

the Sheriff's Star



A “ High Five ” for Fels shows how Sheriff Jim Lowman feels about his K9 unit.

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Governor Lawton Chiles (left) presents a resolution to Capt. Frank McKeithen naming the Bay County deputy sheriff Florida's Law Enforcement Officer of the Year. Cabinet members flanking the Governor are (from left) Commissioner of Agriculture Bob Crawford, Comptroller Gerald Lewis, Secretary of State Jim Smith, Attorney General Bob Butterworth, State Treasurer Tom Gallagher and Commissioner of Education Betty Castor. Participating in the presentation with Capt. McKeithen were (from left) Ted Duncan, Executive Director of the Florida Crime Commission; the honoree's wife, Diane; Alamo President Charles Platt; Bay County Sheriff Guy Tunnell; Debbie Ebner, Alamo, Tallahassee; and Norman Tripp, of Tripp, Scott and Conklin.

Innovative crime solver chosen as Florida's "Officer of the Year"

PANAMA CITY — Capt. Frank McKeithen's best crime fighting weapon may be his imagination.

His creative talents paid off for him recently when he was honored by Gov. Lawton Chiles and the Florida Cabinet as Florida's Law Enforcement Officer of the Year.

After the award presentation, the following arrest was described as a typical example of his innovative methods:

Convicted murderer Kerry White was believed to be living and working in the Bay County area while hiding out from the Ohio police. McKeithen, who heads up the Criminal Investigation Division of the Bay County Sheriff's Office, was eager to find and arrest him.

Knowing that White would probably use a certain road going to and from work, McKeithen proposed stag-

ing a fake accident on the road by placing a "wrecked" car in the ditch. Numerous officers were brought to the scene to pretend that they were working the accident. Only one lane of the road was open, and traffic was slowed to a crawl.

McKeithen studied the suspect's picture carefully, then began directing traffic. When White drove by slowly, the deputy reached in the car and grabbed him.

"He was totally, totally shocked," McKeithen recalled. "It impressed him and he knew he was had." Bay County Sheriff Guy Tunnell was also impressed with this and other McKeithen accomplishments. After the award ceremony he described McKeithen as "one of the most innovative and effective people in law enforcement . . . reputation he has earned over the last 20 years."

Another arrest that enhanced the award winner's

reputation was described as follows:

A would-be robber was shot in the neck during a store robbery and fled the store bleeding profusely. His body was later found in the woods where it had apparently been dumped by his partner.

When investigators arrived at the store they found pools of blood and a dog sniffing around them. At first they shooed the dog away, but McKeithen brought it back and checked the identification tag on its collar.

Discovering that the tag had a telephone number for Blountstown, a community quite a distance from the crime scene, McKeithen contacted the dog's owner and learned that the pet had last been seen with two men who had been camping near the owner's home.

Armed with this information, the investigators soon had the surviving suspect in custody. Although he has

solved a record number of murders, McKeithen's accomplishments have not been limited to investigative work. He has also been praised for forming street-level reverse stings to round up drug dealers, and he has been given credit for organizing the Sheriff's Street Crime Unit.

The Officer of the Year award was created by the Florida Crime Commission in 1978, and Alamo Rent-A-Car, Inc., is the corporate sponsor.

McKeithen received a \$5,000 check from Alamo, and a nickel-plated automatic commemorative firearm from Smith and Wesson. Sheriff Tunnell said winning the award is likely to drive McKeithen to work harder than ever. "It's going to light a fire under some people," he added, "because Frank has always asked his deputies to work as hard as he does."

— From *The News Herald*, Panama City

Hernando County Junior Deputy League update

BROOKSVILLE —
Recent activities of
the Hernando County
Junior Deputy League

included establishing
a \$10,000 scholarship at Pasco-Hernando Community College, and
awarding prizes to essay contest winners. The first \$2,000 install-
ment for the scholarship was accepted by Community College Presi-
dent Milton O. Jones (left) from Lucille Chrisafulle, Junior Deputy
Board Member; and Sheriff Thomas A. Mylander.

The fifth grade essay contest winners pictured with Sheriff Mylander



Scholarship presentation



Essay Contest winners

(right) and Deputy James T. Powers, Jr., are Christopher Kies,
Michelle Hester, John Hjort, Jeannine Davis and Chris Caraynoff.

Volunteers relieve deputies of routine duties

BRONSON — Levy County Sheriff Ted Glass has started a VOICE program that will allow private citizens to assist his deputies in peacekeeping activities. (VOICE is an acronym that stands for Volunteer Observers Impacting Community Efforts.)

Volunteers who sign up for VOICE will constitute a sworn adjunct of the Sheriff's Office, and will be subject to all of its rules and regulations. Following completion of at least 40 hours of training

in law enforcement basics, VOICE members will be qualified to patrol neighborhoods, as well as respond to petty theft, vandalism and abandoned vehicle reports. They will also assist full-time deputies in traffic and crowd control, making house security checks, and maintaining security at crime scenes.

