

# the Sheriff's Star

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*The accreditation flag was unfurled at the Manatee County Sheriff's Office for the first time on December 13, 1990, by Sheriff Charlie Wells (right) and Ken Medeiros, Executive Director of the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc.*

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# Don Eslinger appointed Seminole County Sheriff

SANFORD — After Seminole County Sheriff John Polk announced his retirement due to illness, Governor Bob Martinez appointed Maj. Don Eslinger, a 12-year employee with the Sheriff's Office, to serve the remaining two years of Polk's current term. The appointment became effective on January 1, 1991.

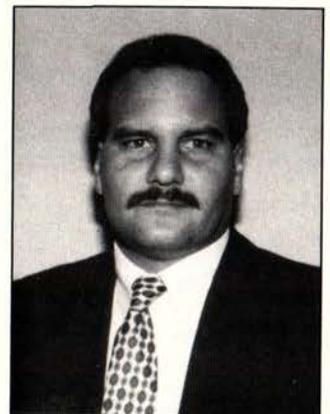
In his letter of resignation, Polk recommended Eslinger, 33, and told the Governor: "My last wish is that a man of his caliber be appointed as he will not only be a credit to myself and . . . Seminole County . . . but also it will speak well of you. I know of no other individual who would be satisfactory."

Eslinger, a Republican, was hired by Polk as a dispatcher and held that position for one year. During that year he was a member of the SWAT team and worked for the undercover drug task force. He advanced to lieutenant and major, and for three years commanded a City/County Investigative Bureau organized to fight drug trafficking.

A newspaper reported that Sanford Police Chief Steven Harriett had described Eslinger as an excellent choice who would be "an able, capable, forward-thinking, progressive representative of modern law enforcement." Polk, by virtue of 22 years in office, was recognized as the "dean" of Florida's Sheriffs at the time of his resignation. He began his law enforcement career by serving ten years with the Florida Highway Patrol, and was elected to his



*Sheriff John Polk*



*Sheriff Don Eslinger*

first four-year term in 1968. Seminole County voters re-elected him five more times.

His fellow Sheriffs elected him to numerous positions in the Florida Sheriffs Association, including member of the Board of Directors, Vice President, President, and Chairman of the Board of Managers responsible for administering the Florida Sheriffs' Self-Insurance Fund.

A native of Tampa, Polk attended the University of Tampa and was a graduate of the FBI National Academy. He was also a graduate of the National Sheriffs' Institute. He served as Chairman of the Regional Planning Council and is a Past Master of the Sanford Shrine.

In November the Board of County Commissioners voted unanimously to change the name of the county jail from The Seminole County Correctional Facility to the John E. Polk Correctional Facility. Someone promptly nicknamed it the "Polkey."



*Horn*

### *More grief for drug traffickers*

**KEY WEST —** *Illegal drug interdiction efforts are more intense at the Key West International Airport and Marathon Airport now that Monroe County Sheriff Rick Roth has instituted random searches of incoming and outgoing baggage, packages and aircraft. Sergeants Daryl Hull and Mitch Horn are shown using their K-9 drug sniffing partners to check baggage of departing passengers.*



*Hull*

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## Friends boost ex-trooper's morale

CRAWFORDVILLE — A benefit cookout initiated by the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office raised over \$7,000 for the medical expenses of retired Florida Highway Patrol Trooper Ronnie Surber, a Wakulla County resident.

Criminal Justice professionals and private citizens known for their support of law enforcement throughout the Second Judicial Circuit were invited, and over 300 attended. Distinguished guests included Attorney General Bob Butterworth, and Col. B. R. Burkett, Director of the Florida Highway Patrol.

Surber is on kidney dialysis and is awaiting a kidney transplant donor.

Wakulla County Sheriff David F. Harvey said the benefit cookout was not only financially successful but also gave a visible boost to Surber's morale. During the cookout Sheriff Harvey presented a Florida Sheriffs Association Lifetime Honorary Membership to Surber in honor of his "dedication to the law enforcement profession."

## DNA "fingerprinting" offers a way to identify snatched or switched infants

If parents are in a state of panic, it's no wonder. Cases of infant kidnapping seem to be increasing. Bumbling hospital employees have been accused of switching newborns and sending mamas home with the wrong babies. (Of course you remember the Florida case that made headlines on an international scale.)

That's the bad news, and fortunately there is also a bit of what appears to be good news.

When babies are snatched or switched, making positive identification of the victim becomes a problem. Photos help, but they're not foolproof, especially if years elapse before the child is found. Fingerprints taken at birth can be difficult to match. Now an alternative has emerged from genetics labs.

Lifebank, a Bridgewater, N.J., firm, is offering a new method of identification through DNA "fingerprinting." (DNA is the short form of an eight-syllable word describing a substance which, when extracted from human tissue, blood or semen samples, reveals an individual's genetic profile. These profiles are said to be as unique as fingerprints — no two alike — and using the technique for identification is called DNA fingerprinting.)

Here's how it works for parents according to an article in Insight magazine:

A couple can send a small sample of an infant's blood to Lifebank, and, for a fee, Lifebank will store it for up to 18 years. If it is ever needed, the stored sample can be compared with a strand of hair, a piece of human tissue or a drop of blood to establish a child's identity. Test matching is said to be 99 percent reliable.

DNA fingerprinting is being currently used in law enforcement to identify crime suspects and it has provided genetic evidence in court cases. The possibility that it can be used to identify missing or kidnapped children broadens its potential.



Wakulla County Sheriff David F. Harvey (left) presents Lifetime Honorary Membership to Ronnie Surber.

*They say he's an "easy touch"*

**APALACHICOLA —**

*At Christmas time Franklin County Sheriff Warren Roddenberry puts aside his gun and badge and visits an elementary school dressed in a Santa Claus costume. It's an easy switch for a man who has a reputation of year 'round generosity.*

*"He's such an easy touch when it comes to a sad story," said one of his staff members, "and is always the first to donate to any worthwhile cause." His celebration of Christmas includes sending deputies to nursing homes to distribute fruit and candy to the residents. On Halloween he's all treat and no tricks. He has a patrol car in every county zone loaded with candy to give to youngsters. In between holidays he gives kids positive anti-drug messages through his DARE program, and keeps in touch with the elderly — especially those who live alone or are frail — through daily phone calls.*



## Integrity seminar scheduled

The Metro-Dade Police Department and the Florida Criminal Justice Executive Institute will present a two-day seminar entitled *Integrity -- Criminal Justice Principles*, March 18-19, 1991. The conference site is the Radisson Mart Plaza Hotel, Miami, Florida. Please contact Sergeant Liz Brown, Metro-Dade Police Department, Training Bureau, (305) 594-1001, for additional information. Seminar fee is \$175.00.

# ACCREDITATION

## Manatee Sheriff's Office achieves it by meeting tough national standards

BRADENTON — The Manatee County Sheriff's Office has joined the elite of law enforcement by becoming accredited — a special status achieved to date by only 164 outstanding crime fighting agencies in the U.S. and Canada.

This accolade of professionalism was granted by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) on November 17, 1990, after Manatee County Sheriff Charlie Wells and his staff spent almost five years of self-assessment to meet approximately 850 state-of-the-art standards.

