Deputy of the Year Jimmie C. Watson (right) was described as "the kind of deputy who can oversee a Scout troop one minute, and lead the charge to make a high risk felony arrest the next, and do a great job at both." (see page 4)
Ten who believe in getting involved

ST. AUGUSTINE — Ten individuals who have given outstanding assistance to the St. Johns County Sheriff’s Office and the Florida Sheriffs Association received Distinguished Service Awards from Sheriff Neil J. Perry. He praised them for the following incidents and activities:

LT. JOHN BOWDEN, from the County Fire Service, helped deputies to administer CPR that saved the life of a cardiac arrest victim.

ED CORWIN called the Sheriff’s Office to report a man’s suspicious actions, and this led to the arrest of a fugitive wanted in three Florida counties.

MS. JANET HARBIN called the Sheriff’s Office to report a reckless driver, then followed the suspect until deputies arrived and began a high-speed chase that ended when the suspect lost control of his car.

WOODARD HUCKS has supported professional law enforcement for 25 years as an honorary member of the Florida Sheriffs Association.

COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT OTIS MASON (represented by Jim Welu) was recognized for giving outstanding support to the Sheriff’s School Resource Officer Project.

CLYDE MOORE was responsible for the arrest of two car thieves after he gave the Sheriff’s Office an accurate description of a car he thought was stolen.

Sgt. AND Mrs. WAYNE TANNER were recognized for their diligence and perseverance as advisors for Explorer Post 911.

MS. CAROL NEWMANS was recognized for assisting the Sheriff’s training staff in preparing for on-site accreditation assessors.

STATE PARK RANGERS D. J. CAMPBELL AND LEONARD FULLER provided information that led to the capture of a sexual assault suspect who had been sought for two years in the North Beaches area.
Sheriff has learned "one great truth"

TAMPA — "I have learned one great truth during my 42 years of law enforcement," said Hillsborough County Sheriff Walter C. Heinrich. "Law enforcement professionals cannot function effectively without the active cooperation of the citizens they serve."

These remarks were made at the grand opening of a Sheriff's Office substation at Progress Village, and they helped to emphasize the primary function of the new facility: namely to make law enforcement services more accessible to the community.

"Bringing law enforcement closer to the community offers a greater chance for interaction, and improves our ability to function effectively," Heinrich added.

The Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office is currently operating five substations which are staffed weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Among the services provided are: report taking for misdemeanor crimes; fingerprinting (no charge); information and referral; crime prevention information; and victim advocate meetings with crime victims.

Deputies and detectives operating in the Progress Village zone also use the facility when they write reports or interview witnesses and suspects.

The Progress Village Civic Association is providing rent-free space for the substation, but the Sheriff's Office was responsible for renovations.

Involved in grand opening ceremonies at the new substation were (from left) Col. Cal Henderson from the Sheriff's Office; Community Service Officer Jaqueline Johnson; The Rev. James Sykes and Mrs. Dora Kellum, Progress Village Community leaders; and Sheriff Heinrich.

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Old Timer Bill Eddy "still ticking"

ST. AUGUSTINE — St. Johns County Sheriff Nell Perry (right) congratulates Deputy William V. Eddy, veteran lawman, for receiving a "You're still ticking" award in statewide competition sponsored by the Florida Department of Elder Affairs to choose the outstanding older American worker. Deputy Eddy was a semi-finalist.

Earth Day was Clean-up Day

KEY WEST — A group of deputies from the Monroe County Sheriff's Office cleaned up 150 pounds of trash on Rodriguez Key, and disposed of an abandoned boat hull as their way of celebrating Earth Day. Three members of the clean-up crew, Lt. Bill Moran, David Carpenter and Larry Kelly are pictured removing the boat hull from the mangroves. Collected trash removed from the mangroves included plastic debris, bottles, cans and monofilament fishing line. Environmental Deputy Bob Delaney was investigating ownership of the boat, and charges of illegal dumping were pend-
By Tom Berlinger  
Director of Operations  
Florida Sheriffs Association

FORT MYERS - During the 79th Annual Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association, July 19-22, Orange County Sheriff’s Lt. Jimmie C. Watson was honored as the 1992 FSA Deputy Sheriff of the Year. As the statewide winner, he received a handsome plaque, and a check for $1,000.

Although the award recognizes overall exemplary service, Watson was chosen primarily because of the accomplishments made by the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) team he works with and oversees.