VOICE members will have no arrest authority, and will not be permitted to carry weapons, or issue citations and parking tickets.

Sheriff Glass said VOICE originated in the Lee County Sheriff's Office and has been effective in relieving full-time deputies of routine duties.

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Semper Fidelis — Always Faithful

Part I in a Series

This is the first in a series of articles about K9 units organized by Florida's Sheriffs. Semper Fidelis, the motto of the U.S. Marine Corps, was chosen as an ongoing title for the series because this phrase seems to exemplify the commitment and loyalty demonstrated by K9s and their handlers. Future articles will show how the use of dogs in law enforcement has increased and expanded over the years to make K9s an indispensable factor in modern crime fighting.



Sheriff Jim Lowman is sold on the value of his K9 unit

PENSACOLA — When Escambia County Sheriff Jim Lowman recently had his picture taken giving a “high five” to K9 Fels (see cover photo), it was symbolic of the way he feels about his K9 unit.

“There’s no substitute for K9s,” he told *The Sheriff’s Star*. “They are very valuable in tracking and vehicle searches, and they have the ability to find things that humans would overlook.”

Two of Lowman’s K9s are retiring, but he plans to replace them as soon as possible so that the unit can be kept up to its full strength of 13 or 14 dog and handler teams. He said he wants to be certain that K9s and handlers are available for every shift.

“If I reduced the number of K9s,” he added, “I would reduce my law enforcement capability.”

Lowman said he is fortunate to have Cpl. Susan Rogers in charge of training and coordinating the K9 unit. “She’s very good as a K9 trainer, and she also trains horses,” he explained.

After working as a licensed practical nurse in a hospital emergency room, and serving as a paramedic, Cpl. Rogers began her law enforcement career as a correctional officer. She became a K9 handler in 1982.

“Bodie,” a drug dog, was her first K9 teammate, and she recalls with pride that he made 98 drug finds before he retired in 1990. Thirty K9s have served the Sheriff’s Office since 1983, with retirements causing numerous turnovers.

There are 11 dog and handler teams in the Escam-



COVER PHOTO — Fels is a relative newcomer to the Escambia County Sheriff’s Office K9 unit, but he has already learned a new trick. His handler, Cpl. Susan Rogers, taught him to wave, but when he performed the trick for Escambia County Sheriff Jim Lowman, it looked more like the “high five” that sports celebrities give to each other.

bia County Sheriff’s Office unit at the present time, and they maintain a high performance level by participating in weekly training sessions. Patrol dogs get four hours of training per week. Narcotics dogs get three hours.

Dogs and handlers must pass certification tests before they can go on active duty, and they have to be recertified annually in order to qualify for liability insurance.

While on duty the K9s use their keen sense of smell to find hidden illegal drugs — also to search for fugitives, criminal suspects, and lost or missing persons. Their super noses can detect explosives, arson case accelerants, cadavers, weapons, stolen property,



Sheriff Jim Lowman with six of his eleven K9 teams. The handlers and dogs are (from left) Tim Taylor and Ike; Ken Simmons and Bary; Susan Rogers and Fels; (Sheriff Lowman) Mark Wass and Natt; Pam Patterson and Elran; Pat Spear and Zach.



Melissa Aiken and "Watz" demonstrate that K9s can be gentle and friendly.



and crime scene evidence.

Asked to recall her worst experience as a K9 handler, Cpl. Rogers said it was when her second team-mate "Yalk," a patrol dog, got sick and died on Christmas day, in 1992. Now she has Fels, whose "high five" trick earned him a place of honor on this month's *Sheriff's Star* cover.

She said her best experiences have been finding criminal suspects and illegal drugs.

The Working Dog



*My eyes are your eyes
To watch and protect you and yours*

*My ears are your ears
To hear and detect evil minds in the dark*

*My nose is your nose
To scent the invader of your domain*

*And so you may live
My life is also yours.*

A Post-mortem on the 1993 Session of the Florida Legislature

Creating More Prison Beds . . . a partial victory for Sheriffs

*By Tom Berlinger,
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TALLAHASSEE — Florida's Sheriffs claimed an important, but partial victory on June 10th after Governor Lawton Chiles signed a bill which will create thousands of additional prison beds over the next five years.

We say "partial" because, although the Legislators added beds, they also eliminated some minimum mandatory sentences — a move which results in making more criminals eligible for early release. They also altered sentencing guidelines so that fewer criminals go to prison, and they placed some limits on how "habitual offenders" are punished.

