use them. Lock all windows while you are away. Take the same precautions as with ground floor windows.

## Basement Windows

Close and lock your basement windows. If they are not required for ventilation, they should be permanently secured by using screws through the window frame into the structure. Treat the door from your basement into the main part of the house as an exterior door.

## Garage Door

The garage door should always be closed and locked. Make sure that you treat the entrance door from the garage to your house the same as any other door. A burglar in your garage can work on your house door undetected.

## Porch and Patio Doors

Treat all exterior doors on the rear and sides of your home as probable targets for entry. Since they may be less observable from the street and by neighbors than your front entrance, you may need to take extra precautions.

## Yard Lights

Each exterior entrance — including the garage door should be well lighted. Post lights in your yard or floodlights mounted under the eaves to prevent blind spots where burglars can hide. Low cost controls for exterior lights will turn them on and off at specified times, or light sensors will illuminate them from dusk to dawn.

## Interior Lights

When you are away from home — whether on vacation or just for the evening — keep some interior lights burning. To create the appearance that someone is at home, use a timer to turn lights on and off at normal times. A radio playing adds to the illusion that the house is occupied.

## Landscaping

When placing trees, bushes and flowers remember to keep doorways, windows and porches clear. Remember that the bushes that provide you with privacy also give a burglar a place to hide. Plan your landscaping with both privacy and security in mind.

## Be Neighborly

Talk with your neighbors about your concern about burglary. Tell them what you are doing to protect your home. Ask them to report any suspicious persons or activities around your home to your law enforcement agency. Good neighbors make safe neighborhoods.



Four flashy "port-a-signs" were used in the neighborhood to increase citizen participation.

## UNEMPLOYED BURGLARS *continued*

"All of these efforts helped as deterrents against home burglaries," Beard said. "When people are alert, educated and take action to make it more difficult for someone to break into their homes, their efforts can be effective in discouraging burglars."

The Sheriff and Attorney General said statistics show residential burglary is usually a crime of opportunity rather than a planned crime.

"If we can just limit those opportunities with crime prevention," Shevin said, "we can help people protect their homes, possessions and possibly their lives. Based on the latest figures of 1975, there was a residential burglary in Florida every 2.7 minutes."

Surveys and evaluations were made of the target area in Hillsborough before the "citizens strike force" project was begun, and similar crime statistics will be recorded in the near future to measure its success.

"The "citizens strike force" goal is to reduce the number of residential burglaries in the area not simply during the 30-day period but on a permanent basis as well," Sheriff Beard said.

HELP STOP CRIME! Director Don Thieme saw evidence

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# Have a safe and pleasant trip

A vacation, a weekend away from home, or a business trip should be a pleasant experience for you and your family. You can make each trip more enjoyable and carefree if you will take a few simple steps to reduce the possibility that your house will be burglarized or vandalized while you are gone. A vacant house—or one that appears to be vacant—is an appealing target to a burglar.

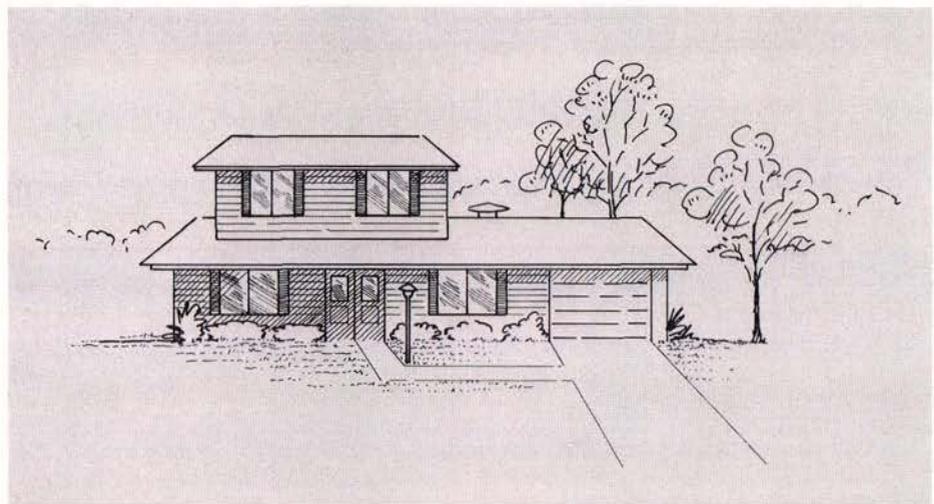
Here are 21 tips for protecting your home while you are away. Some of these things you should do one or two days before you leave; the rest can be done a few minutes before you leave.