CALEA Executive Director Ken Medeiros made it official on December 13 by traveling to Bradenton from his office in Fairfax, Virginia, to deliver a Certificate of Accreditation to Sheriff Wells. The ceremony

was attended by members of the Sheriff's staff, a representative of the county commission, and news media photographers.

Five days after the accreditation ceremony the Board

of County Commissioners passed a resolution designating December 18 as "Sheriff's Law Enforcement Day." The resolution expressed "sincere appreciation and gratitude for Sheriff Wells' selfless commitment to excellence in law enforcement."

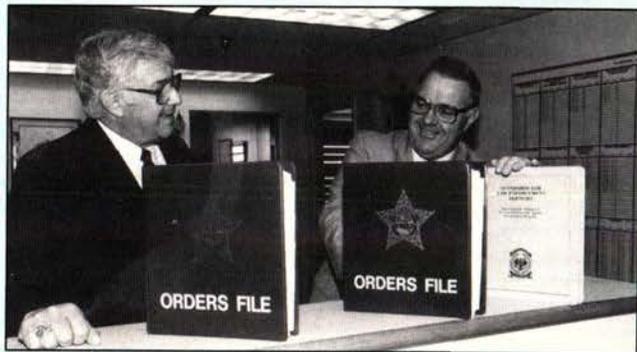
CALEA Executive Director Medeiros said Florida is leading the nation in law enforcement accreditation, with 86 state, county and municipal agencies "in the system" and 23 accredited. Ohio ranks second with 71 in the system and 14 accredited. Illinois is third with 66 in the system and 14 accredited.

Florida's Sheriffs are also setting the pace for their counterparts in other states. Seven of their offices are fully accredited, and nine are in the process of becoming accredited. No other state comes close. In the rest of the nation only 20 Sheriff's Offices are accredited, and 66 are in the process.

The small number is due to the fact that accreditation is a new development in law enforcement. CALEA, a private, non-profit organization, was formed in 1979 through the combined efforts of the National Sheriffs Association, the International Association of



Ken Medeiros (left), Executive Director of the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, presents a Certificate of Accreditation to Manatee County Sheriff Charlie Wells.



Almost five years of preparation for accreditation produced three hefty manuals and "well, we finally made it" smiles from Inspector Frank Buell (left) and Col. Al Denison. Buell is the Sheriff's Director of Planning and Research and served as Accreditation Manager. Denison is Chief Deputy.



The "accreditation team" praised by Sheriff Charlie Wells for a job well done included (from left) Staff Inspector Jim Huffstutter, Computer Applications Manager Dan Mustaine, Maj. Ken Pearson, Accreditation Coordinator Al Denison, Accreditation Manager Frank Buell, Secretary Cindy Turner, Lt. Keith Stewart, Accreditation Unit Manager Suzanne Moore and Secretary Charla Eberly.

Chiefs of Police, the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives and the Police Executive Research Forum.

Florida Sheriff's Offices accredited prior to Manatee County are Marion, Hillsborough, Broward, Mon-

*Florida continues to lead the nation in law enforcement accreditation!*

roe, Palm Beach and Pinellas.

Sheriff Wells expressed appreciation for assistance received from already accredited Sheriff's Offices while his staff was going through the accreditation process.

He said the accreditation process has produced many beneficial changes in policies and procedures, administration, operations and support services.

"Follow-up, that's the biggest benefit," he added. "For instance, you implement some kind of procedure, and many times there isn't truly a follow-up. Later you wonder what happened to it. That doesn't happen under accreditation. Follow-up is assured. Every procedure, every standard, every order is totally documented. It helps you to stay on top of things."

Accredited agencies are required to file annual reports to document that they are complying with the national standards. After five years they go through a reaccreditation process.

## Marion County achieves "triple crown"

OCALA — The Marion County Sheriff's Office recently achieved the "triple crown" of accreditation after approximately three years of intense effort by the staff.

The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement (CALEA) gave its seal of approval in 1989.

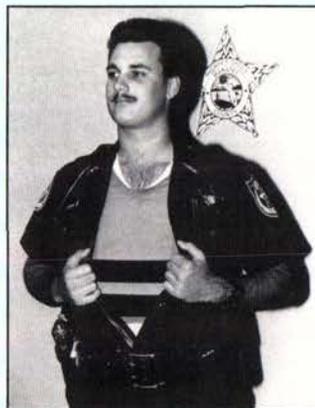
The American Correctional Association (ACA) granted accreditation to the Marion County Jail on May 2, 1990; and the National Commission on Correctional Health Care completed the "triple crown" by granting accreditation on September 19, 1990.

Sheriff Don Moreland said Marion County was 98th in the nation to receive law enforcement accreditation, and the fifth Sheriff's Office in the U.S. to receive both CALEA and ACA accreditation. The other counties in this latter category are Larimer County, Colorado; and Palm Beach, Hillsborough and Pinellas Counties in Florida.

Capt. Martin Stephens was the accreditation manager for both law enforcement and the jail. According to Sheriff Moreland, this marks the first time nationwide that one person has had this dual responsibility.

The ACA audit found the Marion County SO to be in compliance with 98.8% of 377 standards. These standards have been recognized nationwide by courts

*Deputy Greg Buchanan displays the body armor which has been made available to every sworn deputy under standards adopted to qualify for accreditation. Body armor was provided to some deputies in the past, but not to all.*



*Sheriff Don Moreland and key members of his staff with two of the agency's three accreditation certificates. Pictured from left are: Towles Bigelow, Assistant Jail Administrator; Maj. John Pauls, Jail Administrator; Moreland; and Capt. Martin Stephens, Accreditation Manager.*

and professionals as the operational ideals for corrections.

"The end result," said Moreland, "has been a more effective and efficient organization, and a reduction in liability."

## FLA-PAC is for accredited agencies

Accredited law enforcement agencies are joining Florida Police Accreditation Coalition, Inc. (FLA-PAC), a new organization that provides opportunities for communication, mutual cooperation, support and sharing of resources.

Inspector Frank Buell, from the Manatee County Sheriff's Office, Bradenton, is the treasurer. He said FLA-PAC has 54 members and will accept membership applications from agencies and business firms.

### FLORIDA FIRSTS

\*\*\* After the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies was founded in 1979, a Florida agency — the Mount Dora Police Department — was the first in the nation to be granted accreditation.

\*\*\* Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office was the first Sheriff's Office in Florida to become accredited. It was also third in the nation and first in the southeast. Elkhart County

(Indiana) Sheriff's Office was the first Sheriff's Office in the nation to be accredited.

\*\*\* There are 20 accredited Sheriff's Offices in the United States, and seven of them (one third) are in Florida.

\*\*\* Florida has traditionally led the nation in the number of Sheriff's Offices preparing for accreditation. There are 14 "in the pipeline" at the present time, and at least two are expected to be granted accreditation when the

Commission holds its next meeting in Denver, March 14-16, 1991.

\*\*\* Florida Department of Law Enforcement announced in a recent bulletin that it was the first statewide investigative agency to be accredited by CALEA, and the first state forensic laboratory system to have all of its regional labs accredited by the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors.

## A fresh, flexible approach gets results for Sheriff's aggressive narcotics unit

By Max T. Raterman, Narcotics Sergeant  
Osceola County Sheriff's Office

KESSIMMEE — Osceola County is at a crossroads caused by explosive growth. In 1980 the population was 49,287. Preliminary figures for 1990 show it to be 106,345. With this tremendous growth there has been an increase in crime, particularly narcotics trafficking.

