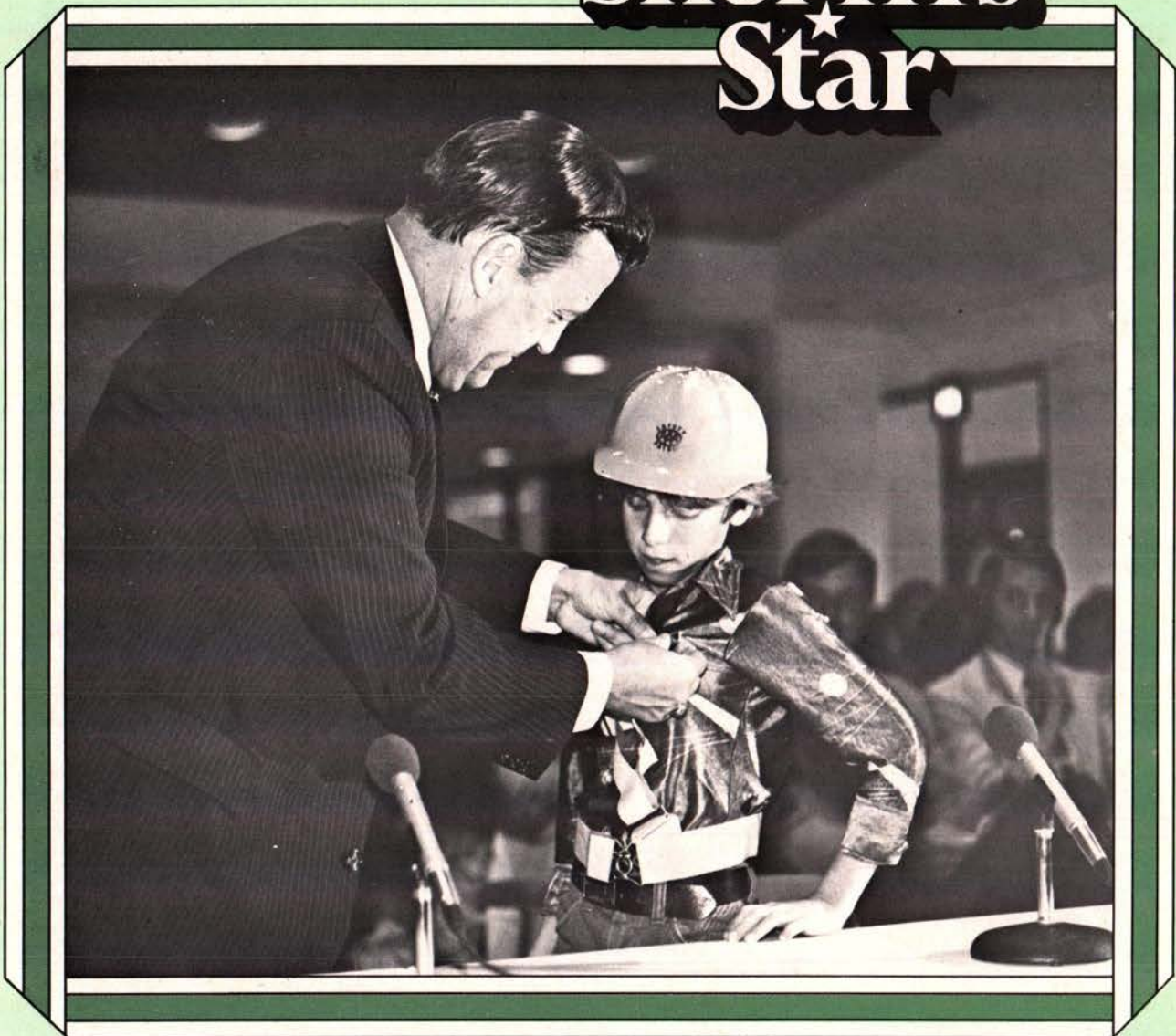


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## **AWARD FOR HEROISM**

(See "Winning Isn't Everything," page 6)





When the Florida Sheriffs Explorer Association has a meeting there is always a variety of uniforms and ages as posts develop their own uniforms and advisors participate along with Explorers.



During the first annual convention of the Florida Sheriffs Explorer Association, Sheriff Frank Cline (left) presented FSEA Charter Member plaques to the 15 Explorer posts on hand. Sheriff Cline is Vice President of the Florida Sheriffs Association.

## Exploring Law Enforcement

The Sheriffs of Florida seem to have an unwritten commitment to young people which continues to draw them into programs aimed at helping more and more youngsters. The Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, Girls Villa and Youth Fund have helped over 600 homeless and neglected youngsters; Junior Deputy programs in many counties have brought the law and order message to thousands of sixth grade students; and now the Florida Sheriffs Association is sponsoring a state-wide Association of Boy Scout Law Enforcement Explorer posts.

The Florida Sheriffs Explorer Association is made up of 15 chartered posts in 14 counties and one of the foremost goals of the Association is to encourage the formation of new posts.

Exploring is the young adult division of the Boy Scouts of America and is a coming together of interested youth and concerned adults with the purpose of providing young adults with an introduction to rewarding careers. Explorer posts are organized for youngsters interested in medicine, law, education and many more, but the fastest growing group is the law enforcement sector.