During the first two years of Chiles' term, only a couple of hundred new beds were appropriated. And, "when it looked like that pattern might continue, our Sheriffs kicked their lobbying efforts into high gear," noted St. Lucie County Sheriff Bobby Knowles, the '92-'93 President of the Florida Sheriffs Association. "The commitment for thousands of new beds verifies that our voice has been heard," he said,



Photo courtesy of Florida Dept. of Commerce, Division of Tourism.

"unfortunately, these beds will not come soon enough to stop the early release of dangerous felons now being turned loose to prevent overcrowding."

"We often met with the Governor, the Speaker of the House, the President of the Senate and dozens of legislators during the session to aid them in assessing the extent of Florida's crime problem," said Columbia County Sheriff Tom Tramel, FSA's Legislative Chairman.

According to a tally by the *Associated Press*, Florida's available prison beds will increase by over 10,000 over the next five years. These include 8,510 beds at major institutions, 1,511 at alternative facilities such as drug treatment centers, and 503 at juvenile centers.

"It's a great start, but it should not be viewed as a cure-all for Florida's crime-related ills," Sheriff Tramel noted.

Numerous other bills related to criminal justice were passed by the legislature. They included:

(HB = House Bill; SB = Senate Bill)

HB 1085 – Carjacking and Home Invasion Robbery

Defines "carjacking" and "home-invasion robbery" and provides penalties.

Carjacking is defined as "the taking of a motor vehicle from another by force, violence, assault, or putting in fear." If the offender carries a firearm or other deadly weapon while committing the carjacking, it is punishable by up to life imprisonment. With no weapon, carjacking is a first degree felony, punishable by up to 30 years imprisonment.

Home-invasion robbery is punishable by up to 30 years imprisonment and up to a \$10,000 fine. Effective 7/1/93.

HB 153 – Prostitution and Criminal Transmission of HIV

Amends Section 796.03, Florida Statutes, making it a second degree felony to procure a person under 18 (rather than 16) years of age, for prostitution. Also makes it unlawful for a person to derive any support from the earnings of a prostitute.

Also increases the penalty for engaging in prostitution, or procuring another to prostitution in a manner likely to transmit the HIV virus, provided the offender knowingly could or does communicate the disease to another person through sexual activity. The crime has been raised from a first degree misdemeanor to a third degree felony. It is called criminal transmission of HIV. Effective 10/1/93.

HB 1665 – Sexual Predators

Requires the registration of all sexual predators with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE), and specifies the information that must be included in the registration. This information must be available to all law enforcement agencies 24 hours a day through an on-line information system. The bill requires that FDLE notify the Sheriff in the county in which a sexual predator resides. Effective 10/1/93.

SB 168 – Substance Abuse Punishment

Authorizes sentencing alternatives to prison terms for persons who commit certain second and third degree felony drug offenses. The alternatives which a court may impose include probation; drug education and treatment; public service; random drug testing; and commitment to community residential drug punishment centers. Offenders sentenced to these programs may also be required to pay a fine and fees associated with treatment. Effective 10/1/93.

SB 488 – Victim Restitution

Prevents a defendant who is ordered to pay restitution from avoiding that obligation by filing for bankruptcy. Effective 10/1/93.

SB 138 – Medal of Valor Police, Correctional Officers

Authorizes law enforcement agencies to award medals of valor recognizing extraordinary actions which expose officers to peril beyond the call of duty. A medal of honor may be presented posthumously to an officer's closest living relative. Effective 3/9/93.

SB 124 – Law Enforcement & Firefighters' Death Benefits

Gives correctional probation officers, part-time or volunteer law enforcement and correctional officers, as well as volunteer firefighters who are killed in the line of duty the same death benefits as previously provided to full-time law enforcement and correctional officers and full-time, paid firefighters. Effective 5/5/93.

HB 321 – Videotaping of Testimony

Amends Section 92.53, Florida Statutes, relating to the videotaping of testimony of a victim or witness under the age of 16. Deletes the restriction that the case must involve sexual abuse or child abuse. Requires a finding by the judge that the child will be harmed by testifying in the presence of the defendant. Effective 4/29/93.

HB 103 – Animals

Establishes a comparative negligence standard for determining the liability of an owner whose dog bites a person or other domestic animal. However, strict

liability is still the law if the owner's dog bites a person under the age of six.

This bill also gives a law enforcement officer the right to immediately destroy a domestic animal when it is suffering from an obvious incurable condition, or when the animal is imminently near death from injury or disease.

And, it allows courts greater discretion in deciding whether to provide care for, or dispose of animals when the owners have been charged with cruelty to animals. Effective 10/1/93.

HB 911 – Disaster and Emergency Preparedness

Focuses on the preparation of a strong state emergency management plan, and ensures that plans address different levels of disasters. Effective 5/12/93.