The COPS team was assigned to South Apopka, an area nearly taken over by drug dealers and other members of the criminal element, and the results have been nothing short of amazing!

The team's first mission was to identify by name, nickname and photo all of the habitual offenders and career criminals living in the neighborhood, so that they could be spotted immediately.

The next objective was to gain support of the local residents, most of whom had been spending days and nights in fear for their lives. "We were such a welcome sight that gaining their support was easy once they gained confidence in our mission," said Watson.

That accomplished, the team started organizing activities for the kids in the neighborhood, including large dances, a Boy Scout troop, a playground, and a Police Athletic League.

While putting together these community-based programs, the COPS team also focused on "taking the bad guys off the street," and they did so in royal fashion, by making 835 arrests during 1991 alone.

Sheriff Walt Gallagher praised Watson’s ability to get involved in his work and lead his troops by example. "He gives 100% to every assignment," Gallagher said proudly. "He’s the kind of deputy who can oversee a Scout troop one minute, and lead the charge to make high risk, felony arrests the next, and do a great job at both."

Watson is a member of Orange County’s elite SWAT Team, a certified police instructor; and a specialist instructor in CPR, defensive tactics and firearms training. He is also trained in forensic hypnosis, a rarity among his peers.

For the past 26 years he has served in the U.S. Naval Reserve, including a stint in the Persian Gulf during Operation Desert Storm.
Timothy Glover and Richard Goff Deputy of the Year co-finalists

In addition to naming the Deputy Sheriff of the Year, the Sheriffs Association awards plaques to two co-finalists. They are Deputy Sheriff Timothy Glover of Polk County, and Cpl. Richard M. Goff of Charlotte County.

Glover was named a finalist for an act of heroism which could have easily cost him his life. It occurred on the night of February 15, 1991, when he and Sgt. Gary Shiver were searching the frigid waters of Lake Kissimmee for an overdue boat during a storm. Without warning, their search boat capsized.

An hour later, a second rescue crew found them clinging to their overturned boat, with Sgt. Shiver nearly unconscious from hypothermia. It became obvious that Shiver’s condition was reaching critical stages, but the size of the rescue boat made it questionable as to whether both men could be rescued at once.

Without hesitation, Deputy Timothy Glover told his rescuers to take Shiver to shore for medical treatment and come back when they could to rescue him. Some time later, the rescue team was again able to locate Glover still clinging to the boat. Both men were subsequently treated and released from local medical centers.

Ironically, the original overdue boat had in fact moored at another site due to the inclement weather, and the occupants were safe.

Klassic Kleenex Kase

Cpl. Richard Goff, was honored for his ingenuity in catching major drug traffickers operating near the southwest Florida community of Englewood.

Tipped off that cocaine dealers were using an Englewood residence as their base of operations, Goff figured a way to make a case. On garbage collection days, he would set his clock to go off in the middle of the night. He’d get up, drive to the suspect’s home, dump their curbside garbage into the bed of his pickup truck, then meticulously search the garbage for a shred of evidence.
FORT MYERS — One approach to winning the war on crime is to attack the “roots” with anti-poverty programs. Another is to put criminals out of business with tough law enforcement. But, neither approach will do the job alone. Both are necessary.

That’s the message U. S. Attorney General William Barr brought to the 79th Annual Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association on July 20.

“It was once considered an axiom that poverty causes crime,” Barr told a luncheon audience of Sheriffs and guests, “but I think today it is also clear that crime is causing poverty.

“Businessmen are being driven from crime-ridden neighborhoods, taking jobs and opportunities with them,” he said. “The fact is that no urban development program can arrest the decline of our inner cities, and no anti-poverty program can take hold, unless they are combined with tough law enforcement measures to reduce crime.

“We have to take aggressive steps to suppress the criminals of today who are wreaking havoc in our communities. At the same time we do need programs to prevent the youths of today from becoming the hardened criminals of tomorrow.

“However, too many advocates of attacking root causes have failed to appreciate the need for vigorous law enforcement. They tend to dismiss reliance on police and prosecutors and prisons, and all too frequently they present their programs as an alternative, or a substitute, for tough law enforcement.

“They say things like, ‘Let’s not spend more money on police and prisons and jails. Let’s spend more money on schools and housing.’

“I believe that social programs cannot substitute for law enforcement, and these days, if anything, the need for vigorous law enforcement is paramount.

