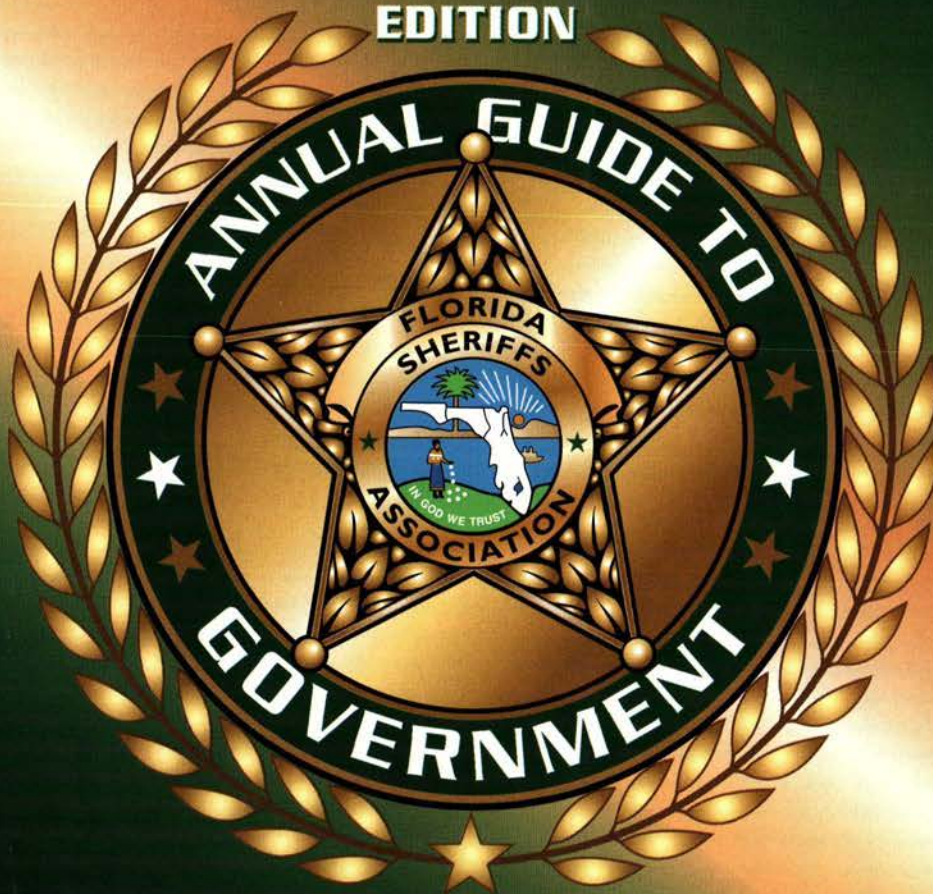


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From the desk of . . .

**J.M. "Buddy" Phillips, Executive Director
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Welcome to the Florida Sheriffs Association's "Annual Guide to Government" – a special edition of *The Sheriff's Star* magazine.

Each year, we compile volumes of information on state government to keep our members informed and to promote improved communication between law-abiding citizens and state lawmakers. You'll find helpful biographical information, contact phone numbers, mailing and Web site addresses for correspondence all included in this one comprehensive guide.

As is our tradition, the back of the magazine is reserved for regular features including our Public Safety Issues 2001 and an especially timely behind-the-scenes look at how the Broward Sheriff's Office was able to keep the peace during the highly charged election last year. Virtually all of the 67 Sheriffs' Offices were hard hit financially and otherwise, especially Leon and Palm Beach.

You can count on your Florida Sheriffs to play an active role in representing public safety concerns to decision-makers in Tallahassee. We will continue our long-standing tradition of being present in the halls of the Capitol when critical decisions are being made which can affect the well-being of you and your family.

A thanks to members

As we enter this new era of law enforcement, it is extremely satisfying to see the high level of support for law enforcement in our communities and statewide. Our members are a vocal group – never hesitating to keep this Association in line, and at the same time coming to the Florida Sheriffs' defense when we need it most.

If it were not for our members, we wouldn't be one of the largest law-enforcement organizations in the nation. We wouldn't be able to bring the Sheriffs and their command staffs together twice a year to network and discuss important issues at our conferences. And we certainly would not have been able to dedicate our life-sized Law Enforcement Memorial, which we expect to have completed later this year.