The county is making the tran-

sition from an agriculture-based economy to a busy, tourism-based one. Meanwhile, the southern part of the county remains sparsely populated and consists primarily of cattle and citrus ranches. The northern part of the county is characterized by commercial and residential development, structured along US Route 192. This is the main east/west route and it borders Walt Disney World. It also connects the County's two cities, St. Cloud and Kissimmee.

The wide variance between the northern and southern parts of the county and the daily influx of new residents and tourists create a difficult problem for law enforcement. For example, the southern part of the county lends itself to air smuggling while the northern part is characterized by several depressed areas in which crack cocaine sales are prominent.

When Sheriff Jon Lane was elected in 1988, one of his first priorities was to establish an effective and aggressive narcotics unit. Then he acted quickly and decisively to get an anti-drug program off the ground by broadening the contacts of the Sheriff's Office and establishing a good working relationship with agencies that had been previously ignored.

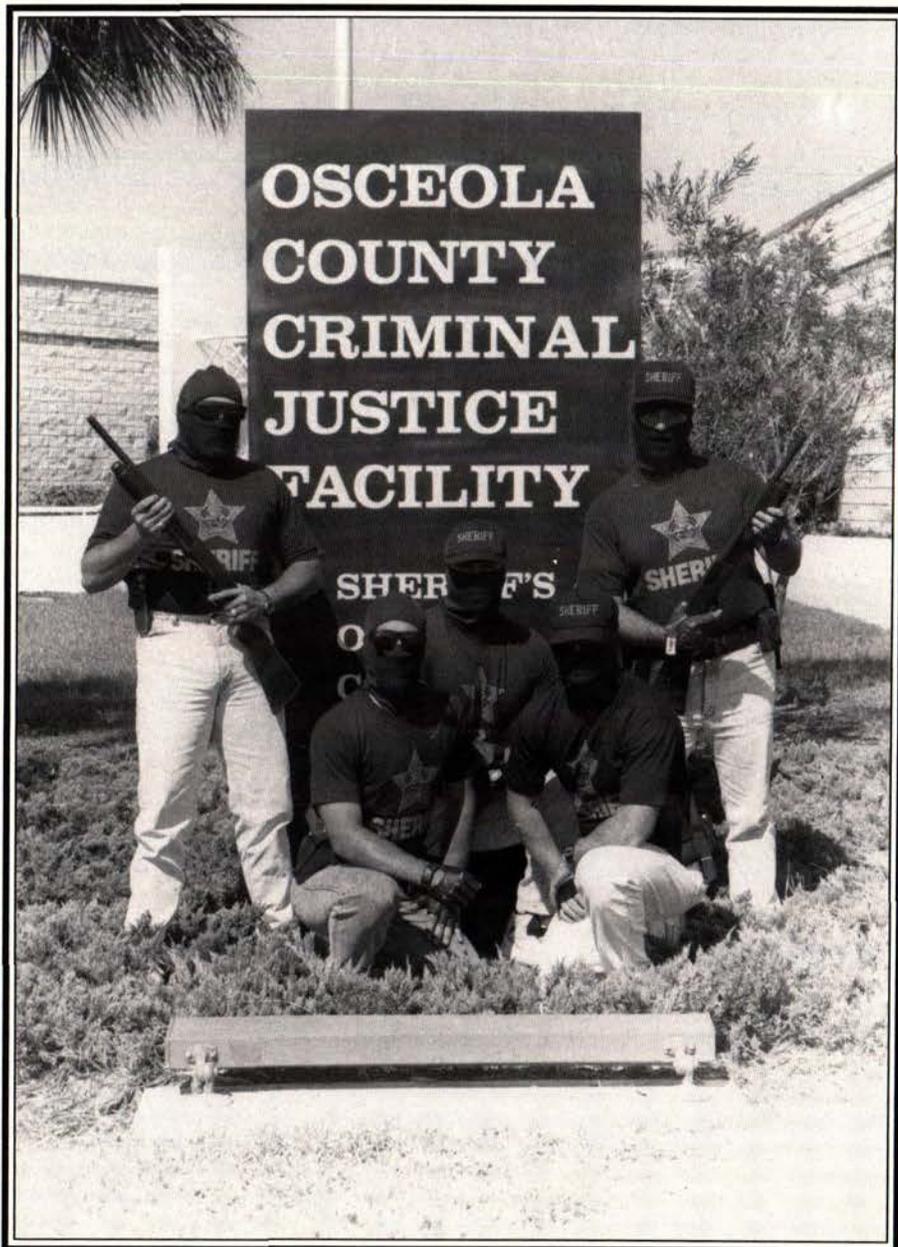
Deputies were assigned as task force members to the Metropolitan Bureau of Investigation and the Drug Enforcement Administration. A deliberate effort was made to enhance the agency's relationships with surrounding counties and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. Cooperating with drug units in the cities also became a priority.

To demonstrate close cooperation with other agencies, Sheriff Lane's new Special Investigations Unit conducted several multi-jurisdictional operations, and became actively involved in intelligence groups that had been previously ignored.

To take control of the streets in 1989, 203 cases were opened, and 212 people were arrested. Included in this crackdown were 116 sale and delivery of cocaine charges. The impact was substantial.

Residents of some of the hardest hit areas called to say thanks. They declared that the quality of life in their neighborhoods had increased

*Forming an effective, aggressive Narcotics Unit was one of Sheriff Jon Lane's priorities when he was elected in 1988.*



significantly. It soon became difficult to buy street level cocaine.

While many of the violations were occurring in and around Kissimmee and St. Cloud, the Narcotics Unit made an effort to generate cases in other parts of the County, and maintained a telephone "hot line" so that citizens' complaints could be acted on promptly. Intelligence reports received from road patrol deputies were also investigated and used as a basis for generating cases.

One of the most important steps taken was to change tactics often so as to confuse the criminals and avoid becoming too predictable. Shifts were made between highly visible and more subtle operations. Consequently, drug dealers made a lot of false assumptions, and this helped the Narcotics Unit to make many cases before the "bad guys" could figure out what was going on.

The cumulative effect of these strategies has been to convince members of the Sheriff's Special Operations



Billboards advertise a drug hotline that produces many valuable tips for deputies to investigate.

(Narcotics) Unit that a fresh, flexible approach is the best one.

#### OFFICER OF THE YEAR

After Deputy Donald Van Wie from the Alachua County Sheriff's Office was chosen Law Enforcement Officer of the Year by Florida Informed Parents for Drug Free Youth, he was honored at a Governor's Mansion luncheon in October. Attending the luncheon were (from left) FDLE Commissioner



Tim Moore, Mary Jane Martinez, Former Governor Bob Martinez, Deputy Van Wie, and Alachua County Sheriff L. J. "Lu" Hindery. Deputy Van Wie is a School Resource Officer at Buchholz High School in Gainesville. He also masquerades as McGruff, the crime-fighting dog, and works with the Sheriff's Explorer program.

#### New booklet enhances citizens' crime prevention effectiveness

NAPLES — "Perhaps the most important lesson we have learned in law enforcement is the necessity for active citizen involvement in crime prevention," said Collier County Sheriff Don Hunter when he introduced a 44-page Crime Prevention Guide produced by the Collier County Sheriff's Office.