“Efforts to revitalize our communities are being strangled by crime. I think it’s increasingly clear that the suppression of crime is an absolute prerequisite for social programs to be successful.

“What good is it to build a model school in the inner city just to see it overrun by gangs? What good is it to spend all of the money we have spent on public housing only to see that housing being taken over and used as ‘crack houses’?

“On the social side of things,” said Barr, “we have to be a lot smarter about the way we are spending our money, and the kinds of programs we are pursuing.”

Turning then to the “law enforcement side,” Barr declared that attention must be focused on the problem of the chronic violent offender.

“Study after study has shown that there is a tiny fraction of the population who are incorrigible, habitual violent offenders,” he continued.

Then he cited a 1980 study of just 240 criminals who had been responsible for 500,000 crimes — an average of 190 per criminal per year — over a period of 11 years.

“Other studies show the same results,” said Barr, “and we know the profile of these offenders. They start committing crimes as juveniles, and they go right on committing crimes as adults. Whenever they are let out of custody, whether it be on bail or parole or probation, they are almost certain to commit new crimes.”

Introducing “a friend”

FORT MYERS — When U.S. Senator Bob Graham introduced U.S. Attorney General William Barr as the keynote speaker at the 79th Annual Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association on July 20, he told the audience of Sheriffs and guests: “We have a friend in the Attorney General — someone who has been responsible to the issues of law enforcement.”
At the 79th Annual Conference

Criminal justice practitioners led conference podium parade

FORT MYERS — The lineup of business session speakers during the 79th Annual Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association, July 20 and 21, included Curtiss Earp, Director, Division of Law Enforcement, Department of Natural Resources; Harry Singletary, Secretary, Department of Corrections; Fred Dickinson, Executive Director, Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles; and National Sheriffs Association President Frank Policaro, Jr., Sheriff of Beaver County, PA. The NSA President is shown receiving a souvenir belt buckle from Florida Sheriffs Association President Jerry Whitehead (left). (Director Earp was formerly Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Public Safety.)

Looking for consensus

FORT MYERS — Addressing a business session at the 79th Annual Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association on July 21, Governor Lawton Chiles expressed his desire to get together with Sheriffs for a discussion of law enforcement issues. “If we can agree about what specific programs we can be for,” he said, “then I think we have the ability to say to legislators [who are candidates in upcoming elections], we want to know where you stand.”

Conference host applauded

FORT MYERS — There was a message in the enthusiastic applause Lee County Sheriff John McDougall received after he addressed a banquet audience at the 79th Annual Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association. Sheriffs and guests were telling him that he “really done good” as host of a highly successful four-day meeting.

New president — old tradition

FORT MYERS — When St. Lucie County Sheriff Robert C. “Bobby” Knowles was inaugurated as the new president of the Florida Sheriffs Association on July 21, one of his first duties was to carry out the old tradition of presenting plaques to the outgoing leaders. He is shown honoring his predecessor, Immediate Past President Jerry Whitehead, Sheriff of Union County; and Immediate Past Chairman of the Board Charlie Wells, Sheriff of Manatee County.
Crack Cocaine Task Force logs 32,122 drug arrests

On a certain day in June, somewhere in Florida, someone was arrested for trafficking in "crack cocaine."

The exact date doesn’t matter. The exact place isn’t important. The name of the "crack" entrepreneur is buried somewhere in Florida’s crime files, but who cares? The name wouldn’t add anything to this article.

The important thing is that this was arrest number 32,122 credited to the Florida Sheriffs Association’s Statewide Crack Cocaine Task Force as the result of 12 statewide “crack attacks” involving local, state and federal law enforcement.

Maybe the war on drugs hasn’t been won yet, but the drug trade has been hurt mighty bad. Look at these figures which were reported July 20 at the 79th Annual Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association by Broward County Sheriff Nick Navarro, Chairman of the Task Force:

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Drugs seized, same period

| Cocaine rocks ...................................... 169,612 |
| Cocaine HCL/lbs .................................. 1,877 |
| Cannabis/lbs ...................................... 6,493 |
| Amphetamine pills ................................ 1,156 |
| Dilaudid pills ..................................... 1,290 |
| LSD/hits ........................................... 11,412 |
| Other pills ........................................ 5,311 |
| Steroid pills ...................................... 1,364 |

So much for the status quo, but the “heat goes on,” and there are no signs of a let-up. Two statewide “crack attacks” were held in the first half of 1992, and 143 law enforcement officers participated in five training seminars related to crack cocaine. Navarro said additional statewide crack attacks are being planned for 1992, and one of them is likely to be expanded into a multi-state operation involving neighboring states that have expressed a desire to participate.