The exploring program is not intended to take problem youngsters and turn them away from crime. The typical

Explorer is somewhere between the ages of 15 and 21 years old and has an interest in law enforcement as a career. Through membership and participation in post activities, young men and women get a first-hand look at what it takes to be a police officer or deputy sheriff.

Regular deputies serve as advisors to Sheriffs' posts and see to it that the Explorers receive training in how to: conduct investigations; operate communications equipment; carry out crime scene searches; handle firearms properly and complete an accident investigation. The training for Explorers is often modeled after the training given regular deputy sheriffs.

In the United States there are over 30,000 young people taking part in the law enforcement exploring program, but nowhere is the program more developed than in Florida. While many states are still trying to organize enough local posts to make a state-wide organization worthwhile, Florida has two state organizations — the Florida Association of Police Explorers (FAPE) and the newly formed Florida Sheriffs Explorer Association (FSEA).

FAPE goes back many years and is composed of both police and Sheriffs department-sponsored posts. FAPE holds

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annual conferences at which individual posts compete against each other by demonstrating their law enforcement skills in true-to-life situations.

Not only do Explorers learn about law enforcement, they also get an opportunity to serve their communities with special projects. Several posts have a program where Explorers distribute numbered decals to local businesses, and the number on the decal corresponds to a file back at the Sheriff's department with the name and phone number of the person to be called in an emergency. If there is a break-in at a business and the Explorer decal is displayed, it is a simple matter for the owner or manager to be called.

Posts also carry on crime prevention projects such as providing home security checks for people on vacation. Demonstrations are also given to show people what they can do to make their home more secure.

The Florida Sheriffs Explorer Association held its first state conference in Tampa back in May and attracted approximately 125 young people. At least that many more were not able to attend because of a lack of funds. Which brings up another interesting point — Explorer posts raise their own money to pay for uniforms and trips. Post 939 in little Levy County raised enough to make a trip to Canada where they visited the Toronto Police Department, Montreal Police Department, Canada's Olympic facilities, General Headquarters of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the Canadian Parliament and the National Science and Technology Museum.

Post 238 in Hillsborough County will be attending the National Law Enforcement Explorer Conference to be held in July at Michigan State University in Lansing, Michigan. Again, the Explorers have had to raise their own funds.

By sponsoring the organization of the new Explorer Association in Florida, the Sheriffs Association is hoping more posts will be organized and more young people given an up-close look at the law enforcement profession.

The following letter was received by FSEA State Advisor Russell Barner following the Explorer Association's convention at the Tampa Holiday Inn.

*Dear Deputy Barner:*

*In our staff meeting, this week, we discussed the events and groups that were here at Holiday Inn — Tampa Central last week. We all felt that a letter to you regarding your group, was certainly in order. Our staff has been at this hotel for over 4 years, and this is the first letter of this kind that we have ever been inclined to write.*

*You should be proud to know that not one employee in our hotel had a derogatory comment to make about anyone in your group. It was a refreshing change to have a group of young people who conducted themselves as adults, and were courteous to everyone they came into contact with. To be very honest with you, your group instilled a new faith in all of us as far as the younger generation is concerned.*

*You, and all of the other advisors, should be commended on the excellent job you have done with this group.*

*The entire staff of the Holiday Inn — Tampa Central wants you to know that you are welcome at our hotel whenever you want.*

*(Miss) Kitty Lockridge  
Director of Sales*

Explorers elect their own Explorer Association officers who run all the meetings. These mature young adults don't need much guidance, so you'll often find the advisors in the back of the room.

## Sheriffs Explorers Organized



TAMPA — The Florida Sheriffs Explorer Association held its first annual convention here May 1-4 after an organizational meeting in March. There were 15 Explorer posts on hand and several more were in the process of being formed and chartered by the Boy Scouts of America.

At the May meeting the Explorers elected a permanent slate of officers, finalized the FSEA By-Laws and ratified convention guidelines which govern the youngsters' behavior at meetings.

The officers for the coming year are:

President — Mark Brown, Hillsborough

### Regional Vice Presidents

Panhandle — Larry Schmidt, Leon

North — Ashley Newsome, Marion

Central — Mike Nicholson, Manatee

South — Todd Taylor, Collier

Secretary — Debbie Whitehead, Polk

Treasurer — Lathea Raulerson, Hillsborough

Historian — Ronay Emeterio, Manatee

Chaplain — Bryan Riley, Hillsborough

State Advisor — Deputy Sheriff Russell Barner,  
Hillsborough





Leading roles in "Operation Gulf Stream" were accepted by (from left) State Attorney E. J. Salcines; Sheriff Walter C. Heinrich, FBI Special Agent Philip A. McNiff, and U. S. Attorney Gary M. Takacs.

# SUPER "STING"

Recovered almost \$2 million

TAMPA — A record-setting "Sting Operation" conducted by the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office and the FBI resulted in over 100 arrests, recovery of stolen goods valued at almost \$2 million, and other anti-crime benefits.