To help you remember, carry this list with you as you prepare to leave, and check off each item as you do it.

Returning to a home that has been broken into is an unpleasant finish to any trip. Never give a burglar an even break.

## At least one day before you leave

1. Notify your newscarrrier to discontinue newspaper deliveries.
2. Notify the post office to hold your mail OR arrange with a neighbor to pick up and hold your mail.
3. Make arrangements to have grass cut and watered while you are gone. Have someone check daily to remove throw-away papers and circulars from your doorway and yard.
4. If you have valuables in the house, take them to your bank for storage in a safe deposit vault. Deposit extra cash in your bank account.
5. Notify your sheriff's office or local police station about your departure and return dates and give a name and telephone number of a neighbor or relative to notify in case of a burglary, fire or other emergency.
6. Make sure any broken windows, door locks or window locks are repaired.
7. Arrange with a neighbor or relative to watch your house and give them a key and let them know where or how you can be reached in an emergency. Write their telephone number down so you can check with them during your trip. Give them your car description and license number.
8. Move all ladders, tools, lawn implements, garbage cans and yard furniture to your garage, basement or storage shed.

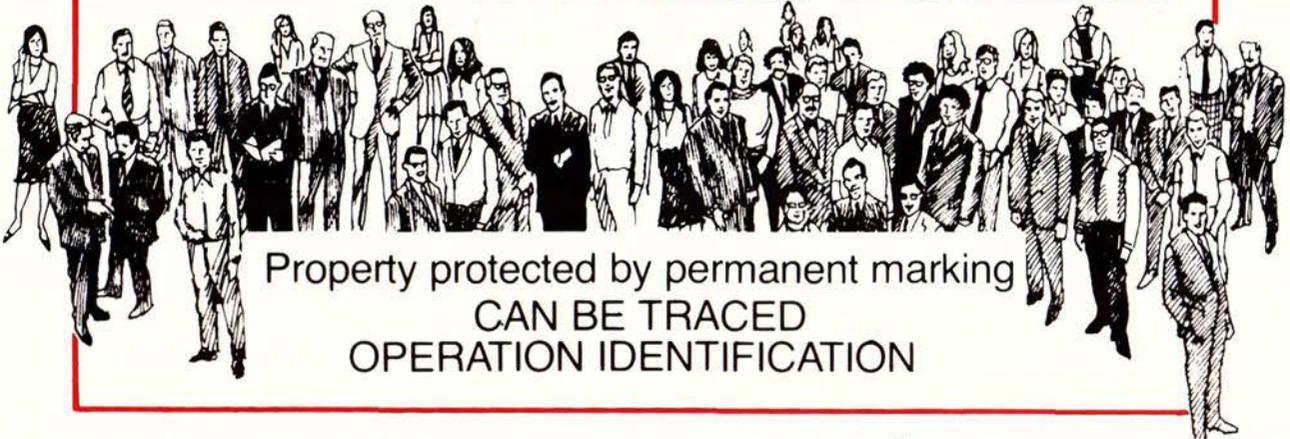


## On the day you leave

1. Unplug all electrical appliances such as radios, television sets, irons, washers, and fans to prevent possible damage from electrical storms.
2. Set your thermostat so that your furnace or air conditioner will maintain a reasonable temperature—80°F in summer and 55°F in winter. In winter make sure outside water taps are drained to prevent freezing.
3. Close your fireplace flue to prevent birds or animals from entering.
4. Make sure all gas appliances are in good order and that pilot lights are working.
5. Turn off water to automatic washer to prevent possible damage from broken hose.
6. Turn down the volume control on the bottom of your telephone so it cannot be heard from outside.
7. Close all windows and sliding doors and lock. Make sure that "Charley bar" is secure on sliding doors, and that all screens or storm windows are locked or fastened.
8. Put window shades in normal daytime position, and make sure all main floor drapes, shades and curtains are arranged so that neighbors and police can see into your house.
9. If you are leaving a car or other vehicle in your driveway, make sure it is locked.
10. Set your electrical timer to turn some lights on and off during the evening hours.
11. Lock your garage door.
12. Make sure the last person out locks the door. Take a walk around the house. Check the doors and windows.
13. If you haven't already done so, leave your key with your neighbor or relative. Check to make sure you have their telephone number.