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to you, on behalf of the 67 Sheriffs and thousands of law-enforcement personnel in our state. Thank you for making ours a much safer community.

We look forward to continued service in the year 2001 and beyond.

Buddy

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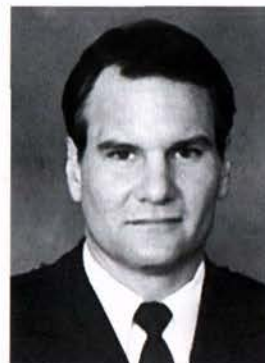
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**A message from Don Eslinger
President
Florida Sheriffs Association**



Our great state is very fortunate to have the Florida Sheriffs Association, a special group that is comprised of law enforcement executives, deputies and citizens alike who are committed to ensuring a safe, tranquil and healthy community for our residents and visitors. Throughout its rich and tenured history, the Florida Sheriffs Association has served our communities with favor and distinction. We are undeniably proud of this legacy, which continues to serve as a source of inspiration and perspective. We are now into the brand new millennium and stand at the crossroads of change and evolution brought about by unprecedented growth in population, broadening ethnic diversity, technological advancement and fluid economic variables.

As our supporter and partner, you can be assured of the continued unity of all 67 Florida Sheriffs as we work in concert to ensure the safety and ultimate good quality of life for our communities. Ethics, integrity, efficiency of service and the pursuit of excellence continue to be the hallmark of our offices and the association that binds us together in an effective synergy. We remain committed to reducing crime and fear of crime by emphasizing and improving upon the philosophy of community policing; and ever embracing crime prevention, partnerships and problem solving as the main ingredients of safety within your communities.

We are challenging the basic assumptions of how we do business and searching for innovative approaches to result in a more safe and secure Florida. Already, we are experiencing the impact of tremendous growth within our state and realize firsthand the new challenges for our respective offices. These challenges are sure to further intensify, underscoring the need for harmony and cooperation between the various criminal justice entities, governmental agencies and community organizations each of us interact with daily.

Legislative impact

In 2001, the Florida Sheriff's Association will continue to support critical legislative initiatives that will enhance community safety and offer personal security to the many men and women who serve as public safety employees. The reinstatement of the 3 percent retirement benefit by the Legislature last year for high-risk public safety employees who had years of service interrupted by benefits of 1.5 and 2 percent was a significant achievement made possible by the hard work and persuasion of Florida Sheriffs and our colleagues. While many offered little hope for success in this endeavor, our solidarity and commitment resulted in the adoption of this legislation that will enhance the personal security for our faithful employees in their approaching retirement years. As a continuation of the 2000 initiative, a primary legislative priority this year will be to restore the 3 percent retirement benefit for our regular retirees and those currently participating in the Florida Retirement System's Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP). After all, this is the morally right thing to do for those employees who entered into retirement and experienced the same loss of benefits as our current employees.

Law enforcement and corrections routinely encounter problems dealing with individuals suffering from mental illness and substance-abuse disorders. Many jurisdictions lack the resources and training to handle this population. Our local jails have become the treatment centers of last resort as evidenced by the fact that there are significantly more mentally ill individuals in our jails than in state operated mental health facilities. As a public safety concern, Florida Sheriffs are recognizing the need for proactive intervention and treatment of the mentally ill and the drug addicted. I strongly support Partners in Crisis, a statewide coalition of law enforcement, state attorneys, mental health service providers and private industry, who are working to ensure proper treatment and aftercare for those who are desperately seeking assistance. Obtaining proper legislative funding to improve these services at the state and local level should be one of the Florida Sheriff's Association priorities for 2001.

I am delighted to have the opportunity to work with each of you as we move forward. I pledge my wholehearted dedication and commitment to working with you to keep our great state the wonderful and desirable setting that it is today.