SB 1858 – Emergency Management

Creates the Emergency Management, Preparedness, and Assistance Trust Fund to be administered by the Department of Community Affairs. Imposes a \$2 surcharge on every homeowner's, mobile homeowner's, tenant homeowner's, and condominium unit owner's insurance policy, and a \$4 surcharge on every commercial fire, commercial multiple peril, and business owner's property insurance policy. Provides that 60% of the revenues in the trust fund shall be used to implement and administer state and local management programs; 20% to provide for state relief assistance for non-federally declared disasters; and 20% for grants and loans to state or regional agencies, local governments, and private organizations. Effective 4/29/93.

SB 1128 – Bingo

Reenacts the current bingo law by repealing a provision which would have abolished the current regulation on July 1, 1993. (Continues the existing scheme for regulating bingo games in Florida.) Effective 5/5/93.

SB 884 – Firearms/Criminal History Checks/Fee

Increases from \$5 to \$8 the fee for processing criminal history checks of potential firearm buyers.

The money will be deposited in the FDLE Operating Trust Fund, as currently provided. However, under this legislation, it will be segregated from all other funds and used solely for the operation of the Firearm Purchase Program. Any funds exceeding \$2.5 million will be used for the purchase of soft body armor for law enforcement officers. Effective 5/1/93.

HB 127 – Vehicular Accidents Resulting in Death/Hit & Run Drivers

Enhances the penalty from a third degree felony to a second degree felony for a driver who willfully leaves the scene of an accident when it results in the death of any person. Leaving the scene of an accident resulting in injury remains a third degree felony. Effective 7/1/93.

HB 541 – DUI/Vehicles & Vessels

Lowers from .10 percent to .08 percent the blood alcohol level (BAL) which establishes per se that a person is driving under the influence (DUI) or boating under the influence (BUI). Therefore, a person can be found guilty automatically of DUI or BUI upon a showing that his BAL is .08 percent or above.

Also, the legislation provides that, in addition to any other penalty imposed under the DUI statute, the court must order the impoundment or immobilization of a vehicle that is driven by, or in the actual physical control of, a person who is convicted of DUI, unless the court finds that the family of the owner has no other public or private means of transportation. The period of impoundment or immobilization is 10 days for the first conviction; 30 days for the second conviction within 3 years; and 90 days for the third conviction within 5 years, and may not be concurrent with probation or imprisonment. All costs and fees for the impoundment or immobilization must be paid by the owner of the vehicle or, if the vehicle is leased or rented, by the person leasing or renting the vehicle. Effective 1/1/94.

The AFIS:

**Sheriff Joe Peavy says
"It's the greatest tool"**

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After a 67-year-old woman was robbed and sexually assaulted in her Madison County home, fingerprints found at the scene were submitted to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE).

In less than four hours the AFIS matched the prints to those of a young man who had been released from the Union County Correctional Institution, and Madison County Sheriff Joe Peavy was delighted with the results.

"The community was outraged and we needed answers fast," said Peavy. "It was the first time we ever used AFIS, and I guarantee it won't be the last. The AFIS is definitely state of the art. It's the greatest tool ever used by law enforcement."

What is the AFIS? It sounds like a word Mork would use when calling his leader from the planet Ork, but



FDLE Commissioner James T. "Tim" Moore (left) and Senior Crime Lab Analyst Al Walton make an AFIS "match" on the Orion Latent Workstation.

that's not even close. AFIS is an acronym for Automated Fingerprint Identification System, a crime fighting innovation capable of reading, classifying, matching and storing fingerprints in seconds. Since its inception in 1987 it has helped Sheriffs and Police Chiefs to solve thousands of crimes ranging from murder to petty theft.

Washington County Sheriff Danny Hasty, who was the crime lab coordinator for AFIS during part of his 30-year career with FDLE, shares Joe Peavy's enthusiasm for the AFIS. He also has strong feelings about the importance of quality performance at the local level.

"Each agency involved in the 'booking' of arrestees has a critical impact on the quality of the AFIS database," he declared. "When quality inked fingerprints are



Here's what an AFIS "match" looks like on a workstation screen. A latent print is displayed in the upper left corner, with the matching inked print adjacent to it. The "candidate" list and the inked fingerprints of remaining respondents are located below them.



This is what a latent fingerprint looks like on the screen when it has been encoded for entry and search. The number 12 in the lower left corner of the screen indicates the number of minutiae (individual characteristics) encoded. The upper left number is the AFIS case number. The upper right number shows the chronological order of latent prints encoded and searched under the same AFIS case number.

in the system, great dividends result in the form of fingerprint identifications."

Quality and integrity are equally important in maintaining the AFIS database, which is located at FDLE central, in Tallahassee, and is linked to FDLE's regional crime labs around the state and full-use AFIS sites.

When unidentified latent fingerprints are lifted at crime scenes, they are submitted to the appropriate regional lab, then entered into the AFIS latent workstation to initiate a search for possible matches in the database.