**HELP!**  
STOP CRIME

# **WARNING!** HOME PROTECTED BY **CITIZENS'** **STRIKE FORCE**



## **HILLSBOROUGH SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

During the strike force campaign this decal was displayed by homeowners to warn burglars.

### **UNEMPLOYED BURGLARS** *(continued)*

that the Town and Country neighborhood residents were strongly motivated to take effective action against burglaries.

Sgt. James Walker, of the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, did too. "These people are really taking action against crime," he said. "People are coming up to me and saying things like, "Hey, Sergeant, come look at the new security hardware I just bought!"

Weeks after the concentrated 30-day campaign had ended, Walker reported requests for security consultations were still going strong; and 40 electric engravers which had been made available to residents who wanted to engrave identifying numbers on appliances and other valuables were still constantly out on loan.

He said a neighborhood lock shop had to hire two additional locksmiths and purchase two additional service vehicles because of the increase in requests for service triggered by the strike force project.

Walker and Detectives Cliff Smithers and Thomas Tamargo were assigned full-time to the project from the Sheriff's Office and often worked 12 and 14-hour days.

These officers held neighborhood meetings in which they discussed security hardware; described the Neighborhood Watch Concept which encourages citizens to report suspicious acti-



Attorney General Robert Shevin Talks with students at Webb Junior High School about security measures to prevent bike thefts.

vities; explained proper crime reporting procedures; and demonstrated the use of electric engravers to put identification numbers on household items likely to be heisted by burglars.

They also scheduled individual security consultations to show homeowners how to make their residences more burglar-proof.

Although the primary target of the project was to reduce residential burglaries, there was also a secondary goal of creating in the Tampa Bay area a public awareness that crime

prevention works.

Midway in the campaign, Attorney General Shevin shifted the focus of attention temporarily to the younger generation when he spoke to students at Webb Junior High School.

He encouraged them to become involved in crime prevention and explained the penalties under Florida law for crimes such as burglary and vandalism. Students were also shown how to engrave identifying numbers on their bicycles and other valuable possessions.

Don Thieme said the strike force area will be closely monitored over the next year to measure the effectiveness and longevity of the campaign.

"Positive spin-offs are already being realized throughout Hillsborough County," he said. "Builders are showing greater interest in building security codes, for instance; and Sheriff Beard is considering the possibility of increasing his crime prevention personnel."

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## Mental health agency helping Sheriffs in emergency cases

Mental health emergencies are not easy to handle, and sometimes the problems they create are enough to drive a Sheriff batty.

This is especially true in the rural counties surrounding Tallahassee because mental health treatment facilities and trained mental health professionals are not readily available.

It's a pain in the psyche, but Apalachee Community Mental Health Services, Inc. (ACMHS), a Tallahassee (Leon County) based agency, is trying to ease the situation.

ACMHS serves its home base, Leon County, as well as the surrounding counties of Franklin, Gadsden, Jefferson, Liberty, Madison, Taylor and Wakulla.

Its primary objective is to assist Sheriffs and other public officials 24 hours a day, seven days a week, with mental health emergencies such as drug abuse, major mental illness and emotional problems.

To achieve this objective it maintains a 24-hour toll-free telephone service for agencies and clients; recruits local people throughout the eight-county area to serve as Emergency Service Workers; attempts to provide an Emergency Services Site available around the clock in each county; maintains centralized supervision and coordination; and trains volunteer Emergency Services Workers.

Here's how the Emergency Service Program will operate: Sheriffs and other officials or agencies will call toll-free to ACMHS when an emergency arises, and the phone will be answered by professionals and paraprofessionals trained in crisis services.

If appropriate, the crisis will be dealt with over the telephone,

utilizing available information and resources. If face-to-face contact is needed, an on-the-scene Emergency Service Worker will be utilized.

James Howard, Emergency Services Analyst for ACMHS, said the new program will eliminate the need for Sheriffs in outlying counties to take individuals all the way to Tallahassee just for a mental health evaluation.

"This can now be accomplished in their respective counties," he added, and he illustrated his point by using Sheriff Jack Taylor's office, in Franklin County, as an example.