Undercover fencing "store fronts" manned by undercover officers made deals resulting in the recovery of 153 stolen motor vehicles valued at over \$1 million. The vehicles included 123 automobiles, seven pick-up trucks, five vans, eight semi-tractors and trailers, 10 semi-tractors, and one heavy-duty industrial backhoe.

A vast array of miscellaneous stolen property corraled in the widespread fencing deals carried out under the code name "Operation Gulf Stream" included a tractor-trailer load of custom made furniture valued at \$26,000; a tractor-trailer load of tomatoes valued at \$50,000; a moving van with household furniture belonging to three families; a partial tractor-trailer load of oranges valued at \$3,000; and an assortment of jewelry valued at \$10,000.

Hillsborough County Sheriff Walter C. Heinrich said most of the stolen property was returned to the owners to avoid insurance complications. The estimated value of stolen property was \$1,822,902. Sheriff Heinrich said the cost of recovering it amounted to about 6 cents on the dollar.

There were many other benefits. At least 106 persons were faced with arrest on state theft charges as well as on federal

charges involving interstate transportation of stolen motor vehicles, thefts from interstate shipments, transportation of stolen property, and firearms and tax evasion charges.

Heinrich said many cases not directly related to the fencing activities are being cleared up and this is expected to result in additional charges involving robbery, hijacking, kidnapping and possibly murder.

"Operation Gulf Stream" was the largest law enforcement undercover project in the history of the Tampa Bay area, according to Heinrich. He said it was financed with a \$250,000 grant obtained from the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA) by Philip McNiff, Special Agent in Charge of the Tampa FBI office.

Assistance was sought from the FBI, Heinrich said, because it was obvious that a project of this scope would extend far beyond the borders of Hillsborough County.

Two similar undercover fencing operations were conducted in 1975 and 1976 using local funds. Heinrich said the one in 1975 resulted in recovery of \$51,000 in stolen property, produced 21 arrests and required expenditures totaling \$3,500; while the one in 1976 resulted in recovery of stolen property worth \$60,000, produced 47 arrests, and required expenditures totaling \$5,000.





Recovered stolen property included this mini-computer.



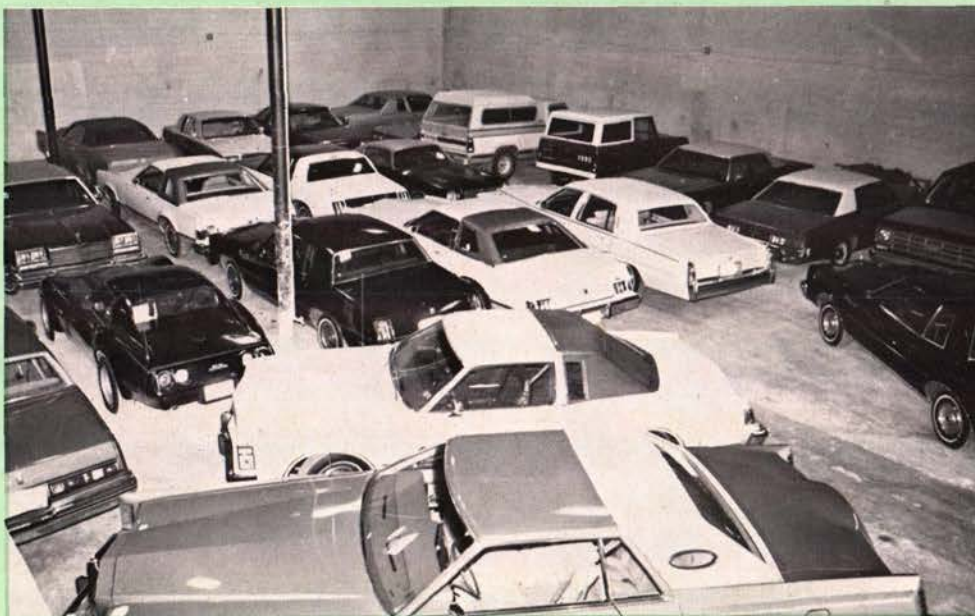
One of 10 semi-tractors recovered in "Operation Gulf Stream."



Sheriff could have started his own trucking firm.



Industrial size backhoe was one of the larger pieces of loot.



Partial view of Sheriff's used (stolen) car lot.



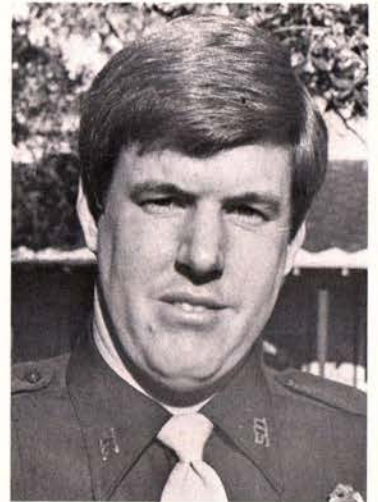


### Lt. Boswell Honored

MILTON — Lt. Ron Boswell (left), an employee of Santa Rosa County Sheriff Harvell Enfinger (right) has been honored for his skill in criminal identification work. In 1977 he was awarded the Criminalistic Excellence Award, and was elected President of the Florida Division of the International Association for Identification (FDIAI). Previously, he was named Florida's Identification Officer of the Year by FDIAI. (Milton Press-Gazette photo)

### Lifesaver

DAYTONA BEACH — Deputy Sheriff Steve Ziehm, 27, was highly commended by Volusia County Sheriff Ed Duff after he dove into the chilly 55-degree waters of the Halifax River to rescue a 70-year-old man from drowning. (Daytona Beach News-Journal photo by John Gontner)



## Sheriff's telephone calls increasing

DeLAND — "Neighborhood Watch," a crime prevention program that encourages citizens to call the Sheriff's office when anything arouses their suspicions, is getting results in Volusia County, according to Sheriff Ed Duff.