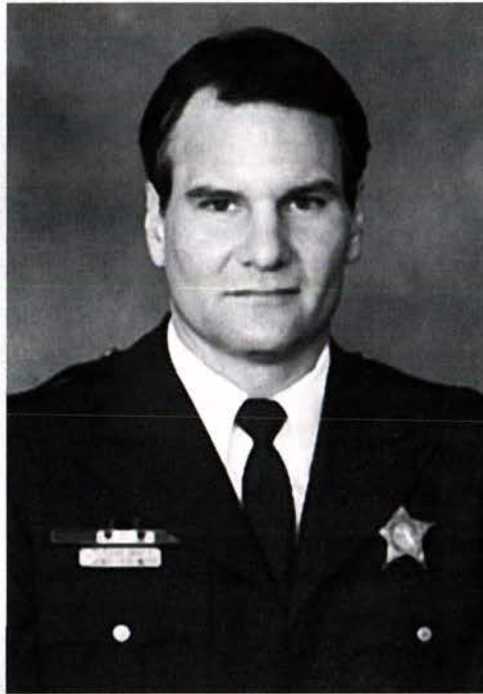
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Don Eslinger, Sheriff of Seminole County

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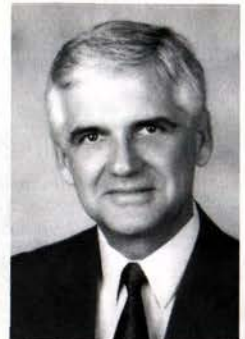
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FLORIDA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors

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Officers and Directors are elected at the Annual (summer) Conference.

DISTRICT III**DISTRICT IV**

Jeff Dawsy
Citrus County



Kevin Beary
Orange County



Everett Rice
Pinellas County



Ken Jenne
Broward County



Loran Cogburn
DeSoto County



Jim Rider
Glades County

FLORIDA'S YEAR 2001



STATE GOVERNMENT

EXECUTIVE BRANCH Departments under the Governor

Business and Professional Regulation

Divisions

Administration
Alcoholic Beverages &
Tobacco
Certified Public Accountants
Florida Land Sales,
Condominiums & Mobile
Homes
Hotels & Restaurants
Pari-Mutuel Wagering
Professions
Real Estate
Regulation
State Boxing Commission

Children & Families

Adult Services
Child Care
Developmental Services
Economic Self Sufficiency
Family Safety
Mental Health
Operations
Substance Abuse
Training

Community Affairs

Divisions

Emergency Management
Housing and Community

Development
Resource Planning &
Management

Corrections

Administration
Community Corrections
Health Services
Institutions
Programs

Environmental Protection

Divisions

Administrative Services
Air Resources Management
External Affairs
Law Enforcement
Resource Assessment &
Management
Recreation & Parks
State Lands
Waste Management
Water Resource Management

Health Care Administration, Agency for

Administration
Health Quality Assurance
State Health Purchasing

Juvenile Justice

Executive Services
Operations
Management & Budget
Programming & Planning

Labor & Employment Security

Administrative Services
Workers' Compensation

Lottery

Divisions

Finance & Administration
Marketing
Operations
Public Affairs

Management Services

Divisions

Administration
Administrative Hearings
Capitol Police
Facilities Development
Facilities Management
Human Relations Commission
Human Resource
Management
Information Technology
Purchasing
Retirement
State Fleet Management
State Group Insurance

State Retirement Commission
Strategic Technologies

Military Affairs

Adjutant General
Information Management
Logistics
Military Personnel
Plans, Operations & Training
State Quartermaster

Transportation

Divisions

District Operations
Finance & Administration
Planning & Engineering

Workforce Innovation

Divisions (Agency for)

Workforce Services
Workforce Investment and
Accountability
Information Services



Departments under the Governor and Cabinet

Administration, *Board of

Governor
Treasurer
Comptroller

Executive Clemency, *Board of ("Pardon Board")

Governor and at least 3
Cabinet Members

*Non-Departmental Agency

Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles

Divisions

Florida Highway Patrol
Drivers Licenses
Information Systems
Administration
Motor Vehicles
Administrative Services

Law Enforcement

Divisions

Criminal Justice Business
Support
Criminal Justice Information
Criminal Justice
Investigations & Forensic
Criminal Justice
Professionalism Program

Revenue

Programs

Administrative Services
Child Support Enforcement
General Tax Administration
Information Services
Operations & Account
Management
Unemployment Compensation