"Before the Emergency Services Program was implemented, when Sheriff Taylor's department became involved with a mental health case that appeared to require psychiatric hospitalization, the deputy on duty would have to contact an off-duty deputy to cover his shift while the on-duty deputy transported the individual to Tallahassee for an evaluation.

"Transportation time is approximately two hours each way. The catch was that many times the person would not ever be admitted to the hospital after being taken to Tallahassee, and if admitted, the deputy often had to stay at the hospital until all the paper work and evaluations were completed -- as well as the contacting of the psychiatrist on call. This procedure often took up to four hours to complete, making the Franklin County deputy unavailable in Franklin County sometimes as long as eight hours."

Howard said with the advent of the Emergency Services Program, the evaluation is done in the county and the admission, if necessary, is arranged by telephone before the deputy leaves the county. "Then," he said, "the deputy's only responsibility is to drop the person off at the hospital, thus cutting the time spent by more than half, and many times completely eliminating the need for a trip to Tallahassee."

In Leon County, home base for ACMHS, Emergency Service Workers assist the Sheriff's Department by going with a deputy to a client's home, or by meeting a deputy at an arranged site. "This combination of a mental health professional and a law enforcement officer has proved very effective in dealing with a variety of cases," Howard said.

Another way ACMHS expects to help Sheriffs' Departments is by training deputies to identify individuals in the community who have mental health, drug and alcohol problems; and also by acquainting deputies with the referral resources available to deal with these problems.

It is Howard's belief that preparing deputies to deal with situations before they reach the crisis stage will eventually give them more time to deal with criminal related activity.

The individuals who have been recruited as Emergency Service Workers are local folks who in most cases know their fellow Emergency Service Workers personally. Many of the recruits are already "care givers" -- pastors, nurses and social workers, for instance.

ACMHS proposes to train them to function adequately and effectively as Emergency Service Workers. It is also going to operate a mobile schoolroom to give mental health related training to social service and law enforcement agencies throughout the eight-county area.

"It is imperative that community education play a major role in emergency services throughout the area," Howard said. "In order for community education to be effective, it must be ongoing, and it must reach a broad base."

He said he felt the Emergency Services Program was already functioning successfully, and "I feel the success we have experienced is mainly due to the cooperation and excellent working relationship with the Sheriffs' Departments in our catchment area."

Left to Right — Detective James Coats, Cathie Coats, Pinellas County Sheriff Bill Roberts, Tim Johnson Jr., and Clair Johnson during award presentation.



## Deputy who couldn't face cameras wins award for his cool courage

CLEARWATER — When Deputy Sheriff James F. Coats, 33, accepted the fifth annual Ruth and Tim Johnson Award for outstanding performance of duty, he couldn't face the newspaper and television cameras.

But it wasn't a lack of courage. It was because he is a skilled undercover operator in Sheriff Bill Roberts' Vice and Intelligence Division, and he didn't want to ruin his effectiveness by "blowing his cover".

Sheriff Roberts set the record straight by explaining Coats had demonstrated cool courage in a number of "potentially fatal situations."

The Ruth and Tim Johnson Award, which includes a cash gift of \$500 and a handsome plaque, cited Coats for his undercover work in the enforcement of drug laws in Pinellas County.

The presentation was made at the noon luncheon of the Kiwanis Club of Clearwater as part of the observance of Law Day, a national event Kiwanians recognize each year.

The final award winner was selected from five nominees by the 24 mayors who make up the Pinellas County Council of Mayors.

The conviction rate of persons arrested by Deputy Coats has been very high, a Sheriff's Department spokesman said. In the month of January, this year, he was responsible for the seizure of over \$35,000 worth of illicit drugs.

According to the Sheriff's Department citation, Coats "has been confronted several times with a life or death situation and was able to complete his assignment without injury to himself, other officers or innocent citizens. These include instances when he and his partner were physically assaulted with firearms."

The citation gave one instance of Coats' coolness under stress. While tracking a particularly dangerous group of criminals, his covering surveillance broke down, leaving him alone. Without assistance, he arrested the criminals and marched them down the middle of the road to the county jail.

"It has always been police policy to play down any spectacular feat accomplished by an undercover officer, because unneces-

sary public exposure could very easily endanger the officer and/or the men he works with," the citation reads. "It is felt that the time has come when an exception must be made, hence this recommendation."

Coats was born in Corning, N. Y., and moved to Florida nine years ago. He has a degree in Business Administration from St. Petersburg Junior College. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and a pilot with commercial, flight instructor and multiple engine ratings.