Calls to the Sheriff's office reporting suspicious activity have more than doubled since the public awareness program began, Duff said. In 1976 there were 29,234 calls of this type, and in 1978 the total increased to 70,944.

Duff pointed out that "Neighborhood Watch" is only one of a number of effective crime prevention projects coordinated by Deputy Lonnie Chavez, crime prevention officer.

Others are: "Operation Identification" which encourages householders to engrave identification numbers on their valuable possessions; "Helping Hand," which is designed to protect children from molesters and others who might harm them; and "Vial of Life," which provides crucial medical information to deputies and ambulance crews in times of emergency.

Emphasis is also being focused on prevention of juvenile delinquency, child abuse, crimes against senior citizens and crimes against business, Duff said.

## Ex Sheriff's son honored

PENSACOLA — Deputy Sheriff William E. Davis, Jr., son of former Escambia County Sheriff Bill Davis, was honored by Pensacola area Optimist Clubs for his "ability to maintain courtesy, dignity and integrity in the face of great adversity."

The Clubs, in presenting their Law Enforcement Award to Davis, who is 25, described him as "a unique law enforcement officer who is able to blend professionalism with compassion."

## He believes in U.F.O.s

KEY WEST — "I believe in UFOs. I am now convinced we are being observed by outside beings," said Monroe County Deputy Sheriff Mike Young after his second sighting of an unidentified flying object on night patrol.

The latest sighting occurred on April 17, around 9:30 p.m. when Young and Auxiliary Deputy Bill Thomas saw a silent object with a triangular pattern of strobe lights above them.

In a short time it faded away at a startling rate of speed. Other sightings were reported in the area that night, according to news reports.

## Good deed by deputies

TALLAHASSEE — There's often a friendly hand attached to the "long arm of the law."

Sally and Louis Aubuchant discovered this when their car broke down near here and they were left stranded and penniless with three hungry children.

Deputies from the Leon County Sheriff's Department came to the rescue, managed to get the car started, and took the distressed family to the Sheriff's office.

When calls to various persons and agencies around the city failed to produce any help, deputies, Highway Patrol troopers and city police officers gave cash donations totaling over \$34.

St. John's Episcopal Church also contributed a meal ticket which enabled the family to get a full meal at a local restaurant, and within a short time the Aubuchants were on their way with full stomachs and a full gas tank.

Aubuchant told deputies he was an unemployed carpenter, and was on his way from Pensacola to Tampa to seek work.



## Pot Chewing Mice Get High — Then Die

FT. PIERCE — Sheriff Lanie Norvell declared war on the mice in his evidence room after he discovered they were nibbling on confiscated marijuana stored there. In this picture, Sgt. Harold Holerger (left) is giving a battlefront report to the Sheriff. He said 23 mice had been killed in salami-baited traps, and one had died from an overdose of pot. "That's good," said the Sheriff. "Ten four," said Sgt. Holerger, "but the bad news is, I think we have some more little rascals in there nibbling."



## Record pot bust

BARTOW — Deputies from the Polk County Sheriff's Department seized more than 8,000 pounds of marijuana on "April Fool's Day" shortly after it was unloaded from an airplane which escaped. Sheriff Louie T. Mims said that it was the largest pot haul ever in this County.

Along with the 4-plus tons of pot, which had an estimated street value of more than \$4 million, deputies seized a 1979 Thunderbird, a large rental-type truck which contained the marijuana, and a 1979 Dodge 4-wheel drive pick-up truck. All three vehicles were equipped with sophisticated radio communications gear and other equipment.

Four South Florida men who were arrested as they were leaving the unloading area in the three vehicles were charged with possession of a controlled substance in excess of 100 pounds. The four men later were released from the Polk County Jail upon posting of \$250,000 cash bond.

A Polk County Sheriff's Department crime scene technician catalogs and processes evidence and equipment confiscated during the record-breaking "April Fool's Day" marijuana bust.



## Deputy of the year

SARASOTA — Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 3233 honored Deputy Sheriff Terry Lewis as "Deputy of the Year" during its annual Loyalty Day Program.

Deputy Lewis is a Crime Prevention Officer and is in charge of Sheriff Jim Hardcastle's Cadet Corps, a group of young people who are interested in law enforcement careers.

## Head of the class

DeFUNIAC SPRINGS — Walton County Sheriff Jesse Carter was elected president of a class of over 50 law enforcement officers who attended a two-week school on drug enforcement subjects sponsored at Panama City by the U. S. Department of Justice.

Thomas Jordan, Carter's chief investigator, also attended the school, and they both were graduated with A-plus ratings.