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

Departments under Cabinet Members

Commissioner of Agriculture Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services

Divisions

Administration
Agricultural Environmental
Services
Animal Industry
Aquaculture
Consumer Services
Dairy Industry
Food Safety
Forestry
Fruit & Vegetables
Marketing
Plant Industry
Standards

Attorney General Department of Legal Affairs

Divisions

Administration
Administrative Law
Antitrust
Cabinet Affairs
Childrens Legal Services

Child Support Enforcement
Civil Litigation
Civil Rights
Corrections Litigation
Criminal Appeals
Economic Crimes
Eminent Domain
Ethics Advocate
Information Services
Institutional Litigation &
State Programs
Legal Opinions
Legislative Affairs
Lemon Law Arbitration
Medicaid Fraud
Public Information
Statewide Special Prosecutor
Tax
Torts
Victim Services

Comptroller Department of Banking & Finance

Divisions

Accounting/Auditing

Administration
Banking
Finance, Securities,
Funeral & Cemetery Services
Financial Investigations
Information Systems

Commissioner of Education Department of Education

The head of the Department of Education is the State Board of Education composed of the Governor and Cabinet. The Governor is Chairman of the Board, and the Commissioner of Education (a Cabinet member) is the Secretary and Executive Officer.

Divisions

Administration
Community Colleges
Public Schools
Universities (Board of Regents)
Vocational Rehabilitation
Workforce Development

Secretary of State Department of State

Divisions

Administrative Services
Corporations
Cultural Affairs
Elections
Historical Resources
Library & Information Services
Licensing

Treasurer Department of Insurance

Divisions

Administration
Agent & Agency Services
Insurance Consumer Services
Insurance Fraud
Insurer Services
Legal Services
Rehabilitation and Liquidation
Risk Management
State Fire Marshal
Treasury

Independent Agencies

Elder Affairs

Contract & Financial
Management
Research, Planning & Elder
Initiative
Statewide Community-
Based Services
Support Services &
Information Systems

Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission

Divisions

Administrative Services
Environmental Services
Freshwater Fisheries
Informational Services
Law Enforcement
Marine Fisheries
Wildlife

Parole Commission

Administration
Clemency Administration
General Counsel
Operations

Public Service Commission

Divisions

Administration
Auditing & Financial Analysis
Communications
Consumer Affairs

Electric and Gas
Policy Analysis & Gov. Liaison
Records & Reporting
Research & Regulatory Review
Telecommunications
Water & Wastewater

Veterans Affairs

Divisions

Administration & Public
Information
Veterans' Benefits & Assistance

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

House-Senate Standing Committees

Joint Administrative Procedures Committee

Joint Legislative Committee on Intergovernmental Relations

Joint Legislative Information Technology Resource

Joint Legislative

Auditing Committee Auditor General

Joint Legislative Management Committee

Office of the Public Counsel

Commission on Ethics

Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability

JUDICIAL BRANCH

Supreme Court

Clerk
State Courts Administrator
Marshal

District Courts of Appeal

Circuit Courts

County Courts

Support Organizations

Justice Administrative
Commission

Florida Board of Bar
Examiners

The Florida Bar

EXECUTIVE BRANCH



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GOVERNOR

JOHN ELLIS "JEB" BUSH (R)

Born Midland, TX, February 11, 1953 *Education* BA in Latin American Studies, University of Texas at Austin *Spouse* Columba *Children* three *Church* Roman Catholic *Career* Founder and owner of the Codina Group, a full-service commercial real estate company based in Miami; author of a book titled *Profiles in Character, Political Career* served as Florida Secretary of Commerce 1987-88; Republican nominee for Governor, 1994 *Honors and Awards* Businessman of the Year, AREL, 1997; House of Hope Humanitarian of the Year, 1997; Honorary Member, Broward 10-13, 1998; Blanche Ely Award for Academic Excellence, 1998; South Dade Leadership Award, 1998; Lifetime Honorary Member, Florida Sheriffs' Association *Activities* established Foundation for Florida's Future; co-founder of the Liberty City Charter School; volunteer for Miami Children's Hospital, United Negro College Fund of South Florida, the United Way of Dade County and the Dade County Homeless Trust.