The matches are viewed on a computer screen by a latent fingerprint analyst, and a successful search can be completed in less than five minutes — or no more than 24 hours — depending on the type and priority of search being conducted.

In 1992, the AFIS scored hits in 960 cases after identifying 1,296 latent fingerprints. A whopping 46 percent of those were made in the juvenile database which only constitutes 15 percent of the total AFIS database.

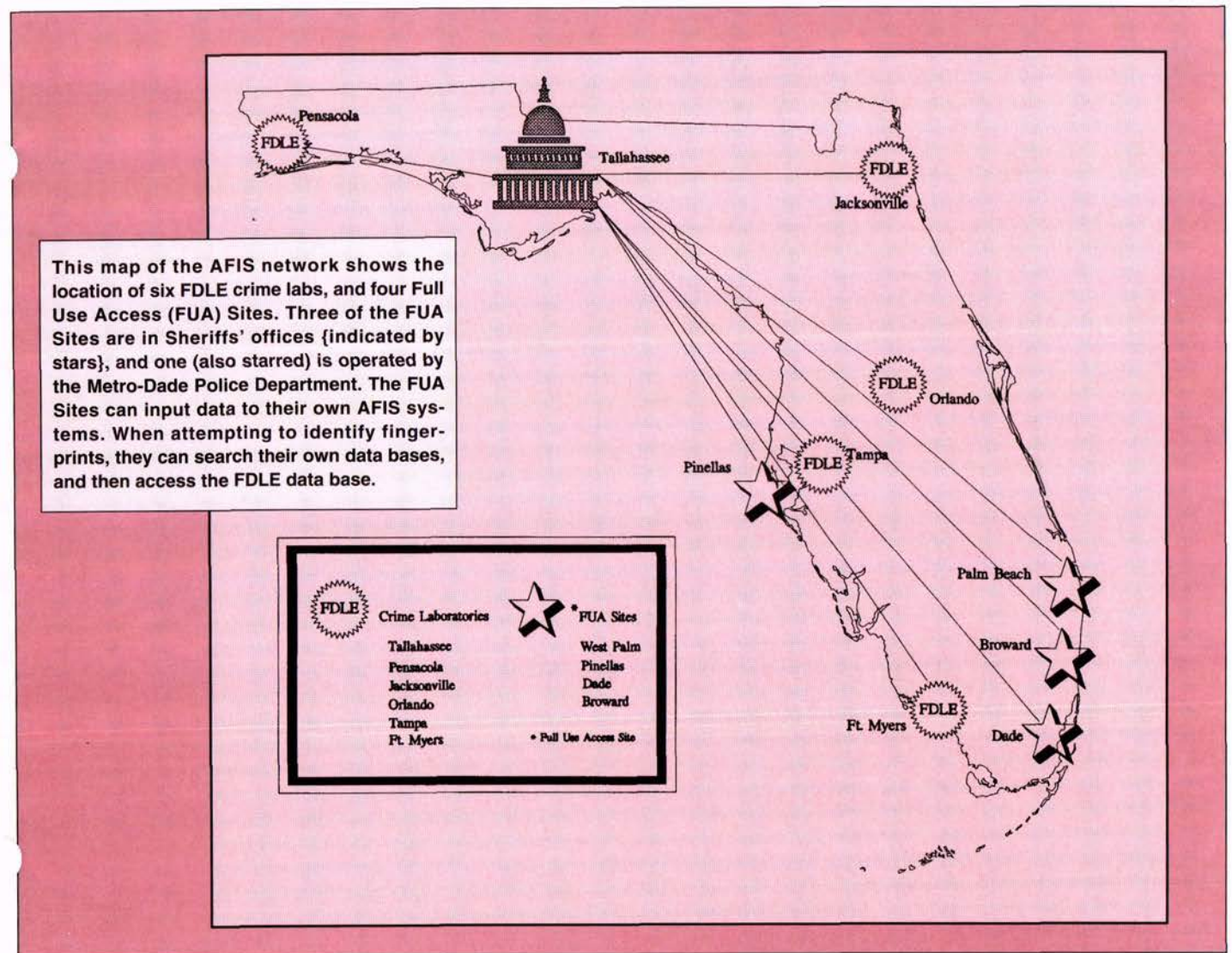
What does that tell law enforcement agencies? It

shows that they should be submitting all juvenile fingerprint cards to FDLE. This is compatible with a new law that became effective July 1, 1993, requiring records of all juveniles arrested on felony charges to be submitted to FDLE.

Since the inception of the AFIS, 83 percent of the AFIS hits have been made against burglaries, breaking and entering, auto thefts and grand thefts; while 11 percent have been against robberies, armed robberies, sexual batteries and death investigations. The remaining hits helped to solve narcotics cases and miscellaneous types of crimes.