Carter said he was impressed to learn from Dr. Carlton E. Turner, Director of the Marijuana Research Institute at the University of Mississippi, that smoking three marijuana cigarettes a day for three to five years could be as harmful as drinking a fifth of whiskey a day, seven days a week, for 25 years.

Dr. Turner also told the group that five marijuana cigarettes are equal in bodily harm to 112 regular tobacco cigarettes, Carter said.

## Businessmen warned

TAMPA — Hillsborough County Sheriff Walter C. Heinrich issued a warning that some criminals are trying to defraud small businesses by sending them invoices for products or services not delivered or rendered.

The fake invoices are for small enough amounts that they are usually paid routinely without any suspicions being aroused, Heinrich said.

## Mobile home park security improved

BRADENTON — A system of volunteer security patrols organized under the supervision of Manatee County Sheriff Tom Burton has sharply reduced burglaries and vandalism in mobile home parks here.

The security patrols are made up of mobile home park residents with marked cars and communications equipment. Volunteers have no arrest powers; they carry no weapons; and they must always patrol in pairs.

Their goal is to deter crime by serving as "eyes and ears" of the Sheriff's Department, and they are not supposed to try to apprehend lawbreakers, according to Sgt. Albert Turi, who coordinates and instructs the patrol members.

When security patrol members become suspicious of a stranger in the neighborhood, their training prohibits them from asking, "What are you doing here?" or "Where are you going?" Instead, they are instructed to ask, "May I help you?" They call the Sheriff's office if their suspicions are confirmed, or if there is evidence of law violations.

In addition to improving security in mobile home parks, the volunteers also handle minor complaints such as barking dogs and noisy lawnmowers, thus cutting down on the number of minor nuisance calls received by the Sheriff's Department.

## Tough law upheld

The Florida Supreme Court has upheld a state law that sets a minimum mandatory sentence of three years in prison for persons who carry guns while committing crimes.

The law, which has been strongly supported by the Florida Sheriffs Association, was challenged by Clifford Scott, Jr. He claimed the law was unconstitutional because it bound judges to a sentencing process and usurped the functions of the Parole and Probation Commission.

The court, in an 8-0 opinion written by Justice James C. Adkins, rejected the appeal.





COVER PHOTO — shows Hillsborough County Sheriff Walter C. Heinrich pinning an American Automobile Association Distinguished Service Medal on Gary Lorenzo.

**T**his issue of The Sheriff's Star features photos of award winners from four counties, including 10-year-old Gary Lorenzo who received the American Automobile Association's Distinguished Service Medal after he rescued a six-year-old neighbor girl from her burning home.

Gary, who is pictured on our cover having the medal pinned on his chest by Hillsborough County Sheriff Walter C. Heinrich, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lorenzo, 4929 Murray Hill Drive, Tampa.

Sheriff Heinrich said Gary returned home from school January 16, 1979, after having been on Safety Patrol duty, and found his neighbor's house on fire. When he learned Natassa Quinn, 6, was inside, he jumped over his backyard fence, ran inside, found Natassa surrounded by flames, led her to safety, then grabbed a garden hose and began trying to extinguish the flames.

After firemen arrived they decided the blaze had been started by a faulty electric heater.

In Volusia County, Lt. Sid H. Massey, who is Sheriff Ed Duff's Training Officer, and Deputy Lionel Chavez, Duff's Crime Prevention Officer, were honored for outstanding accomplishments.

Lt. Massey was chosen as "Young Man of the Year" by the DeLand Junior Chamber of Commerce, and also received special recognition from American Legion Post 6, for his professional skills, and for administering the department's emergency vehicle operation course which is used in the training of personnel from a seven-county area.

Deputy Chavez received the Jim Moon Award from the Southwest Volusia County Jaycees in recognition of his successful crime prevention programs, including "Vial of Life," "Help Stop Crime," "Neighborhood Watch," "Operation Identification," and "Helping Hand."



# Winning isn't everything

But receiving an award is one way to get your photo in the Sheriff's Star

In Pinellas County, Sheriff William T. "Bill" Roberts presented the annual Maybelle Rollins Bradford Memorial Awards to Eva Jones, Dorothy Cefaratti and Thelma Shaffer, who were chosen as outstanding school crossing guards.

Each of the crossing guards received a plaque and \$100 in a ceremony witnessed by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Turner, daughter and son-in-law of the late Maybelle Rollins Bradford. County Commission Chairman Joseph Wornicki assisted with the award presentation.



Volusia County Sheriff Ed Duff (center) with Lt. Sid Massey (left) and Deputy Lionel Chavez.





Pasco County Sheriff John M. Short (at microphone) presents Certificate of Appreciation to Richard Smith during Junior Deputy League Breakfast Club meeting.



Pinellas County award ceremony involved (from left) Mr. and Mrs. Tom Turner; Crossing Guards, Eva Jones, Dorothy Cefaratti, and Thelma Shaffer; Pinellas County Sheriff William T. "Bill" Roberts and County Commission Chairman Joseph Wornicki.



Sheriff John M. Short with Junior Deputy Essay Contest Winners: (from left) Laura Lee Ross, Robin Neuhofer, Stacy Martin, Jeff Rogers, Bruce Lovins, Nathan Gregory and Alex Williams.