Coats and his wife, Cathie, and their son make their home in Largo.

Taking part in the presentation were Sheriff Bill Roberts; Russell Stichler, Kiwanis president; Mayor Clinton White, chairman of the Pinellas County Council of Mayors; and Mr. and Mrs. Timothy A. Johnson, Jr. The younger Johnson is an attorney and executive vice president of Sylvan Abbey Memorial Park.

Ruth and Timothy Johnson, Sr., are traveling in Europe and were unable to attend. The Johnsons established a trust agreement in 1973 to provide for the annual award.

"Mrs. Johnson and I devised the Ruth and Tim Johnson Award to provide recognition to the many fine people in the Sheriff's Department whose devotion to duty makes Pinellas County a safer place for all of us," Johnson said.

Johnson is president of Sylvan Abbey Memorial Park, executive vice president of Sarasota Memorial Park, vice president and director of the Community Banks of Seminole and Largo, and director of the Community Banks of Florida.

He is past president of the Clearwater Kiwanis and the club's longest-standing member, having joined in 1936. Johnson is a former Clearwater city commissioner, and during World War II he served as a lieutenant commander in the U. S. Navy.

Mrs. Johnson is past president of the Ladies of Kiwanis, and past president of the Senior Board of the YWCA. She is a member of the Clearwater Library Board and was chairman of the Committee to Reorganize the Friends of the Library.

## TWO RETIRED SHERIFFS ANSWER FINAL SUMMONS

Wade H. Cobb, Sr.

MILTON — Former Santa Rosa County Sheriff Wade H. Cobb, Sr., died on June 5, in Columbia, South Carolina, while he was visiting his son, Wade Cobb, Jr.

Funeral services were held in Milton June 7, with a law enforcement honor guard and a large contingent of law enforcement officials in attendance.

Sheriff Cobb began his law enforcement career in 1928 at the age of 27 when he became a deputy under Sheriff Henry Clay Mitchell. He was promoted to Chief Deputy during the administration of Sheriff Mitchell, and also served in that capacity under Sheriff Marshall Hayes from 1944 to 1956.

In 1960, while serving as constable in District 1, Santa Rosa County, he was elected Sheriff of Santa Rosa County. He served two four-year terms before retiring in 1968.

During his tenure as Sheriff, he served on the Board of Trustees of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch and on the Board of Directors of the Florida Sheriffs Association.

J. R. (Johnny) Norvell, Sr.

FORT PIERCE — Retired Sheriff J. R. (Johnny) Norvell, Sr., who served as Sheriff of St. Lucie County from 1952 to 1972, died on May 9 at Fort Pierce Memorial Hospital following a short illness.

A veteran lawman with five years of experience as Acting Police Chief in the Fort Pierce Police Department before he became Sheriff in 1952, Sheriff Norvell was credited with bringing many improvements to the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office.

According to news reports, he started his first term as Sheriff with two patrol deputies, a jailer and two office deputies. When he retired in 1972, the department had grown to 80 employees. It also had a separate detective division, organized road patrols and many modern innovations.

Noted for his friendliness and his "howdy podner" greeting, Sheriff Norvell was quoted as saying one of the proudest moments in his life occurred when his son, C. L. (Lanie) Norvell was elected to succeed him as Sheriff of St. Lucie County. Another son, Captain Jack Norvell, is a veteran member of the Fort Pierce Police Department.

During his tenure as Sheriff, he served as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch and on the Board of Directors of the Florida Sheriffs Association.

## Rescued by deputies

DESTIN — Two Okaloosa County Deputy Sheriffs, Larry Bowling and Ted Swihart, were credited with rescuing two Alabama men whose boat had overturned in rough seas near this gulf coast community.

When the overturned boat was spotted about 125 yards off shore, the two deputies peeled off their uniforms and swam to the aid of Clyde M. Barker, 53, of Leeds, Ala., and J. P. Moore, 63, of Birmingham, Ala.

Barker was given mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and external cardiac massage before being rushed to a hospital in critical condition. He died the following day, April 24.

Three other men who had been in the boat were rescued by the Florida Marine Patrol and two Eglin Air Force Base airmen, Eric Pickett and Paul Fournier.