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Sheriff's Office, 1972-73; Assistant State Attorney; Assistant Broward County Administrator, 1974; County and Circuit Judge, 1974-78; Appointed Broward County Sheriff, 1978; elected Sheriff 1980; appointed Executive Director, Fla. Dept. Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, 1982; Mayor of Sunrise, FL, 1984; practiced law; elected Attorney General, 1986, 1990, 1994 and 1998.

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Education BS in Business Administration, University of Miami

Spouse Laura

Children one

Church Catholic

Military Army, two years, assigned to Presidential Honor Guard in Ft. Myers, VA

Career employed by school furniture and equipment distributor, manufacturer's representative for library furniture companies; employed in mortgage insurance industry as state and regional sales manager; president, Gallagher Financial Systems, Inc.

Political Career Florida House of Representatives, chairman of the Dade House Delegation (1980), Minority Whip (1980-1982), gubernatorial candidate 1986; Secretary, Department of Professional Regulation 1987; Treasurer, Insurance Commissioner and Fire Marshall, 1988; Commissioner of Education, 1998; elected State Treasurer, Insurance Commissioner and Fire Marshal, 2000

Honors and Awards selected as runner-up for Most Effective in Debate, House of Representatives, 1981; named Most Effective in Committee, 1984

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Born Altoona, PA, July 24, 1956

Education St. Petersburg Junior College; Florida State University, Bachelors in Government, minor in Education; Cumberland School of Law, Birmingham, JD

Church Methodist

Career State Director, U.S. Senator Connie Mack; General Counsel, National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues; Florida Senate 1992 - 1998; Department of Business & Professional Regulation Deputy Secretary; elected Commissioner of Education 2000

Honors and Awards Stop Turning Out Prisoners Award; Florida Sheriffs Association Legislative Award; Honorary Sheriff. Numerous legislative awards, including: Florida Association of School Administrators, PACE and Florida Chamber of Commerce; Outstanding Young Men of America; Leadership St. Petersburg; Florida State University Garnet and Gold Key Honorary; Tiger Bay of Tampa True Grit Award; Major League Baseball Phil Piton Award for Service

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American Lung Association's President's Council, Pinellas County; Tampa Bay MDA Advisory Committee; Board of Directors, Police Athletic League; Hillsborough, St. Petersburg, Florida and American Bar Associations.

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Spouse Anders Ebbeson

Children One

Church Presbyterian

Career Commercial Real Estate Broker; Marketing Executive, IBM National Account Division; Brown Real Estate, Inc., VP Commercial Real Estate

Political Career Elected to the Florida State Senate, 1994; chair of the Commerce and Economic Opportunities; Committee and vice chair of both the Banking and Insurance and the Government Reform Committees; elected Florida Secretary of State, 1998

Honors and Awards Numerous legislative and civic awards, including: Mel Fisher Award for International Trade Advocacy, Florida Economic Development Council Legislator of the Year, Florida United Business Association Outstanding Legislator, and the Florida Arts Advocacy Award; Sarasota Humanitarian of the Year and Statesman of the Year Awards.

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Church Baptist

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Children four *Church* Methodist *Military* 39 years of U.S. Navy and Marine Corps service; U.S. Naval Academy graduate; advanced to the rank of Lt. General (three-star) commanding Fleet Marine Forces-Pacific and Marine Corps bases-Pacific; retired in 1991 *Career Highlights* for three years served as private consultant and advisor to organizations in the public and private sector; elected State Comptroller, 1994 and 1998; serves as the state's chief financial officer and consumer watchdog.

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Expanded its "Project Harmony" leadership development retreats, which teach middle school students how to prevent violence and reduce racial conflict in their schools and communities.