Designed as a manual to instruct citizens involved in Neighborhood Watch and Crime Prevention activities, the Guide covers a wide range of topics including Neighborhood Watch, methods

of enhancing household security, tips for people leaving on vacation, business firm security, alarm systems, warnings about con games and fraud schemes, victims' rights, the procedures of the criminal justice system, and more.

"We have combined literally dozens of documents into this single booklet," said Capt. Bob Glick. He pointed out that a single booklet is more cost effective and more convenient to store.

Sheriff Hunter had the last word. "We need citizen involvement more than



"An investment in a better future . . ."

KEY WEST—The appointment of Deputy Debbie Moran as Monroe County's fourth School Resource Officer reflects Sheriff Rick Roth's determination to help young people make correct decisions about illegal drugs. "Educating our youth about drugs and teaching them respect for the law is an investment in a better future for all of us," he said.

ever today," he said, "and I am pleased to note that we are getting citizen cooperation more than ever before."

He said he has been granting permission for other agencies to use the contents of the booklet, as long as they change the cover and provide their own preface.

## *A Sheriff's best friend:*

# **In days of yore it was his six-shooter ; but today it's his high-speed computer**

FORT MYERS — In olden days, legendary Sheriffs maintained law and order with a six-shooter, a small force of armed deputies, a no frills county jail, horseback patrols and very little paper work. Records were usually handwritten in large leather-bound ledgers, and the entire criminal justice system was a model of simplicity.

How times have changed!

Today, with crime and populations on the rise, the typical Sheriff's Office has evolved into an elaborate network of divisions and bureaus, each charged with its own aspect of upholding or administering the law.

Sheriffs can no longer get by with just a staff of hard-charging, straight-shooting deputies. In order to meet current responsibilities, they must also seek the services of legal advisors, accountants, personnel directors, communications technicians, computer programmers and other highly trained specialists. They preside over K-9 units, SWAT teams, narcotics squads, school resource officers and victim advocates. They share reams of information with other agencies, and file many voluminous reports that are mandated by law. The paper work is appalling.

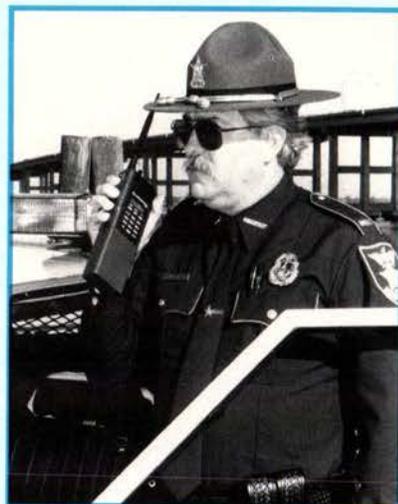
Truly, law enforcement has become a complex business that requires a high degree of technical competence; and Florida's Sheriffs are responding to this challenge by embracing intricate computer systems with the same degree of affection that their predecessors lavished on horses and trusty six-shooters.

Nowhere is this change of focus more apparent than in Lee County, one of the fastest growing areas in Florida — and in the nation. In 1979 Lee County had a population of 181,208, and all of the Sheriff's management functions were performed by hand. Today the population is pegged at 380,000 — a 70 percent increase — and an elaborate law enforcement management system operated by computers has united all of the operations of the ever-expanding Sheriff's Office into one integrated network.

Here is a prime example of a law enforcement agency using computer technology to cope with an exploding population. It's a drama in which computers are the stars, and a man named McDougall is cast in an important supporting role.

In 1979 John McDougall was the head of the Records Division under Sheriff Frank Wanicka, and Stella LeMieux was a Records Division employee. Later he succeeded Wanicka as Sheriff.

"Back then we were a one-building operation with a jail on the first floor and all other offices upstairs," LeMieux recalled recently. "We didn't even have a data processing



*Lt. Wayne Robinson demonstrates a combination radio and cellular telephone which is one of the improvements provided by Lee County's upgraded communications system.*



*"The long term challenge was to computerize every nook and cranny of our operations," according to Stella LeMieux, Director of the Data Processing Department at the Lee County Sheriff's Office.*



*The computer revolution in the Lee County Sheriff's Office includes expanding and upgrading the Communications Division under Lt. Bill Case, who is shown checking the status of a new 800 megahertz communications system that was under construction in December. He said the new system provides the capability of 45 channels and will virtually eliminate "dead spots" in the 670 square miles within Lee County's borders.*



#### NEW SYSTEM

*During the transition from old to new, both communications systems were in use. Lt. Case said the expanding Communications Division has 61 employees, including dispatchers, administrators, line supervisors and 911 operators.*

department, and all our caseload data, Uniform Crime Reports (UCR) and cash flow receipts were recorded manually."

As a result, adds LeMieux, "identifying which deputies were assigned to what cases, defining the status of each complaint, and filing UCR reports was a nightmare. Delivering the daily balances, itemized costs and payroll projections was also just as hard."

To solve the problem, LeMieux and McDougall persuaded Sheriff Wanicka to search for a computer system — an exercise in frustration as it turned out.

LeMieux recalls that "very few Sheriff's Offices were automated then, and most vendors either weren't interested or told us we had to wait for a year."

Eventually Nixdorf Computer, a firm that had set up similar law enforcement systems elsewhere, offered its 600 series mini-computer, and the new four-terminal system was installed in January, 1980. Immediate results were noted when the Finance Division began processing accounts payable, receivables, encumbrances, checks, budgets and itemized costs by computer for the first time.

Warrants and missing persons were also logged on the system, and LeMieux created the Sheriff's first Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) and Computer Aided Complaint (CAC) solutions.

"CAC stored complete information for each complaint, including the type of complaint, when it was served by which deputy, and when it was closed," LeMieux explained. "CAD tracked every case that was worked on, including which deputies were involved, what they did, and when."

"With CAD, if a deputy didn't file a report within a certain time, the computer automatically notified us that he was late. CAD also enabled us to collect and report all UCR data on our computer."

Increased demand for automation caused the system to become overloaded, and a second 600 system with ten terminals was installed in 1982. It ran side-by-side with the original computer and enabled the Sheriff's Office to add fingerprints, stolen property, evidence and civil pro-

cessing to its menu of applications.

In this fast-growing county it was inevitable that the system would become overloaded again. It did in 1983 and a third 600 unit was added in 1984, allowing LeMieux to add new programs such as deputy statistics and property inventory.

Overloading problems were solved for the time being, but another dilemma developed. It was created by the fact that, although the three systems supported interrelated files and programs, they were unable to exchange common data. As a result, LeMieux had to make tape transfers every morning so that users could capture the information they needed to share.

This cumbersome deficiency was tolerated for a while — perhaps due in part to the fact that the Sheriff's staff was preoccupied with moving into the new Lee County Justice Center which housed a 424-bed maximum security jail.

The move was accomplished in 1985, and by 1987 the task of running three stand-alone computers was becoming intolerable. This led inevitably to a decision to consolidate the Sheriff's programs into one uniform system. "Long term the challenge was to computerize every nook and cranny of our operations," LeMieux explained recently.

To meet this challenge, the Sheriff's Office again turned to Nixdorf, and the computer company responded with a Unix-based Targon 35/30 supermini that united all three systems.