A previous tri-state “crack attack” in February, 1991, netted 13,593 arrests and confiscation of large amounts of illegal drugs, as well as 649 vehicles and 1,003 firearms, including eight machine guns. Involved in this successful sweep were Florida, Georgia and South Carolina.

Sharing the Lemon Shark "bite"

FORT MYERS — The financial resources of two Tampa Bay Sheriffs’ Offices were improved substantially when Special Agent in Charge Bonni G. Tischler, from the U.S. Customs Office of Enforcement, Tampa, presented checks totaling over $55,000 to Pinellas County Sheriff Everett Rice (left) and Hillsborough County Sheriff Walter C. Heinrich. The checks represented the Sheriffs’ share of proceeds from "Operation Lemon Shark," a drug interdiction case. They were presented during the 79th Annual Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association, July 21.
The Sheriffs pictured here were installed as officers at the 79th Annual Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association in Ft. Myers, July 19-22. They will serve until the next Sheriffs Association election in July, 1993.

Robert C. "Bobby" Knowles
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Sheriffs increase outreach to needy and worthy youths

When the Florida Sheriffs Association recently created a new college scholarship program, the first $1,000 grant went to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches.

Sheriffs Association Executive Director J. M. "Buddy" Phillips, Jr., said five $1,000 grants will be awarded each year, with one going to the Youth Ranches; one to a member of a Sheriff's Explorer Post; and three to assist dependents of Sheriff's Office employees in pursuing law enforcement careers.

Sheriffs find "Cop Killer" offensive, vile, repugnant . . .

FORT MYERS — Sheriffs attending the 79th Annual Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association July 21 added their sentiments to nationwide protests against rapper Ice-T's recording of "Cop Killer" by passing a strongly-worded resolution.

Calling the lyrics of the song "offensive, vile, repugnant and totally lacking in any redeeming social value," the resolution urged Time-Warner, Inc., producer of the recording, to discontinue producing and promoting it.

Following a clause recognizing, accepting and encouraging the right of free speech, the resolution stated that since the focus of the recording "glorifies and encourages through specific lyrics the murder of law enforcement officers; and since the youth of America are easily influenced toward certain codes of conduct, both good and bad, through wide distribution of the entertainment industry's products," Time-Warner should discontinue production and promotion of the recording.

Doing this "in the interest of America's youth and law enforcement officers," would show the executives of Time-Warner and subsidiaries to be good corporate citizens displaying social responsibility and common sense, the resolution concluded.

Retired Sheriff Ed Duff dies at 81

DAYTONA BEACH — Edwin H. Duff II, who served as Sheriff of Volusia County from 1968 to 1988, died June 25 after a long illness. He was 81.

Born in the Bronx, March 14, 1911, he attended George Washington University for prelaw, and received an LLB Degree from Columbus University in 1940.

His career included 27 years with the FBI and that agency rated him as an outstanding criminal investigator. He was the Senior Resident Agent for the FBI in Daytona Beach from April, 1947, until he retired in December, 1967. He also served as an FBI instructor specializing in judo and defensive tactics for 20 years.

Elected Sheriff in 1968, and reelected four times, he served on the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Board of Trustees and the Florida Sheriffs Association's Board of Directors. He was elected secretary of the Sheriffs Association in 1977 and 1978.

When he became Sheriff of Volusia County he had a staff of 20 deputies. When he retired 20 years later there were 300 deputies under his command.

He is credited with establishing progressive units within the Sheriff's Office, including an aviation division, a SWAT Team, and a K-9 squad.
Casual drug use down, but the war’s not over

By Tom Berlinger
Director of Operations
Florida Sheriffs Association

FORT MYERS — Over 200 participants from around the state and nation met here July 22-24 for the 4th Annual Southwest Florida Law Enforcement Summit. Co-sponsors of the event were Lee County Sheriff John McDougall and Robert Genzman, United States Attorney for the central district of Florida.

“This year’s theme focused on the need to bridge the gap in understanding between law enforcement agencies and drug abuse service providers,” said Sheriff McDougall.