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13. Victor Crist, Tampa (R)
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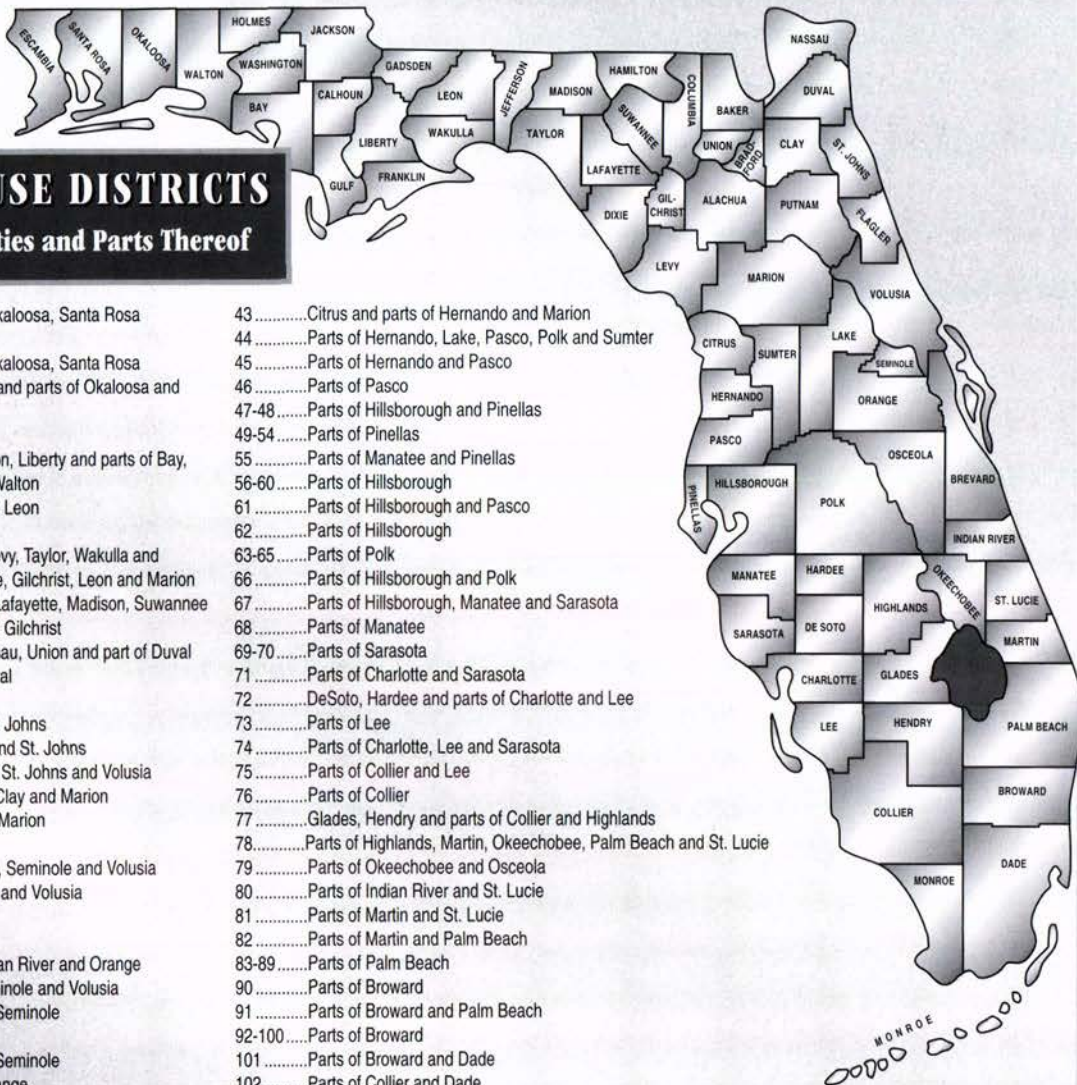
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- 4 Parts of Escambia, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa
- 5 Holmes, Washington and parts of Okaloosa and Walton
- 6 Parts of Bay
- 7 Calhoun, Gulf, Jackson, Liberty and parts of Bay, Gadsden, Leon and Walton
- 8 Parts of Gadsden and Leon
- 9 Parts of Leon
- 10 Franklin, Jefferson, Levy, Taylor, Wakulla and parts of Alachua, Dixie, Gilchrist, Leon and Marion
- 11 Columbia, Hamilton, Lafayette, Madison, Suwannee and parts of Dixie and Gilchrist
- 12 Baker, Bradford, Nassau, Union and part of Duval
- 13 Parts of Clay and Duval
- 14-17 Parts of Duval
- 18 Parts of Duval and St. Johns
- 19 Parts of Clay, Duval and St. Johns
- 20 Parts of Clay, Flagler, St. Johns and Volusia
- 21 Putnam and parts of Clay and Marion
- 22-23 Parts of Alachua and Marion
- 24 Parts of Marion
- 25 Parts of Lake, Marion, Seminole and Volusia
- 26 Parts of Flagler, Lake and Volusia
- 27-28 Parts of Volusia
- 29-31 Parts of Brevard
- 32 Parts of Brevard, Indian River and Orange
- 33 Parts of Orange, Seminole and Volusia
- 34-35 Parts of Orange and Seminole
- 36 Parts of Orange
- 37 Parts of Orange and Seminole
- 38 Parts of Lake and Orange
- 39-40 Parts of Orange
- 41 Parts of Lake, Orange and Osceola
- 42 Parts of Lake, Marion and Sumter
- 43 Citrus and parts of Hernando and Marion
- 44 Parts of Hernando, Lake, Pasco, Polk and Sumter
- 45 Parts of Hernando and Pasco
- 46 Parts of Pasco
- 47-48 Parts of Hillsborough and Pinellas
- 49-54 Parts of Pinellas
- 55 Parts of Manatee and Pinellas
- 56-60 Parts of Hillsborough
- 61 Parts of Hillsborough and Pasco
- 62 Parts of Hillsborough
- 63-65 Parts of Polk
- 66 Parts of Hillsborough and Polk
- 67 Parts of Hillsborough, Manatee and Sarasota
- 68 Parts of Manatee
- 69-70 Parts of Sarasota
- 71 Parts of Charlotte and Sarasota
- 72 DeSoto, Hardee and parts of Charlotte and Lee
- 73 Parts of Lee
- 74 Parts of Charlotte, Lee and Sarasota
- 75 Parts of Collier and Lee
- 76 Parts of Collier
- 77 Glades, Hendry and parts of Collier and Highlands
- 78 Parts of Highlands, Martin, Okeechobee, Palm Beach and St. Lucie
- 79 Parts of Okeechobee and Osceola
- 80 Parts of Indian River and St. Lucie
- 81 Parts of Martin and St. Lucie
- 82 Parts of Martin and Palm Beach
- 83-89 Parts of Palm Beach
- 90 Parts of Broward
- 91 Parts of Broward and Palm Beach
- 92-100 Parts of Broward
- 101 Parts of Broward and Dade
- 102 Parts of Collier and Dade
- 103-119 Parts of Dade
- 120 Monroe and parts of Dade