In February, 1990, the Sheriff's Office upgraded to a Targon triple processor, which doubled the system's peripheral capacity, increased disc storage to three gigabytes, and expanded memory to 64 megabytes. "This is the system we have today," said LeMieux, who is currently the director of the Data Processing Department.

This has been quite a revolution — and one in which John McDougall, the present Sheriff of Lee County, has remained actively involved in spite of an escalating career. Between 1974 and 1988 McDougall advanced from corporal to major under Wanicka. He was elected Sheriff in 1988 after Wanicka decided to retire, but he continued to maintain his interest in data processing technology.

This became apparent in April, 1990, when McDougall hosted a Southwest Florida Law Enforcement Summit and joined LeMieux in outlining future plans to his guests. They described a proposed image processing system (also from Nixdorf) which would allow users to copy data from paper to magnetic discs, or to optical discs on "jukeboxes".

LeMieux explained that instead of putting fingerprints, mug shots or records on microfilm, image processors would store this data on the computer so that network users could access it electronically. By placing a fax card in the imaging workstation, she said, users from any point in the network could also fax data directly to a fax machine anywhere without having to make a hard copy.

"That may sound more revolutionary than evolutionary," she added, "but to us it's just another step along the way."

— Excerpted from an article by David Brisson, a writer who lives in Brookline, MA



Sheriff Robert C. "Bobby" Knowles (center) with Don Bladen (left) and John Gallo, representatives of 03 Tech, the firm that installed the Tri-O-Clean system in the St. Lucie County jail.

## At county jail: Revolutionary laundry system promises spectacular results

By Robert C. "Bobby" Knowles  
Sheriff of St. Lucie County

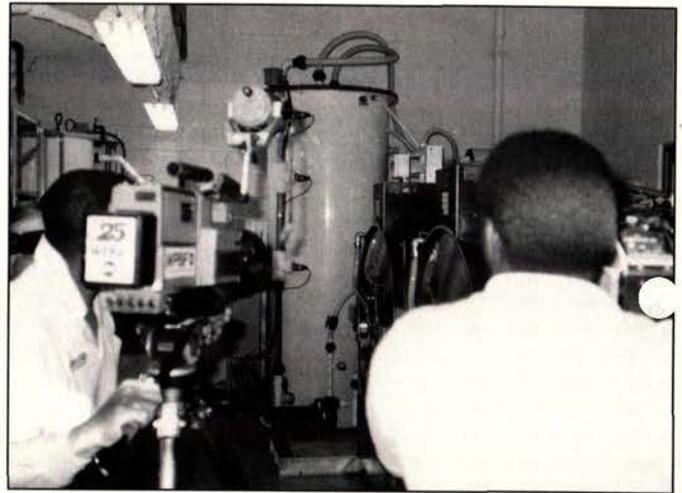
FORT PIERCE — A new system installed in the Rock Road Correctional Facility laundry room is helping to protect the environment and saving taxpayers a substantial amount of money.

This revolutionary system of washing clothes uses recirculated ozonated water and is reputed to be the only one of its kind in the world, according to a worldwide, commercial washing machine manufacturer. It was installed by "03 Tech," a Fort Pierce company.

Due to inevitable water restrictions and my concern about the environment, I allowed 03 Tech to install the Tri-O-Clean system at the correctional facility on a trial basis; and here's what I am hoping to accomplish:

- \*\* Save over 2,000,000 gallons of water per year.
- \*\* Eliminate the treatment of the same 2,000,000 gallons of water per year.
- \*\* Eliminate the use of soap and sour chemicals, and reduce the use of bleach.
- \*\* Eliminate one \$16,000 washing machine, and possibly two.
- \*\* Reduce the cost of laundry operations by over \$30,000 per year.
- \*\* Reduce energy costs by eliminating the need for hot water.
- \*\* Extend the use of fabrics (based upon the theory that without the use of harsh chemicals and hot water, materials will last longer.)

Obviously, if this system continues to operate in the future as successfully as it has in the past two months, it can have an enormous favorable impact on the environment, and also save money.



Television cameramen film the Tri-O-Clean system.

## How Tri-O-Clean works

FORT PIERCE — Here's a description of the Tri-O-Clean process that was printed in the *Palm Beach Post*:

Air is sucked from the laundry room into three cylinders containing a network of glass tubes. Electric currents running through the tubes split some of the oxygen molecules in the air.

Each oxygen molecule is made of two oxygen atoms. When those atoms are forced apart, they are unstable and quickly look for something to bond with.

Some of them combine with oxygen molecules to form the three-atom molecule called ozone.

The air, now containing ozone, is injected into a cylinder filled with 500 gallons of water. The water is fed into the jail's two washing machines.

Ozone works in the machines by bonding to the dirt in clothes. As each wash cycle ends, the dirty water is fed into a tank where it stays until the cylinder that supplies the machines with water is low.

When that happens, the dirty water is fed into the main tank where ozone cleans it for reuse.

## NASA calling

FORT PIERCE — After news of the new Tri-O-Clean laundry system at the St. Lucie County Jail was aired and printed by numerous newspapers and television channels (including CNN), the National Aeronautics and Space Administration called from Washington, D.C., to ask if the Sheriff would launder a space suit as an experiment. They got a prompt "A-OK."

"We're expecting them to send us a suit," said Det. Lou Ericsson, who is in charge of the Sheriff's Community Affairs Division.

Ericsson said quite a few other inquiries had been received, including one from the Georgia Department of Corrections.

Apparently NASA's interest stems from waste water recycling problems encountered during a recent shuttle flight.



# Florida Sheriffs Association's Charter Business Members



A charter and by-laws amendment that went into effect at the beginning of 1990 permits business firms to enroll as Business Members of the Florida Sheriffs Association in three categories: Gold for those who pay annual dues of \$500; Silver for those paying \$250; and Bronze for those paying \$50.

The first Business Members were enrolled in February, 1990, and by the end of July the roll call was well over 1,000. In gratitude for this generous and enthusiastic response, we are printing the following roster of recently enrolled Charter Business Members:

## GOLD BUSINESS MEMBERSHIPS:

Diamond R. Fertilizer Co.  
Harry Beckwith-Gun Dealer  
Hugh E. Shovlain  
Tampa Brake & Supply Co., Inc.

## SILVER BUSINESS MEMBERSHIPS:

A. L. Williams  
B. L. Steel Erectors, Inc.  
Beefstake Tomato Growers, Inc.  
Palm Chevrolet, Inc.  
Precision Enterprises of St. Lucie County  
Robert I. Levy, DO  
Sarasota Surf Racquet Condominium  
Stake Tomatoes of Ruskin, Inc.  
Sun Bank Treasure Coast National Association  
TMB Design, Planning & Consulting  
U. P. A., Inc.  
United Services Auto Association  
Ventura Ranch, Inc.  
W. M. Palmer Co., Inc.

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Advanced Investigations of Tallahassee  
Advo System, Inc.  
Alpha Health Services, Inc.  
Alpha Specialties & Awards  
American Correctional Industries Assoc., Inc.  
Amex World Trade Corporation  
Anheuser Busch Incorporated  
Associated Ministries, Inc.  
Audio Innovators  
Augusta A. Carter Mobile Homes  
B. P. Roofing, Inc.  
B. T. Small Engine Sales  
Bank of Madison County  
Barbara Realty, Inc.  
Barker Syrup Company, Inc.  
Bay Area Environmental  
Bay Bleacher Rental, Inc.  
Bayside Auto Body, Inc.  
Bayside Sheet Metal & A C, Inc.  
Beekman Hotel  
Bellflower Marine, Inc.  
Best Uniform Service, Inc.