In Pasco County, Sheriff John M. Short presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Richard Smith, 8, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Smith, 106 Nova Scotia Drive, after the lad put out a grass fire and saved possible damage to a neighbor's property.

Sheriff Short is also pictured on these pages presenting awards to Junior Deputy Sheriffs who were winners in essay contests.

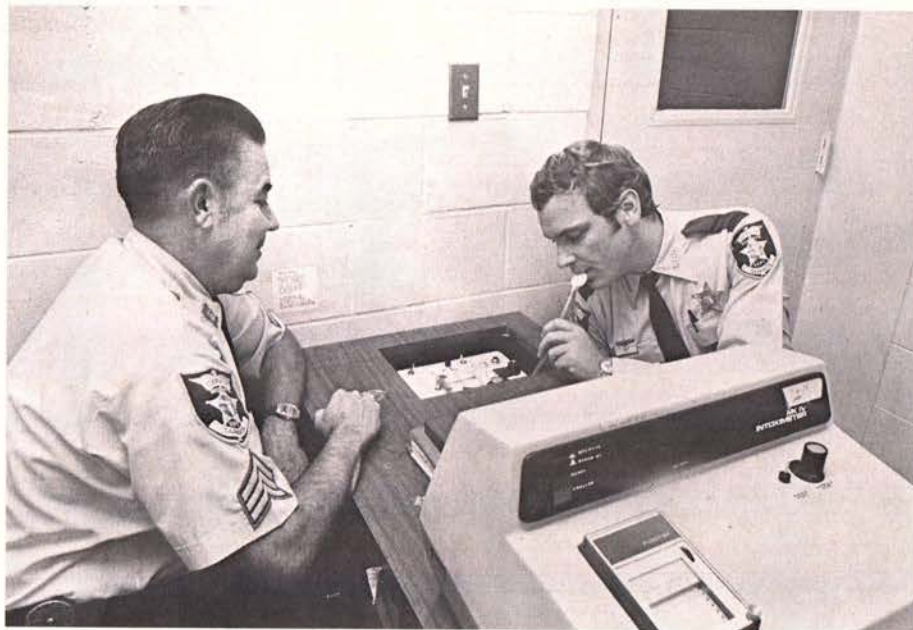
More Pasco County essay contest winners pictured with Sheriff Short: (from left) Jeff Houck, Barbary Fields, Katie Militscher, Kelly Klein, Jim Davis, Sheila Holm, Audrey Dietz and Ken Van Valkenburg.





### Bad News for Boozers

SARASOTA — It's bad news for the guilty, and good news for the innocent that Sarasota County Sheriff Jim Hardcastle has modern, accurate equipment on which to test suspected drunken drivers. In this picture Sgt. Don Jones (left) and Deputy Terry Lewis demonstrate the Gas Chromatograph Intoximeter which measures the amount of alcohol contained in the blood system. (Sarasota Journal photo by Joyce Mendelsohn)



### Back to the lectern

BRADENTON — Manatee County Sheriff Tom Burton, a former college professor, returned to familiar territory when he was invited to lecture students at nearby New College on "Rights of the Accused."

His lecture was one in a series on Constitutional Freedoms sponsored by the National Council of Christians and Jews, the Teaching Education Systems of Manatee and Sarasota Counties, and New College.

Burton, who was a Criminal Justice Professor at Manatee Junior College before he was elected Sheriff in 1976, was introduced to students as a far cry from the stereotyped southern sheriff of yesteryear.

It was pointed out that the Sheriff of Manatee County no longer "leads the Klan parades" through black neighborhoods, and no longer uses his power and command to keep some citizens from voting.

### Good footwork

NAPLES — A local woman found herself in a distressing predicament when she used a coin telephone booth and then discovered she was a prisoner because the door wouldn't open.

Passersby ignored her yells and signals for help. She did not have any coins, but she did have the presence of mind to dial the free 911 emergency number.

The dispatcher at the Collier County Sheriff's office answered the call and sent Sgt. Jack Grant and his crime scene technicians to the rescue. Grant set the woman free with one well-placed kick on the bottom of the door. Apparently the door had jumped off its track when the woman had closed it.

### Lawman of the month

PANAMA CITY — Bay County Sheriff Tullis Easterling spoke on the dedicated manner in which law enforcement officers carry out their duties, and Deputy Sheriff Tom Grimm was honored as "Lawman of the Month" when the Panama City Optimist Club observed Law Enforcement Day.

### Reduce or else

TALLAHASSEE — Leon County Sheriff Ken Katsaris has given overweight deputies a tough choice — either lose weight or lose vacation time.

Deputies who are more than 10 pounds heavier than the Sheriff's guidelines must take off two pounds a month until they get within 10 pounds of the proper level, and then reduce at the rate of at least one pound a month until they fall within the maximum weight for their height and build.

Deputies will lose one day of annual leave for each month in which they fail to attain the prescribed weight loss goal.

Physical fitness is also being encouraged.

### The lingo of the law

ORLANDO — Hal Uhrig, Staff Legal Officer for the Orange County Sheriff's Department, speaks and understands several languages.

One — since he is an attorney — is the legalese of the courtroom.