## Involvement stressed

PALMETTO — Greater citizen involvement will produce more effective law enforcement, Manatee County Sheriff Tom Burton told Palmetto Rotarians.

He said there just aren't enough law enforcement officers to do the job unless they have good cooperation from businessmen and homeowners.

Rotarians were urged to get involved by reporting "suspicious activities, possible crime situations, and anything and everything that just doesn't look right."

Sheriff Burton also warned his audience about carelessly leaving doors and windows unlocked and thus creating opportunities for burglars.



## Honored by VFW

FORT PIERCE — Commander Carl Palazzotto (left), representing Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 10130, presents an award to St. Lucie County Sheriff Lanie Norvell honoring him for meritorious and distinguished service.



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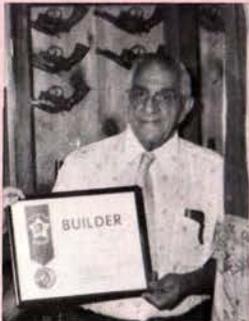
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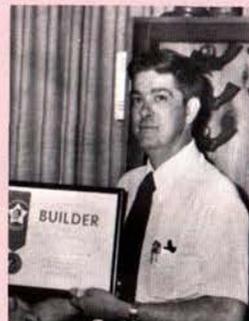
WAUCHULA — The folks in Hardee County are strong supporters of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch and Girls Villa. In the photo above, Sheriff N. H. Murdock presents a builder certificate to Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Manley. Certificates were also presented to the people below.



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River Electric Cooperative



CLEARWATER — Sheriff Bill Roberts (left) of Pinellas County presents a plaque to Mrs. Edith Hill and her son, Richard, while Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund Director of Development, Don Genung (right), accepts a \$1,000 donation in memory of Mrs. Hill's husband, O. Cleve Hill. Mrs. Hill is the senior matron and bailiff at the Pinellas County Jail.

*Florida Sheriffs Association*  
**Lifetime  
 Honorary  
 Memberships**

*have been presented to the generous  
 people pictured on this page:*



PUNTA GORDA — Mitzi Peck, President of the Friendship Club of Charlotte County, accepted a plaque from Sheriff Alan L. LeBeau.



NEW PORT RICHEY — Mr. and Mrs. Matt R. Miller receive their plaque from Pasco County Sheriff John Short (right).



CLEARWATER — When Russell L. Fourman (left) gave a substantial gift to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund he designated a number of his favorite organizations to receive lifetime honorary membership plaques. One of the plaques went to the Greater Clearwater Chamber of Commerce, represented by Executive Director James Parker, (center). Don Genung (right), Director of Development for the Youth Fund, assisted with the presentation.



TAMPA — Hillsborough County Sheriff Malcolm Beard (right) presents a plaque to Alan Brown.

# “100,000 eyes are watching you!”

NAPLES — Warning — Criminals & Vandals! 100,000 Eyes Are Watching You!

The giant billboard, 40 feet long, 20 feet high, and 18 feet off the ground, stands on the main artery leading into Naples, in the bailiwick of Collier County Sheriff Aubrey Rogers.

The billboard was erected as part of a “Help Stop Crime — Neighborhood Watch Program,” which is partly financed by the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA).

Citizen involvement in Collier County, which the billboard graphically promotes, is apparently having an effect on crime.

There was an 11 percent reduction in larcenies, a three percent decrease in burglaries, and a substantial drop in vandalism the last six months of 1976, compared with the same period in 1975, despite an increase in population.

Sheriff Rogers cited two examples of how citizen cooperation has helped hold down crime.

In the Vanderbilt Beach area, he said, residents noticed two persons who were carrying rifles alighting from a sailboat. They called the Sheriff’s Department, kept the line open, and reported the progress of the pair as they came into town. Sheriff’s deputies discovered that the boat and rifles had been stolen and arrested the suspects.

In another incident, an 11-year-old boy assisted in the arrest of a hit-and-run driver when he wrote the car’s license number in the dirt with a stick and reported it to police.

“Our Neighborhood Watch program is a combination of the best crime prevention programs throughout the state and country,” said Sgt. Russ Davis, Collier County Crime Prevention Officer.

“We traveled throughout the nation looking at what programs other jurisdictions had and picked out the most effective to fashion to our own needs.”

Acting LEAA Administrator James M. H. Gregg said of the Collier County program: “If there were community involvement to this degree in every county in the nation, I feel certain there would be a dramatic decrease in the incidence of crime.”