Big C. Steel, Inc.  
Billy Grahams Automotive, Inc.  
Biological Research Associates  
Browns Refrigeration Service  
Browns Services, Inc.  
Bud Norwood Insurance  
Budget Printing Centers  
Bunzl USA Tampa, Inc.  
C. E. Daffin  
C. G. & Son Fishing Lure Co.  
C. & J. Utility Construction Company  
Capital Rubber & Industrial Supply Co.  
Capitol News Service  
Captain E. Bay Hansen, Inc.  
Carl Gittens, M.D., P.A.  
Carlsberg Management Co., Inc.  
Century 21 John W. Brooks Realty  
Charles Auto Sales  
Chimera Radiator, Inc.  
Circle H. Citrus, Inc.  
Citizens Bank of Wakulla, Inc.  
Colbert  
Comfort Zone Systems, Inc.  
Commodity Exchange  
Computer Wholesale of Central Florida  
Comtech Systems, Inc.  
Concrete Sawing & Drilling Service  
Continental Recovery Systems  
Cokes Ray Enterprises, Inc.  
Creations In Stone, Inc.  
Crystal Water Company  
Curts Cars and Trucks, Inc.  
D. E. Barnes, Inc.  
Dan Bowker Electric, Inc.  
Darvin V. Powell, Inc.  
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David MacMillan M.D., P.A.  
Davis Bail Bond  
Davis Refining Corporation  
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Don Scott Motors, Inc.  
Donnie Daniels Plumbing, Inc.  
Double R Specialty Molding  
Dutch Motel  
East Coast Lumber & Supply Co.  
Eastern Associated Terminals Company  
Erny Supply Company  
Esper Products Deluxe  
European Sports Car Service  
Executive Suite Motor Inn  
Falkner Farms  
Family Medical Clinic  
Family Medicine Providers  
First Continental Corp.  
First Methodist Church  
First United Methodist Church

Flint Equipment Company  
Florida Georgia Supply Co.  
Frank Dorsett Signs  
Freedom Waste Removal Corp.  
Geneva Environmental, Inc.  
Gilleys Trucking, Inc.  
Global Motor Inn, Inc.  
Golden Force, Inc.  
Gordons Garage & Towing Service  
Greenacre Properties, Inc.  
Greenville Timber Corp.  
Guest Well Drilling Co., Inc.  
Gulf International Trading Corp.  
Harnett Curry & Slay  
Harrell & Beverly Auto Service  
Hendry Ranch  
Henry Binder, Tax Accountant  
Hill Barth & King  
Hillandale Farms of Florida, Inc.  
Hillusa Corporation  
Holiday Inns, Inc.  
Home Life Insurance Company  
Honeycutt Farms, Inc.  
Hotel Management Associates  
Houston Sports Association  
Hyatt Corporation  
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Independent Medical Association of Dade  
International Maintenance & Machining  
J. T. P., Inc.  
J. W. J., Inc.  
J. M. B. Chemicals, Inc.  
J. W. Wheeler And Sons, Inc.  
Jack Hatcher Tire Service  
Jamuna, Inc.  
Jerry A. Wishik, M.D., P.A.  
Jones Turf Grass Farm, Inc.  
Kammaing & Roodvoets, Inc.  
Kerkering Barberio & Company, P.A., C.P.A.  
Kinco Ltd.  
Kissimmee Valley Livestock Show and Fair  
Kobra Construction, Inc.  
Lake Carlton Arms  
Lane Realestate  
Lang Engineering of Florida  
Leon Industrial Pipe & Supply  
Lindell Acura  
Logsdon & Nicolini, Inc.  
M. B. Hayes, Inc.  
M. C. E. Distributing and Supply  
M. D. Appliance Service  
Magnum Services, Inc.  
Magnum Steel Services Corp.  
Marianna Elks Lodge #1516

Marion Music Company, Inc.  
Maryland Casualty Company  
Merola Enterprises, Inc.  
Mesa Marketing Company  
Mickey Johnson & Sons  
Construction  
Mike Harrell Roofing, Inc.  
Mike Shepard Realty  
Morris & Rosen, P.A.  
Morris R. Carter, M.D.  
Mulrennan Groves  
N. E. Where Transport, Inc.  
Nadal And Pelaez, P.A.  
National Society of Sales Train Execs  
Nilsen Glass Company, Inc.  
North Florida Collision & Service  
North Hutchinson Services  
Olives Equipment, Inc.  
Oncology Association, P.A.  
Oviedo VFW Post 10129  
P. M. Lascelle, M.D., P.A.  
Paavola Esko & Veli  
Pac Tech, Inc.  
Palm Springs Mile Associates  
Pennyworth Homes, Inc.  
Perfection Cleaners & Laundry  
Photo Chemical Systems, Inc.  
Pine Trace Corp.  
Pipers Marine  
Plant Ranch Nursery  
Postal Instant Press  
Pre Ac, Inc.  
Prestige Automotive Service  
R & S Trees & Landscaping  
Raul C. Palomino, Jr., P.A.  
Ray Williams Funeral Home  
Ready Bank Fort Walton Beach  
Richard W. Stein  
Richeson & Brown  
Roadrunner Automotive, Inc.  
Ross Homes, Inc.  
Rowe Drilling Company, Inc.  
Rushing Distributing Co.  
S. O. S. Printing  
S. & D. Butler, Inc.  
Safeco Security Co., Inc.  
Salem Texaco  
Salgado Import & Export, Inc.  
Sam's Sod  
Sands Construction Co., Inc.  
Sanford Ace Hardware, Inc.  
Saralake Estate Mobile Home Park  
Sarasota Kennel Club, Inc.  
Screeco, Inc.  
Senick Ice Cream  
Service Supply Systems, Inc.  
Service Transport, Inc.  
Servpro of Osceola County  
Shade N. Shelter Tent  
Shakun R. Singh, M.D.  
Showfolks of Sarasota, Inc.  
Silver Springs T.V.  
Sligh Avenue Laundromat & Cleaning

Smith Unitherm, Inc.  
Snappy Lube, Inc.  
Southeastern Manufacturing Co.  
Southeastern Ag Services  
Southern Wine Spirits of America  
Spruce Creek Developing Co. of Ocala  
St. Cloud Area Chamber of Commerce  
Starrett Corporation  
Strazzulla Brothers Company  
Stuart Auto Body  
Sunco Title Insurance Agency  
Sunlight Citrus Packing, Inc.  
Sunshine Gasoline Distributors  
Sunshine State Garage, Inc.  
Superior Dry Cleaners  
Surfside Aquatics, Inc.  
Tallahassee Communications  
Tallahassee Mack Sales, Inc.  
Tamiama Enterprises, Inc.  
Tampa Spring Company, Inc.  
Ted Tyus Construction Co.  
Three Flags Properties, Inc.  
Touch of Class Massage  
Trademark Nitrogen Corp. Transmission  
Tri City Cycles, Inc.  
Tri County Animal Hospital  
Tru Hone Corporation  
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U. S. Maritime, Inc.  
United of Omaha Life Ins. Co.  
Unocal Corporation  
Vause Mechanical Contracting  
Vitro Services Corporation  
Warren Heim Corp.  
West Imports Ltd., Inc.  
William H. Swain Company  
Williams Construction Co.  
Williams Electric Co., Inc.  
Woodroffe Corp. Architects  
Woodward Clyde Consultants  
Ziad Marjeh, M.D., P.A.



# Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches Honor Roll

## Roster of Lifetime Honorary Members

*Home towns eliminated*

To protect our Lifetime Honorary Members from receiving unwanted solicitations and junk mail, we have discontinued printing their home towns when we print their names.

We decided this was necessary after we learned that certain organizations of questionable legitimacy were adding our Lifetimers to their mailing lists. Obtaining a complete mailing address was relatively easy for them as long as they had the Lifetimers' home towns. Without the home towns, it will be extremely difficult.

We have never permitted other organizations to use our membership lists, and we will continue to do everything possible to protect the privacy of our members.

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 \$1,000 or more to the Youth Ranches. Each Lifetime Honorary Member receives a plaque, a lifetime identification card and a lifetime subscription to *The Sheriff's Star*. Under a new regulation which became effective in 1984, those whose gifts total over \$5,000 will 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.

### Presentations

We regret that photos of Lifetime Honorary Members are not always available when their names appear on the membership roster. Consequently, we often find it necessary to print the names in one issue of *The Sheriff's Star* and the photos in a subsequent issue.

Mr. Nicholas Albritton  
Mrs. Esther R. Aldredge  
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Alesafis  
Miss Marjorie S. Altoonian  
Mr. and Mrs. Louis J. Amatuzzi  
Mr. Robert A. Atterton  
Mr. and Mrs. Frederic M. Ayres  
B & B Properties  
Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Barr  
Ms. Mary Bassolino  
Mrs. Mary M. Bayley  
Mr. Walter F. Blessing, Jr.  
Mr. W. J. Bryan  
Ms. Marilyn Bryson  
Mr. Everett Cantrell  
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cardinale  
Mr. and Mrs. William C. Carr  
Mr. Dan Cheodo  
Mr. and Mrs. Francis A. Chilson  
Dr. and Mrs. Glenn P. Cipullo  
Citrus Abuse Shelter Association  
Clothes Closet  
Mrs. Eleanor M. Clouser  
Mr. Michael Cloyer  
Commander and Mrs. Donald N. Daugherty  
Daytona Budweiser, Inc.  
Mrs. Nina H. Deane  
Mr. Robert A. Deker  
Mr. Patrick Delaney  
Mrs. Robert J. Dixon  
Mr. and Mrs. George Dyhouse  
Mr. Charles Edwards  
Empire Outdoor Advertising  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Ford  
Mr. Robert W. Fuller, Jr.

Mr. Michael C. Furnia  
Mr. Lonnie Gibson  
Mr. Ed Gilhooly  
Mrs. Judith A. Gras  
Mrs. Mildred Harrell  
Mr. Russell L. Harriman  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Haynes  
Mr. Samuel H. Holding, III  
Mr. and Mrs. Roger Holler  
Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Hudson  
Mr. Ted A. Huf  
Mr. and Mrs. Dan R. Iley  
Mr. William E. Johnson  
Mr. Larry Johnston  
Mrs. Philippa S. Jones  
Mr. and Mrs. Evan H. Kindt  
Mr. Ralph W. Kluge  
Mr. Walter B. Krysher  
Ladies Auxiliary of the South Venice Fire Dept.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. Willard Lafferty  
Dr. and Mrs. Leopold B. Leblique  
Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert H. Lindgren  
Mr. and Mrs. William R. Littrell  
Mr. and Mrs. Eric Louttit  
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Luther  
Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Magee  
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Malek  
Marida Ceramics  
Mrs. Annie G. Matsatsos  
Mr. and Mrs. A. S. McCall  
Mr. Sheldon McCartney  
Mr. and Mrs. John M. McCullers  
Mr. John T. McGuire  
Mr. and Mrs. Manuel J. Medeiros  
Mr. and Mrs. Edmund E. Meyer  
Middleton Draperies



SARASOTA — Presented by Sarasota County Sheriff Geoffrey Monge (right) and Youth Ranches Regional Director Bill Aust (left) to Ted P. Wentzel, Sr.

Ms. Pamela A. Miller  
Mrs. Sonja Monsen  
Dr. and Mrs. Douglas R. Murphy  
Mr. and Mrs. Martin E. Oliva  
Palm Beach Lodge No. 19  
Mr. and Mrs. Richard G. Peace  
Mr. Manuel O. Perez  
Mr. and Mrs. Glen S. Peters  
Piezo Technology, Inc.  
Mr. and Mrs. William V. Platt  
Mr. Raymond D. Pollard  
Mr. Frank Poma  
Mrs. Evelyn Quinn  
Mr. Mike Raszka  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ray  
Mrs. Lynn Reiff  
Mr. and Mrs. Russell A. Robertson

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## FLORIDA SHERIFFS YOUTH RANCHES HONOR ROLL continued...

Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence A. Ross  
 Ms. Michele Rutan  
 Mrs. Melba E. Ryan  
 Mr. Salvatore Santoro  
 Mrs. Mary A. Sarres  
 Mr. Mark Schmidt  
 Mrs. Jennie Shapiro  
 Mr. and Mrs. Mack Skipper

Springwood #1 Recreation Club  
 Ms. Michele Stephens  
 Templeton Investment Counsel, Inc.  
 United States Post Office  
 Safety Harbor  
 Mr. and Mrs. Stephen P. Vitiello, Sr.  
 Mr. and Mrs. George C. Wallace  
 Mr. Henry H. Walters

Mrs. Jennie B. Weis  
 Ms. Lorie A. Wentzel  
 Mr. and Mrs. John Whittenhall  
 Miss Dottie M. Williams  
 Mr. and Mrs. John Williams, III  
 Mr. Dan C. Witt  
 Mr. and Mrs. Walter R. Zimmerman



**FORT LAUDERDALE** — Presented by Youth Ranches Regional Director Alison Evans to Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. White.



**INSCHO-KIRLIN**

**FORT LAUDERDALE** — Presented by Broward County Sheriff Nick Navarro (left) to Wayne Perez and President Richard Bement, representing Inscho-Kirlin, Inc.; and to Jim Wetzel, of Pompano Beach.



**WETZEL**



**SPENCE**



**GLOVER**



**ROBERTSON**



**CHAPHE**

**GAINESVILLE** — Presented by Alachua County Sheriff L.J. "Lu" Hindery (center) and Youth Ranches Regional Director Stephen Feldstein (right) to supporters of the Ernest B. Wigglesworth Small Fry Fishing Tournament, an annual event that raises funds for the Youth Ranches. The Lifetime Membership recipients are: George Spence, representing Spence Chemical Supply Co.; Capt. Bill Glover, Florida Game and Freshwater Fish Commission; Robbie Robertson, representing Florida Awards and Trophies; Bob Chaphe, representing Alltell Mobile Communications, Inc.; and Elmer Simrons, representing Buck Bay Marine.