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- 1 Holmes, Washington and parts of Bay, Escambia, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa and Walton
- 2 Parts of Alachua, Clay, Duval, Putnam and St. Johns
- 3 Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Jackson, Liberty, Wakulla and parts of Bay, Jefferson, Leon and Madison
- 4 Baker, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Nassau, Taylor and parts of Alachua, Bradford, Citrus, Columbia, Jefferson, Leon, Levy, Madison, Marion, Suwannee and Union
- 5 Parts of Alachua, Bradford, Clay, Columbia, Levy, Marion, Putnam, Suwannee and Union
- 6 Parts of Clay, Duval and St. Johns
- 7 Parts of Bay, Escambia, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa and Walton
- 8 Flagler and parts of Duval, Marion, St. Johns and Volusia
- 9 Parts of Orange and Seminole
- 10 Hernando and parts of Pasco, Polk and Sumter
- 11 Lake and parts of Citrus, Marion, Seminole and Sumter
- 12 Parts of Orange, Osceola, Seminole and Volusia
- 13 Parts of Hillsborough and Pasco
- 14 Parts of Orange and Seminole
- 15 Parts of Brevard, Indian River and St. Lucie
- 16 Parts of Volusia
- 17 Parts of Highlands, Hillsborough, Okeechobee and Polk
- 18 Parts of Brevard and Osceola
- 19 Parts of Pasco and Pinellas
- 20 Parts of Hillsborough and Pinellas
- 21 Parts of Hillsborough, Manatee, Pinellas and Polk
- 22 Parts of Pinellas
- 23 Parts of Hillsborough
- 24 Parts of Charlotte, Lee and Sarasota
- 25 Parts of Collier and Lee
- 26 DeSoto, Hardee and parts of Highlands, Hillsborough, Manatee and Sarasota
- 27 Parts of Indian River, Martin, Palm Beach and St. Lucie
- 28 Parts of Broward and Palm Beach
- 29 Hendry and parts of Broward, Collier and Palm Beach
- 30-31 Parts of Broward and Palm Beach
- 32 Parts of Broward and Dade
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Seventeenth Judicial Circuit Broward County