FDLE is extremely excited about the impact the AFIS is having on Florida's criminal justice system. It offers unlimited opportunities for more efficient investigations and more accurate criminal history records.

On behalf of FDLE Commissioner James T. "Tim" Moore, I want to thank all Sheriffs and police chiefs for their dedication and cooperation in this program. The AFIS is only what you make it, and the 1992 results confirm that you are definitely making a difference.





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 rendered outstanding assistance to law enforcement officers; or 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 generous supporters whose donations to the Florida Sheriffs Association total \$1,000 or more.



TALLAHASSEE — Leon County Sheriff Eddie Boone (right), assisted by Florida Sheriffs Association Executive Director J. M. "Buddy" Phillips, Jr. (left), presents an appreciation award to Owen Burke Yung.



DeLAND — Volusia County Sheriff Robert L. Vogel, Jr., presents a 25-year Distinguished Service Award to Mrs. Maria Koster.



CROSS CITY — Dixie County Sheriff Larry E. Edmonds presents a 25-Year Distinguished Service Certificate to Paul Johnson.



KEY WEST — Monroe County Sheriff Richard D. Roth (right) presents a 30-Year Distinguished Service Certificate to Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Hartley.



PALATKA — Putnam County Sheriff Taylor Douglas (right) presents 25-Year Distinguished Service Certificates to (from left) T. J. Tyer, Joseph C. Weeks, Jr., Mrs. Joseph Weeks, Melvin D. Mullis, Ralph R. Thomason, Mrs. Shirley Mullis, Mrs. Ralph Thomason, Mrs. John Meeks and John M. Meeks.

Strong law enforcement supported by Business Executives who care . . .

Progressive business firms have always been major supporters of strong law enforcement, but until recently they remained in the background like "silent partners." Now the Florida Sheriffs Association is giving them special recognition by enrolling them as Business Members. There are three categories of membership determined by the amount of annual dues. Bronze members pay \$50 per year; Silver, \$250; and Gold, \$500. Each member receives a distinctive wall plaque, a plastic identification card, an office window decal, and a subscription to The Sheriff's Star. To apply for a Business Membership, please write to Florida Sheriffs Association, P.O. Box 12519, Tallahassee, FL 32317-2519; or call (904) 877-2165.



Dr. Lawrence Newman



Ms. Lois B. Pope

WEST PALM BEACH — Palm Beach County Sheriff Richard P. Wille presents gold business membership plaques to Newman Chiropractic Clinic, represented by Dr. Lawrence A. Newman; and Lois B. Pope Foundation, Inc., represented by Ms. Lois B. Pope.



Awards keep coming after retirement

TAMPA — Although former Hillsborough County Sheriff Walter Heinrich (right) retired in January, 1993, he is continuing to receive awards honoring him for an outstanding law enforcement career. In this May 27, 1993, photo he accepts the Explorers' Great American Award for 1993 presented by (left to right) Explorer Maj. Kirby Smith, President of the Boy Scouts of America Explorer Officers Association; Charles Davis, Tampa Insurance Executive; and H. L. Culbreath, President of Tampa Electric Co. Heinrich was also chosen as the Florida American Legion's Law Officer of the Year.

Saturday night is riskiest

TALLAHASSEE — Florida Department of Law Enforcement statistics for 1992 show that Saturday night is the riskiest night in the week for law enforcement officers.

There were 10,395 assaults against Florida officers, and 3,922 of them resulted in personal injury to the officers. The highest percentage of officer bashings occurred between 10 p.m. and midnight on Saturdays.

"... for a man who put his life on the line"

TRENTON — The new Gilchrist County Sheriff's Administration Building was dedicated to the memory of Sheriff Mark Read who was killed in the line of duty in 1956.

"The dedication of this building is for a man that not only put his life on the line, but gave his life for what he believed in," said Jim Floyd, the present Gilchrist County Sheriff.



Coffee break in Alabama provides answer to court bailiff shortage in Florida

OCALA — Two years ago a new Marion County judicial complex with ten courtrooms and enough secure holding cells to hold 289 prisoners solved overcrowding problems created by an outdated courthouse.

However, solving the overcrowding problem created a new problem for Capt. Martin Stephens, Commander of the Civil Division at the Marion County Sheriff's Office.

Capt. Stephens, who is responsible for staffing court proceedings, had only 11 court bailiffs, and approval to hire six more. This, according to a staff study, was not adequate for peak periods, and a shortage of bailiffs soon developed.

Baffled temporarily, Stephens put his problem aside to attend an out-of-state meeting, and unexpectedly found the answer to his staffing dilemma when he stopped in Dothan, Alabama, for a cup of coffee.