Highlight of the Summit was the keynote speech by former Florida Governor Bob Martinez, now widely known as the United States Drug “Czar” in his position as head of the federal Office of National Drug Control Policy in Washington.

Martinez said he was thrilled to report that statistics show casual and adolescent drug use has taken a downturn, but he was quick to acknowledge that the war on drugs was far from over.

“The ultimate victory is when people don’t use drugs at all,” he noted.

Sheriff McDougall agreed with Martinez’ assessment. “We have to broaden our field of vision,” said the Sheriff. “Law enforcement can no longer limit themselves to putting drug offenders in jail . . . we must explore the basic reasons why people involve themselves in drugs to start with, and work to resolve those causative factors.”

A gift from the Kiwanis Club

BROOKSVILLE — Ted Smith (left), representing the Brooksville Kiwanis Club, presents a plaque to the Hernando County Sheriff’s Office upon which “Deputy of the Quarter” award winners will be permanently displayed. It was accepted by Sheriff Tom Mylander (right) and Deputy R. Libengood, who was one of the first award winners to have his name inscribed on the plaque.
**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.

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**New Lifetime Honorary Members**

- Ms. Lela Abbott
- Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Adler
- American Legion
- Kirby Stewart Post #24 Cabane 80/8
- American Legion
- Kirby Stewart Auxiliary #24
- Dr. and Mrs. Martin E. Amundson
- Dr. Tom R. Anderson
- Mrs. Vae Armin
- Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Becker
- Beville Citrus Harvesting
- Bill Shirley Land Development, Inc.
- Mr. and Mrs. Arnold W. Blackshaw
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- Mr. and Mrs. Ernest M. Brown
- Mrs. Wilbur Cannon
- Mr. William Casey
- Mr. and Mrs. Sam Clarke
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- Mrs. Fred O. Conrad
- Contemporary Consignments
- Mrs. Naomi Elizabeth Copland
- Mr. and Mrs. Henry F. Corbett
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- Mr. and Mrs. Ed Dick
- Dick, Johnson and Jefferson, Inc.
- Insurance
- Dr. and Mrs. Robert Dott
- Mr. and Mrs. Ken Duff
- Reverend and Mrs. Malcolm A. Durran

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**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.

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Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches Honor Roll continued...

Mr. John Kappler  
Mr. Marty Katz  
Mr. Lewis G. Kearnis  
Dr. and Mrs. Robert E. King  
Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. King  
Kiwanis Club of Dunedin  
Kiwanis Club of Gulf Coast  
Kiwanis Club of Safety Harbor  
Lake City Classic Association, Inc.  
Mrs. G. F. Lampkin  
Mr. Steve B. Lee  
Longboat Island Chapel Women's Auxiliary  
Manatee County 4-H Exchange Club  
Dr. and Mrs. James L. Marsten  
Mr. and Mrs. Michael B. Mayer  
Ms. Rosebud C. McCarthy  
Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Moody  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Mount III  
Mr. and Mrs. Herman A. Nater  
Nations Bank  
Dr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Newhall  
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Nolan  
Dr. John F. Norman  
Okaloosa County Sheriff's Posse  
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur N. Osborn  
Ms. Bonnie Pernsteiner  
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Petry  
Philip Morris Companies Inc.  
Mr. and Mrs. Archibald W. Pickering  
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Pike  
Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Potter  
Mr. and Mrs. Ed H. Price, Jr.  
Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Priest  
Rotary Club of West Bradenton  
Sarasota Jaycees  
Mr. and Mrs. William J. Schimpf  
Sears Roebuck & Company  
William G. Selby and Marie Selby Foundation  
Mrs. Agnes W. Sendece  
Service Club of Manatee County  
Sherman Lehman Brothers  
Ms. Jan Silverstein  
Sittin' Pretty  
Mr. and Mrs. Lance Smith  
Ms. Sally Sokoloff  
Mrs. Dorothy L. Somerville

SARASOTA — Presented by Sarasota County Sheriff Geoff Monge (left) to George D. Chaddock.

DUNELLON — Presented by Marion County Sheriff Don Moreland (left) to Anthony Boemi.

WHITE SPRINGS — Presented by Youth Ranches Vice President for Planned Giving Linda Crews to Fred Morrison, President, Morrison's Farm and Nursery.

BRADENTON — Presented by Youth Ranches President Harry K. Weaver (right) and Youth Ranches Regional Director Bill Aust to Mrs. Catherine B. Moon.