**BUCK BAY MARINE**



**MILTON** — Presented by Santa Rosa County Sheriff E. M. Coffman, Jr., (right) to Dr. H. M. "Max" Meredith.



**GREEN COVE SPRINGS** — Presented by Clay County Sheriff Dalton Bray (left) to Frank Carney, representing Carney & Son Trucking.



**FORT PIERCE** — Presented by St. Lucie County Sheriff Robert C. "Bobby" Knowles (left) to Frederick Brosilow.

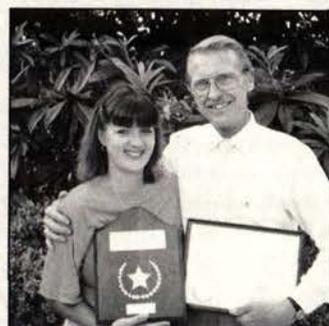
## FLORIDA SHERIFFS YOUTH RANCHES HONOR ROLL continued...



SUN BANK



CHATLOS FOUNDATION



HOWARDS

ORLANDO — Presented by Orange County Sheriff Walt Gallagher (second from right) and Youth Ranches Vice President, Planned Giving, Terry Knox (right) to Sun Bank, represented by Bill Legg and Nick Stonestreet. Memberships were also presented by Vice President Knox to the Chatlos Foundation, represented by President William J. Chatlos and Trustee Carol W. Leongomez, Longwood; and to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Howard, Windermere.



PENNEY FARMS — Presented by Youth Ranches President Harry K. Weaver to Ms. Leanore Allen.



JACKSONVILLE — Presented by Jacksonville Sheriff James E. McMillan (left) to Roscoe F. Barnett.



SHALIMAR — Presented by Okaloosa County Sheriff Larry Gilbert (right) to William Puckett.

## SHERIFFS JOIN WITH ELDERLY IN CRIME PREVENTION EFFORT

By Tom Berlinger  
Director of Operations  
Florida Sheriffs Association

In the latter part of 1988, representatives of the National Sheriffs Association (NSA), the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) and the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) met and established the "TRIAD" concept for crime prevention.

Although adopted nationally, it was envisioned as a project which could be instituted at the local level by each sheriff or police chief, as local needs dictated.

TRIAD involves the joining of forces of the local law enforcement agencies with members of local chapters of AARP within each locality. Through the establishment of S.A.L.T. (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together) Councils, program and policy needs are established which meet the unique needs of that community.

Once local priorities are set, community volunteers are sought, and the process of the two major training components begins: first, to train the local law enforcement officers in the special needs of older persons; and second, to train the elderly in techniques of crime prevention specific to them.



Delegates attending a TRIAD summit meeting in Tallahassee included (from left) John D. Stiles, Capital Task Force, American Association of Retired People; Willis Booth, Executive Director, Florida Police Chiefs Association; Carolyn Henderson Scott, Marion County Sheriff's Office; Lee County Sheriff John McDougall; V. C. Thornton, Director, Seniors vs. Crime Project, Attorney General's Office; Quincy Director of Public Safety Ed Spooner, representing the Florida Police Chiefs Association; Orange County Sheriff Walt Gallagher; and Florida Sheriffs Association Executive Director J. M. "Buddy" Phillips, Jr.

Orange County Sheriff Walt Gallagher initiated the first TRIAD Program in the Orlando area early in 1990, and the

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# FLORIDA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION HONOR ROLL

**T**his Honor Roll gives special recognition to individuals who have demonstrated a strong commitment to progressive law enforcement. Distinguished Service Certificates are awarded to those who have supported the Sheriffs Association as Honorary Members for 25 or 30 years. Lifetime Honorary Memberships are awarded to veteran law enforcement officers whose careers have spanned 40 years or more; and to supporters whose donations to the Florida Sheriffs Association total \$1,000 or more.



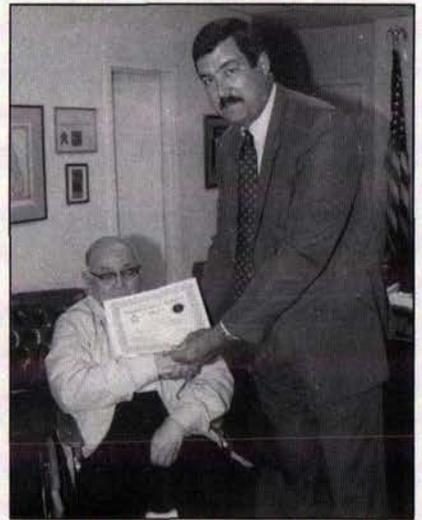
**SHALIMAR** — Okaloosa County Sheriff Larry Gilbert presents a 30-year Distinguished Service Certificate to Ms. G. Shirley Smith.



**PANAMA CITY** — Bay County Sheriff Guy Tunnell presents a Lifetime Honorary Membership to Mr. and Mrs. O. L. McArthur; and Distinguished Service Certificates to Mrs. J. E. Helmke (25 years), and James Smith (30 years).



**MRS. HELMKE**



**SMITH**

**McARTHURS**



**LEE**



**BAILEY**

**SEBRING** — Highlands County Sheriff Howard Godwin (right) presents Distinguished Service Certificates to W. G. Lee (30 years); and Pauline H. Bailey (25 years).



**GREEN COVE SPRINGS** — Clay County Sheriff Dalton Bray (left) presents a 25-year Distinguished Service Certificate to Douglas C. McKee.

fruits of his effort began to show almost immediately.

Sheriff Gallagher reported that the program was extremely well received by his community, and, as a result Florida's Sheriffs passed a resolution last July at their annual conference fully supporting and endorsing the TRIAD concept throughout Florida.

Some of the more rural counties of our state do not have local chapters of AARP, so that factor hampers the process there. But, sheriffs from across the state have since begun the planning process of establishing TRIAD in their communities, and they look forward to the day when they, too, can join with

the elderly residents of their county and work towards solutions to their unique problems.

At a meeting held at Florida Sheriffs Association Headquarters in Tallahassee recently, Sheriffs held a "summit meeting" with representatives of the Florida Police Chiefs Association and AARP to cement their effort. Vern Thornton representing the Florida Attorney General's Office, summed up his reaction by saying: "Florida has an extremely high number of retirees who could benefit from TRIAD . . . and we're hoping to have it operational in as many counties as possible throughout the coming year."



*Lt. Wayne Robinson with a Lee County Sheriff's Office patrol car.*

## Florida patrol car was runner-up in international "beauty contest"

FORT MYERS — In a unique patrol car "beauty contest" that drew over 550 entries from the U.S. and foreign countries, a sleek, colorful contender from the Lee County Sheriff's Office captured second place in the Sheriffs' Division.

Sponsored by *Law and Order* magazine, the contest was billed as the 1990 International Police Vehicle Design Competition, and it featured a colorful array dominated by blue and white color combinations. The white car with green, silver and blue markings entered by Lee County Sheriff John McDougall offered a unique color combination as well as an unusual star logo and slogan behind each rear door.

McDougall said the star logo with silhouettes of a boy and girl was inspired by the official emblem of the Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranches, and he added the slogan, "We serve because we care," as an appropriate summation of his agency's aspirations.

In the Sheriffs' Division of the design competition (which included county police) the Jefferson County, Kentucky, Police entry took first place; and a car entered by the Iberia Parish, Louisiana, Sheriff captured third place.



*Sheriff John McDougall with the "We serve because we care" logo that is a unique feature of his patrol cars.*