After undergoing rigorous training and screening, the Marion County volunteer bailiffs posed for this group picture with officials from the Sheriff's Office. (Front row, from left) Walter Robinson, Charles Ianello, Capt. Martin Stephens, Sheriff Ken Ergle, Sgt. Wayne Johnston, Volunteer Coordinator Julian Schulze, and Joseph Besterman; (back row, from left) Donald Delaney, Neal Marquette, William Moxley, John Kiely, Kenneth McDannell, Howard Shroyer, Clayton Clark and Joseph Rummler.

While on coffee break he discovered that the Houston County, Alabama, court system was training senior citizen volunteers as bailiffs and using them effectively.

Back home in Marion County Stephens' description of the Alabama concept was received with enthusiasm, and a search was begun for volunteers.

Eventually, over a four-month period, fourteen volunteers were recruited, screened and trained. Now they are on call to perform all routine tasks that would normally be assigned to certified bailiffs.

These duties include opening courtrooms, screening people coming into the courtrooms, providing courtroom security, transporting jurors and assisting with selection of prospective jurors. Recently fingerprinting was added to their duties in criminal court.

Stephens said the volunteer bailiff program has "jumped a lot of hurdles" since he initially proposed the concept, but he is confident it will continue to be an asset to the Marion County Criminal Justice System, and to the Sheriff's Office.



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.

New Lifetime Honorary Members

Mrs. Ann Alcantara
Art and Frame Center
Atlantic Building Material, Inc.
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ballard
Mrs. Myra Cobaugh Barron
Beverly Hills Lions Club
Mr. and Mrs. Roger O. Bouchard, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Branscum
Mr. and Mrs. Will Brown
Mr. and Mrs. Darrell W. Canady
Mr. and Mrs. Neale Carter
Ms. Cindy Cheaney
Clearwater Beach Hotel
Mr. and Mrs. John E. Cogle
Mrs. Mabel E. Colegrove
Mr. and Mrs. Lionel L. Cornell
Mr. and Mrs. William Frank Cothorn
Mr. and Mrs. Donald C. Cottrell, Jr.
Dave's Communications
Dr. Gordon E. DePuey
Dr. Betty Dickerson
DiBartolomeo, McBee, Sloan
Doral Ocean Beach and Resort
Mr. Joseph Dvoravic
Mr. Lee Ebersole
Mr. James Flick
Fraternity House Restaurant
Annual Golf Tour.
Golf Outlet Center
Mr. Ky R. Grand
LTC and Mrs. Robert L. Hawkins
Mr. Hanns D. Heine
Mr. Robert L. Helmick
Mr. and Mrs. Ted Julian
Mr. Steven H. Kane

Kissimmee Valley Livestock Show
and Fair, Inc.
Leon County Sheriff's Office
Dr. and Mrs. Daniel Lowrey
Mr. and Mrs. Owen Mann
Mr. Thomas Martino
Mr. and Mrs. John B. McDonald
Mrs. Kay McGrath
Mr. and Mrs. Guy McKenzie
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mitchell
Mr. William W. Newton
On And Off Shore
Mrs. Leon Palmer
Paul Davis Systems
Mr. Al Pirello
Mrs. B. R. Poziomski
Mr. Rex Rivers
Mrs. Sanna B. Rossi
Mr. Fred Rothenbush
Mr. Mitch Saade
Mr. Douglas Saltarelli
Select Auto
Mrs. Murray D. Shaffer
Mr. and Mrs. John Sheehan
Mrs. Karen Silva
Stebbins and Scott Architects
Ms. Mary A. Steimer
Mr. and Mrs. John C. Stratton
Mr. Barton Thomas
Universal Studios
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #10210
Mrs. Iris L. Vihlen
Vista Packing Company
Mr. and Mrs. George Wagner
Mr. and Mrs. William E. White
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Williamson
In Memory of Art Winters
Mr. and Mrs. John E. Winters

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.



BRADENTON — Presented by Youth Ranches Vice President for Planned Giving Bill Brown (left) to Mark Bezilla, owner of Schmenny's.



BOYS RANCH — Presented by Youth Ranches President Harry K. Weaver (left) and Youth Ranches Vice President for Program Development Jim Strayer (right) to Dr. Lester J. Glick (and spouse).



LIVE OAK — Presented by Suwannee County Sheriff Robert Leonard (left) to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sapp.

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TALLAHASSEE — Two-star plaque presented by Leon County Sheriff Eddie Boone (right) to Herbert W. "Bill" Tyler, Jr.



BOYS RANCH — Suwannee County Sheriff Robert Leonard (left), assisted by Youth Ranches President Harry K. Weaver (right), presents a Lifetime Honorary Membership to Florida Highway Patrol Trooper Ken Weaver. (The honoree is President Weaver's son and an honorary member of the Boys Ranch Alumni Association. While growing up he lived with his parents in a staff house on the Boys Ranch campus.)