Another — since he is deeply immersed in the business of law enforcement — is the special lingo deputy sheriffs have picked up from writing and reading investigation reports.

With some help from Judge Frank Kaney, Uhrig prepared a short glossary to explain the lingo of Deputies to Jurors and other laymen.

Deputies exit their vehicles — jurors get out of their cars.

Deputies exit the structure — jurors leave the house.

Deputies advise subjects — jurors talk to people.

Deputies respond to the scene — jurors merely go wherever they are going.

Deputies are dispatched to scenes — jurors are sent to places.

Deputies are rappelled to the ground — jurors climb down a rope.

Deputies interrogate subjects or suspects — jurors merely question people.

Deputies position their vehicles — jurors park their cars.

Deputies report for duty — jurors go to work.



# Youth deputies have fun; and also serious goals

MARIANNA — Young people who are merely looking for a little fun had better look elsewhere.

But those who have a serious interest in law enforcement will find that joining the Youth Deputy Program at the Jackson County Sheriff's Department can be fun, as well as a rewarding experience.

The program is sponsored by Sheriff Charles Applewhite and supervised by Lt. Ron Stevenson, a Sheriff's Department investigator. It teaches young people the "nuts and bolts" of law enforcement, and also gets them involved in various community service projects.

Youth Deputies meet weekly to receive instruction in firearms safety, water safety, arrest procedures, jail operations, radio dispatching and court procedures. They have opportunities to observe murder trials, ride in patrol cars on routine assignments, and assist with radio communications.

Public service projects include parking cars at football games, fairs and other public functions; distributing crime

prevention literature; and helping businessmen to improve the security of their business places.

Youth Deputies are required to maintain high standards and comply with a strict code of ethics. Fighting, swearing or violating the law results in disciplinary action which is sometimes determined by a Youth Deputy's peers.

The serious side of the Youth Deputy Program is offset frequently by activities that are strictly for fun such as camping trips, cookouts, picnics and softball games. Members also get involved in fund raising activities such as car washes to help pay for uniforms and other program expenses.

Youth Deputies are not required to pay dues or purchase their \$75 uniforms, but they are required to turn in their uniforms when they leave the program.

In its first two years the program has grown to a membership of 42, almost evenly divided between boys and girls.

## Ministers recruited

BARTOW — Polk County Sheriff Louie Mims got a good response when he began recruiting ministers for Sheriff's Department Chaplain Program.

"You can help us reduce crime," Mims told a group of ministers, "by counseling with offenders, by making your parishioners and the general community aware of our crime problem, and by participating in our Chaplain Program."

Within a short time the Sheriff had signed up 20 ministers. He said he planned to ask them to counsel with inmates in the county jail, to assist the Sheriff's Department in settling family disputes, and to carry out similar important assignments.

## Cussing cops is O.K.

FT. LAUDERDALE — County Judge John King ruled that verbally abusing a police officer with profanity does not constitute resisting arrest without violence, and he released Charleen Ann Brayman, 24, who had been charged with that offense.

"We would conclude," the Judge stated in a six-page opinion, "that when the sole resistance to the police is verbal, whether obscene, profane, insulting or vulgar, it comes within the protection of the First Amendment of the United States Constitution as fair political comment."

In reviewing the facts of the case, King resorted to ponderous legalese to describe Brayman's verbal assault. "These open profanities," he said, "consisted of a series of short Anglo-Saxon verbs of provocative biological import which galvanize the personal pronoun; and other comments suggesting that the police had in the past carried Oedipus complexes into reality and had committed other forms of incest."

Lapsing into lighter vein, Judge King added: "For an officer offended by the language of the defendants, we can only console them by quoting Gilbert & Sullivan ... 'Taking one consideration with another, a policeman's lot is not a happy one.'"



When in Distress, Wave the Flag

SANFORD — Canadian police officers who came here to film Sheriff John Polk's successful bicycle safety program so they could promote similar programs "back home," expressed their appreciation for the Sheriff's cooperation and hospitality by presenting him with a flag from the Quebec Police Department (which presumably the Sheriff can wave if he ever finds himself in dire distress in Canada). The presentation was made by Officers C. Cuciner (left) and St. Laval Lacroix (right).



# Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund

## HONOR ROLL

On these pages the Florida Sheriffs Association gives special recognition to generous supporters of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund and its child care institutions: The Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, Girls Villa and Youth Ranch. Those listed as "Builders" have given gifts totaling \$100 or more. Those listed

as "Lifetime Honorary Members" of the Florida Sheriffs Association have given \$1,000 or more. Builders receive certificates suitable for framing. Each honorary lifetime member receives a plaque, a lifetime identification card and a lifetime subscription to The Sheriff's Star.

### Lifetime Honorary Members

MR. & MRS. C. M. ACUFF  
Eustis

CLARENCE BAKER  
Tampa (See photo)

W. E. BARSH  
Jacksonville

MRS. JAMES A. BELL  
Belleair Bluffs

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Gaithersburg, Maryland

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Hillsborough County Sheriff Walter C. Heinrich (left) presents Florida Sheriffs Association Lifetime Honorary Memberships to Clarence Baker, of Tampa, and Mr. and Mrs. David Stillie, of Brandon.