FORT MYERS — Presented by Youth Ranches Regional Director Bill Aust (right) to C. Stanley Johnson.

DEVINS

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STUART — Following a successful golf tournament that raised $2,500 for the Youth Ranches under the sponsorship of the Independent Insurance Agents of Martin County, Inc., one Lifetime Honorary Membership was presented to the organization and accepted by President John Devines. Another was presented to Clark Weimer, tournament chairman. The presentations were by Youth Ranches Vice President for Planned Giving Bob Haag (left) and Youth Ranches Regional Director Alison Evans.

MRS. STELTZ

RUSSELL

GOUVIERS

ERICSON

STUART — Presented by Youth Ranches Vice President for Planned Giving Bob Haag to Mrs. Nancy Steltz, Mr. Robert F. Russell, Mr. and Mrs. John Gouvier, all of Stuart; and to Mr. and Mrs. John Ericson, of Palm City (accepted by Mr. Ericson).
Summer camp “rescued” by generous honorary members

“The Youth Ranches summer camping program is in trouble.”

That is the message the Florida Sheriffs Association sent to its honorary members in an appeal for funds signed by Executive Director Buddy Phillips.

“The recession has taken its toll on the Youth Ranches just as it has on our individual households,” Phillips explained, “and the summer camp may not be in full operation this summer.”

When the letters went into the mail on May 22, hundreds of disadvantaged youngsters were looking forward to the camp as the only bright spot in an otherwise long, hot and depressing summer. For many, the alternative was to roam around their crime-ridden neighborhoods looking for a dangerous “fun time.”

Fortunately the bad news about cutting back on the camp sessions never reached these eager kids because honorary members of the Sheriffs Association responded to Phillips’ appeal with typical generosity. Over 4,300 of them contributed $157,270 which was sufficient to keep the camp operating at full capacity.

As a result almost 500 boys and girls had “a summer to remember” at the Youth Camp near Bradville. They swam, canoed, rode horses, discovered the ancient art of archery, learned arts and crafts skills, and participated in campfire sing-a-longs.

Having fun with deputy sheriffs and police officers who volunteered as camp counselors also taught them that “law enforcement officers are your friends” — a lesson designed to counteract the bad influences in crime-ridden neighborhoods.

“I am sincerely grateful for the generous donations received from our honorary members,” said Phillips. “We are richly blessed with supporters who really care about the needs of troubled, neglected and unsupervised boys and girls.”
FLORIDA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION
HONOR ROLL

This 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.

BUNNELL — Flagler County Sheriff Robert E. McCarthy (left) presents a Lifetime Honorary Membership to Deputy John Dixon who is still employed full-time at 74. Dixon’s 44-year law enforcement career has included 21 years as a New York City policeman, 17 years in several south Florida law enforcement agencies, and six years with the Flagler County Sheriff’s Office. “As long as I am healthy and feel good, I want to keep working,” he said recently. “Retirement bores me.”

PENSACOLA — Escambia County Sheriff Charlie Johnson recently presented Lifetime Honorary Memberships to two of his employees whose combined careers total 87 years. He said Frances Little, Administrative Secretary for the Investigations Department, has 40 years of service; and Leona Loethe, a Junior Accountant, has been involved with department finances for virtually all of her 47-year career.

BRADENTON — Manatee County Sheriff Charlie Wells (right) presents a 25-Year Distinguished Service Award to Mr. and Mrs. Irving D. Chaney.

Glades County Sheriff Charles “Chuck” Schramm presents a 30-year Distinguished Service Certificate to Tom Gaskins (wearing shorts) in front of Mr. Gaskins’ famous Cypress Knee Museum. At right, Sheriff Schramm is shown presenting a 25-year certificate to George Steele.
KISSIMMEE — Driving along a boulevard in the early morning before dawn, Charles Harned noticed a lighted area in the woods nearby. Closer examination revealed that the light was coming from an automobile that was totally engulfed in flames.

As he approached, Harned discovered that someone was still inside the flaming car, and he rescued the driver at great risk to his personal safety.

Later Harned became the first person to receive a Civilian Medal of Valor from the Osceola County Sheriff’s Office. When the medal was presented, Sheriff Jon Lane noted that Harned had acted out of his willingness to assist another human in need, and with no thought of reward or recognition.

“Charles Harned cannot be applauded enough for his unselfish action,” Lane added.