Sheriff Rogers and Naples Police Chief John Woodruff structured the Collier County program to include every level of the community from schoolchildren to senior citizens.

It embodies a police emergency telephone number, 911, and elements of community crime prevention programs called Neighborhood Watch and Help Stop Crime. These are often quite elementary and are aimed at reducing the opportunity for crime, for example: by inscribing valuable property with an identification number. Informational materials are distributed throughout the county.

The program also teaches people how to prevent burglary, organizes “block watchers,” and puts heavy emphasis on the prompt reporting of break-ins and suspicious behavior.

“We’ve had an 18 percent increase in crime incident reporting since July, 1976, when we began the program in earnest,” Sheriff Rogers said. “There is a strong, working Neighborhood Watch Program in every community in Collier County with over 20 civic and property-owner associations acting as ‘eyes and ears.’”

Sheriff Rogers said that on Marco Island alone there are more than 100 “block captains.”

“Everyone is concerned and we feel we have the entire population of 64,000 involved,” he said.

Sgt. Davis said law enforcement officers regularly go into the schools with crime prevention education courses.

“We teach the kids to keep their eyes and ears open and not to be afraid to report suspicious and strange incidents to the police,” he said.

There is also a “Junior Deputy” project for fourth and fifth graders which gets the children officially involved. In the high schools, we have more of a “rap session” on rape, vandalism and other subjects of concern to older kids,” Sgt. Davis said.

Summing up the program, Sheriff Rogers said: “We may have a new twist to the old game of cops and robbers, but it seems to be working.”



## Everybody Wins — Including Taxpayers

FT. PIERCE — St. Lucie County Sheriff Lanie Norvell (second from left) recently initiated a program that seems to have something for everyone. He has been allowing misdemeanor prisoners (those charged with minor offenses) to volunteer for trash pick up duty along streets and highways in this area. The prisoners (who are under supervision of jail auxiliary guards and therefore do not cause any manpower drain on the Sheriff’s staff) are enthusiastic about the program because it gives them an opportunity to get fresh air, sunshine and exercise. Jailers like it because it serves to ease the tensions and restlessness of prisoners. Taxpayers are bound to like it, too, because it gives them a more attractive environment at no extra cost.



Scuba diving deputies are well trained in underwater recovery, search and rescue techniques.

## Underwater unit never off duty

TAMPA — Hillsborough County Sheriff Malcolm Beard has within his jurisdiction over 15,500 acres of inland lakes, four major rivers, countless unnamed lakes, creeks, ponds and water-filled abandoned pits. Add to this, three-fourths of Tampa Bay extending all the way into the Gulf of Mexico.

This vast area provides recreation for thousands of residents and visitors every year. Occasionally, the fun ends with the tragic loss of life. Last year, Florida's leading cause of accidental death was traffic mishaps, followed closely by drowning deaths.

The need for a specially trained unit to handle drowning

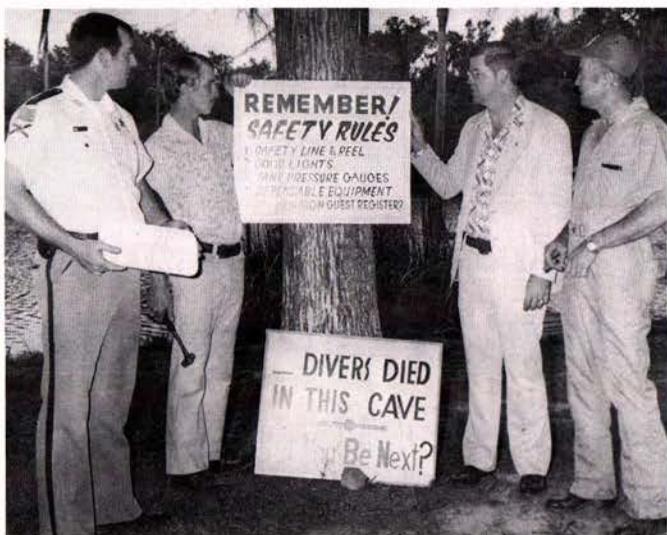
situations is evident. In addition, a second, and ever increasing problem, has arisen involving the use of our waterways by members of the criminal element to dispose of stolen property and evidence of their criminal activity. With this in mind, Sheriff Beard authorized the training of eight deputies in underwater recovery, search and rescue techniques. Their training included a combination of classroom and open water dives, developing their skills and proficiency in safe diving and search techniques.