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Pinellas County Sheriff William T. "Bill" Roberts presents Lifetime Honorary Membership in the Florida Sheriffs Association to Pinellas County Commission Chairman Joseph Wornicki.



Seminole City Councilman John Brady (left) donated his first month's salary of \$100 to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund and qualified for a Builder Certificate. Shown accepting the gift is Pinellas County Sheriff Bill Roberts.



State Representative Malcolm Beard, former Sheriff of Hillsborough County, greeted the youngsters at the House of Representatives and introduced them to his fellow legislators while the House was in session.



# That Tallahassee Trip

For many years it has been traditional for youngsters from the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch to take an educational trip to Tallahassee while the Legislature is in session. This year, for the first time, girls from the Florida Sheriffs Girls Villa were included.

Traveling by bus on May 18, the group toured the State Museum and the new Capitol building, and also visited the House of Representatives where they were introduced by Representative Malcolm Beard, of Tampa, former Sheriff of Hillsborough County.

One of the highlights of the trip was lunch at Barnaby's Restaurant where, for the second year in a row, they received free soft drinks with their meals. There were 19 Ranchers and four Villa girls in the group.

The Boys Ranch is located near Live Oak, and the Girls Villa, near Bartow. They were founded by the Florida Sheriffs Association as group child care facilities for needy and worthy youngsters, and are projects of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund.

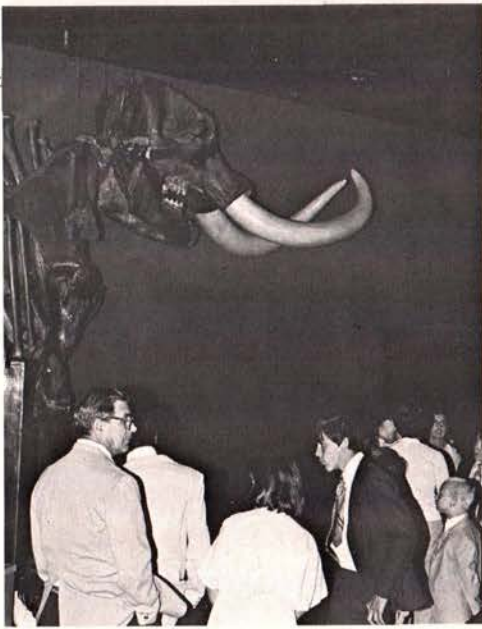
The Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch, a group child care home for brothers and sisters located near Clearwater, is also a Youth Fund project.



The Capitol rotunda with its dramatic Travertine marble centerpiece was one of the points of interest.







Led by Florida State Museum Guide Cherie Boyd, the group received a history lesson that included information about mastodons that once roamed Florida, Civil War cannons, Florida's forestry industry, dugout canoes and feminine fashions.



That chair with legs made from steer horns would look great at the Boys Ranch.





"The Black Widow" on patrol.

## Choppers help "growing pains"

BROOKSVILLE — "Growing pains" have hit Hernando County, and Sheriff Melvin Kelly is prepared to cope with them.

Years ago, when Hernando was still a rural, slow-paced county, the Sheriff became aware that changes were coming. He had been watching the densely populated Tampa Bay area dominated by Clearwater, St. Petersburg and Tampa, and he had realized the rapid growth there would inevitably spread into his area.

It did spread, and when it hit here the Sheriff's Department was geared up for it through an ongoing program of improvement and modernization.

One of the major moves made by Sheriff Kelly to upgrade his department was organizing an Aviation Unit under the control of Lt. Tom Mylander, a man well qualified in aviation as well as law enforcement. Lt. Mylander had formerly served with the Third Marine Airwing and also as a pilot and maintenance officer with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Department.

In June 1978, Sheriff Kelly purchased the first helicopter for his aviation unit, using funds from the sale of a DC-3 airplane that had been confiscated in a drug bust a little over a year earlier. This was an important milestone for the Sheriff's Department, but there were also sad overtones.

Deputy Sheriff Lonnie Coburn, the man who had been primarily responsible for the drug bust at the Brooksville Airport, did not have an opportunity to see the Sheriff's Department become airborne. Approximately nine months after he had masterminded the drug bust he had been shot and killed at a Ridge Manor convenience store when he attempted to stop an armed robbery.



Sheriff Melvin Kelly (left) pins wings on Sgt. Tom Nowlin who not long ago completed the training required to become a licensed helicopter pilot. (Photo by Diana L. Everett, The Sun-Journal)

The first helicopter was a used Hughes 269 B Model purchased from the Tampa Police Department, and it was placed in service after it was completely rebuilt by Lt. Mylander and Chief Mechanic Dick Fernandez of the Tampa Police Department Air Service. It was dubbed "The Black Widow."

Two additional Hughes A Model choppers were also acquired through the Florida General Services Division, in Tallahassee, and they are being rebuilt by Lt. Mylander, and Sgt. Nowlin, a pilot who has been assigned to the Aviation Unit. When they are ready to be put into service, they will be used to back up "The Black Widow."

Sheriff Kelly pointed out his new Aviation Unit is just one of many improvements that have been accomplished in recent years, but it is one of the most important advances because it will improve the department's surveillance capabilities, and will also result in speedier responses to emergencies.