LIVE OAK — When Youth Ranches Vice President for Planned Giving Linda Crews (second from right) presented a Lifetime Honorary Membership to Mr. and Mrs. Duke McCallister, Jr., she was assisted by Suwannee County Sheriff Robert Leonard (behind the honorees) and Former Suwannee County Sheriff Duke McCallister, Sr. (right).



CAMP BLANDING — Presented by Bradford County Sheriff Bob Milner (right) to Col. Steven P. Solomon, representing the Florida National Guard. (One-star plaque)

SARASOTA — Presented by Sarasota County Sheriff Geoff Monge (right) and Youth Ranches Vice President for Planned Giving Bill Aust (left) to Mr. and Mrs. Edward V. Harcourt.



WESTONS

SAFETY HARBOR — Presented by Youth Ranches Vice President for Planned Giving Jean Newell to Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Weston, Clearwater; Mrs. Jean E. Mandell, St. Petersburg; and Mrs. Nina Cassano, Clearwater.



MRS. MANDELL



MRS. CASSANO



MRS. BRAKE



MR. KOON



MRS. URCHISON

LIVE OAK — Presented by Youth Ranches Vice President for Planned Giving Linda Crews to Mrs. Maggie Brake, O'Brien; Curtis Koon, of Koon's Pontiac, Live Oak (plaque with one star); and Mrs. Ann Urchison, of Live Oak.

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BOCA RATON — Presented by Youth Ranches Vice President for Corporate/Foundation Relations Tommy King (left) and Youth Ranches Foundation Board of Directors Member Erik Fahnoe (right) to Gary Damen.



MR. CHARBONNEAU



MRS. RASCHKE

WEST PALM BEACH — Presented by Palm Beach County Sheriff Richard P. Wille to Larry Charbonneau and Mrs. Stephanie Raschke.



WEST PALM BEACH — Presented by Youth Ranches Vice President for Corporate/Foundation Relations Tommy King (left) to Robert T. Owens, Trustee, Rubin Foundation of West Palm Beach.



MR. BYARD



MRS. PRINE

MAYO — Presented by Lafayette County Sheriff Dwayne Walker (left), who was assisted by Youth Ranches Vice President for Planned Giving Linda Crews (right), to Greg Byard, owner of B & B Discount Beverages; and Mrs. Bessie Prine.



MS. HERTEL



MRS. ANASTASI



MRS. GULLO



MRS. CASE

SAFETY HARBOR — Presented by Youth Ranches Regional Director Mac Stones to Dotie Hertel, representing Briar Creek Social Club Community No.1, Inc.; Mrs. Francesco Anastasi (and spouse), Safety Harbor; Mrs. Robert Gullo (and spouse), Palm Harbor; and Mrs. Neeltje Case, Dunedin.



PALATKA — Presented by Putnam County Sheriff Taylor Douglas (right) to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gill.



“911 Prevention Way” is Florida’s safest house

WEST PALM BEACH — At least 37 important safety features are packed into “911 Prevention Way,” the safest house in Florida, but no one lives there because it’s a mobile display currently being used to teach safety lessons to Palm Beach County residents.

Built on an old school bus chassis, the mobile display was created through the cooperative efforts of the Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office, the county’s Fire Rescue agency, the Crime Prevention Officers Association and the Fire Marshals Association.

A \$10,000 donation from the Allstate Foundation, plus contributions from 48 business firms, financed the project, and no tax dollars were used.

To stroll through “911 Prevention Way” is to be bombarded with most of the crime, fire and accident prevention lessons safety experts have been preaching and teaching year after year in a world full of everyday hazards.

Pity the frustrated burglar who tries to invade this domicile. It has a motion detection alarm, window locks, dead bolt locks, a viewer port in the front door, alarms that go off if a window is opened, and a light timer that makes the house look occupied when it isn’t. The house numbers are four inches high, a very important feature

Voluntary contributions financed “911 Prevention Way,” a household safety display on wheels. No tax dollars were used. Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office is one of the sponsors.

for police, fire and rescue personnel responding to an emergency.

It’s possible to have a fire here, but precaution, include a heat detector, smoke detector, fire extinguisher and sprinkler system. When all of these fail, there’s a safety window exit.

Many accident hazards are eliminated by porch rails, a ramp, child-proof cabinets and electrical outlets, non-skid rugs, a bath thermometer to prevent scalding, grab rails in the bathroom, a safety bath faucet, and — get this — a toilet lid lock.

Special displays emphasize swimming pool safety and proper use of seat belts. Hurricane shutters provide a reminder that the stormy season has arrived.

“Initial reaction has been more than positive,” said Sheriff’s Detective Greg Steffey, who brought the safety project to the attention of *The Sheriff’s Star*. He said mobility is an important feature that allows the display to be used in all areas of the county.

More safety and security features will be added as they are tested and approved, he explained. Palm Beach County residents can schedule a “911 Prevention Way” demonstration by calling Gerri Penney, 407-683-9100.