Before the organization of the Underwater Recovery, Search and Rescue Unit, the Sheriff's Office relied on volunteers to aid in recovery situations. This practice created prolonged delays in obtaining divers who often were available only in emergency cases. As these cases moved into the jurisdiction of the courts, the need for utilization of trained police officers became apparent when attempting to establish a chain of evidence. The volunteer divers also proved lacking in the ability to present facts and observations as witnesses in court.

The eight deputy sheriffs are volunteers taken from each Division of the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office. Their Unit assignment is in addition to their normal law enforcement responsibilities. This Unit provides 24-hour response and extended recovery operations with equipment obtained through revenue sharing funds. Unit equipment is owned by the County and issued to each individual, who is responsible for proper upkeep. This enables the individual diver to provide rapid response whether on duty or off. The equipment purchased provides uniformity and maximum safety for the divers.

In addition to emergency dives and property dives at known locations, routine searches will be made along bridges and waterways for the purpose of recovering evidence and stolen property being disposed of in this manner.

The Unit, in its first three dives, recovered over six thousand dollars (\$6,000) in property and has provided assistance to surrounding law enforcement agencies on request.



### Dangerous Caves Have Claimed Nine Divers' Lives

MARIANNA — Jackson County Sheriff Charles Applewhite (second from right) and the Panhandle CB Club are putting on a campaign to prevent scuba diver drownings in the underwater caves at nearby Merritt's Mill Pond. They have posted signs reminding divers about safety rules and warning them that nine scuba divers have drowned in the caves in recent years. Pictured with the Sheriff are (from left) Chief Deputy Dave Turnage; and Gary Broxton and Maurice Bone, CB club members. (Jackson County Floridan photo)



### For Service to Youth

TAMPA — James L. Pfeiffer (left), Florida Governor of Optimist International, presents Sheriff Malcolm E. Beard (right) of Hillsborough County with a commendation from Florida Optimist Clubs in recognition of the Sheriff's youth work. In making the presentation, Pfeiffer acknowledged Sheriff Beard's eleven years of service to over 70,000 young people in various clubs in the county. The presentation was made at the recent Sheriff's Youth Jamboree to benefit the Boy's and Girl's Clubs of Tampa.



Sheriff Peter J. Pitchess, of Los Angeles County, California, (second from right) made quite an impression of Florida Sheriffs (from left) Alan LeBeau, David Harvey and Horace Moody during the National Institute session. Sheriff Pitchess heads one of the nation's largest law enforcement agencies.

## **9 SHERIFFS ATTEND NATIONAL INSTITUTE**

Nine Florida Sheriffs have attended the National Sheriffs Institute Management Training Program during 1977.

They are Horace Moody, Levy County; David Harvey, Wakulla County; Alan LeBeau, Charlotte County; Joe Sheppard, Highlands County; Lu Hindery, Alachua County; Richard Wille, Palm Beach County; Aubrey Rogers, Collier County; Clayton Williams, Okeechobee County; and John Short, Pasco County.

Financed by Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA) funds, the management training program is sponsored by the National Sheriffs Association. Three sessions have been held so far this year on the University of Southern California campus from January 30 to February 11; April 17 to 29; and May 8 to 20.

The training is designed to help first-term Sheriffs to cope

with management problems. So far, over 500 Sheriffs from most of the states in the nation have taken advantage of the all-expense-paid training which does not require the expenditure of any local tax funds.

Instruction covers a variety of subjects, including principles of public administration, finance and fiscal management, labor relations, grant preparation, management systems and principles of organizing and staffing.

Sheriff Harvey was very impressed with Sheriff Peter J. Pitchess of Los Angeles County, California, who took part in the Institute. "Sheriff Pitchess is an extremely intelligent and interesting man," Sheriff Harvey observed. "He is deeply committed to good law enforcement and has fought to strengthen and maintain the Office of Sheriff. Having 6,000 deputy sheriffs under his supervision and an average daily county jail population of 10,000, I find it difficult to be envious of his situation in Los Angeles County."

"Insofar as the National Sheriffs Institute is concerned, I feel I can speak for myself as well as the other Florida Sheriffs who attended and say the entire management and training course was extremely worthwhile. I would recommend it highly for all Sheriffs."