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DNA Update

In a past "Crime Trends" column, the *Sheriff's Star* introduced Florida's DNA database as a tool for solving crimes. The Florida Department of Law Enforcement has provided an update. Since the inception of the DNA database in 1990:

Florida has developed the nation's largest DNA database, which now contains more than 86,000 convicted offenders. The state has documented 34% of all "hits" in the nation—over 270 so far. The database has aided in over 415 criminal investigations as of January, 2001.

Florida has periodically added qualifying crimes to the DNA database. In fact, the 2000 Legislature agreed to law enforcement's recommendation of collecting DNA specimens from convicted burglars. Now, when convicted, a criminal's DNA will be entered in the database and used for investigations of unsolved crimes or — after their release — future crimes.

The addition of burglary has already demonstrated results. Collection from burglars began in July, 2000. Since then, 21% of the DNA database hits have been achieved as the direct result of the samples received from these convictions.

Solid future

The goal of law enforcement is to complete a DNA profile on any individual convicted of a felony crime. Efforts are underway to prepare the infrastructure of the database to accommodate more additions. The next qualifying conviction being sought is robbery. Florida legislators will consider the proposal in the 2001 legislative session.

Post-conviction DNA testing for Death Row inmates is another item on the DNA horizon. New federal legislation will include funds to assist state crime labs in reducing their backlog of DNA cases.

Florida law enforcement would like the opportunity to secure this funding. However, Congress will likely be giving preference to states with legislation addressing post-conviction DNA testing for death penalty cases. Only a few states, such as Illinois and California, have legislation of this type in place.

In January, Florida Gov. Jeb Bush wrote a letter to Florida legislators addressing this very issue and stating, "It has always been my position that whenever DNA evidence could prove the innocence of a convicted person, that person should be afforded the opportunity to have necessary testing." Law enforcement will look to the governor and the Legislature as they seek the best solution for addressing this important issue.



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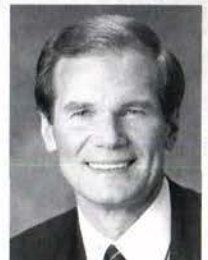
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Born Coral Gables, FL, November 9, 1936 *Education* BA Degree, University of Florida, 1959; Law Degree, Harvard, 1962 *Spouse* Adele *Children* Four *Career* Florida House of Representatives, 1966; Senate, 1970; elected Governor 1978 and '82; elected to U.S. Senate 1986, 1992 and 1998 *Background* Father, Ernest R. "Cap" Graham, was former State Senator in Florida and unsuccessful candidate for Governor; maternal aunt, Mrs. Ina S. Thompson, of DeFuniak Springs, was first woman to attain "Little Cabinet" status as Florida's Motor Vehicle Commissioner in the 1950s *Committee Assignments* Energy and Natural Resources; Environment and Public Works (ranking member of Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property and Nuclear Safety Subcommittees); Finance Committee; Veterans' Affairs; Select Committee on Intelligence *Address* 524 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C., 20510 *Phone* (202) 224-3041.



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Born Miami, FL, September 29, 1942 *Education* BA Degree, Yale University, 1965; JD Degree, University of Virginia, 1968; honorary degrees from Nova Southeastern University, Rollins College, Bethune-Cookman College, Florida Institute of Technology and Embry-Riddle University *Spouse* Grace *Children* two *Military* Captain, U.S. Army, active duty 1968-70, reserve, 1965-71 *Career* practicing attorney, 1970-79; Florida House of Representatives, 1972-78; U.S. House of Representatives, 1979-91; Chairman, Space Subcommittee, 1985-91; trained and flew with space shuttle crew, 1986; described experiences in a book titled *Mission*, 1988; author of articles published in scientific periodicals; returned to practice of law, 1991; elected State Treasurer, 1994 and 1998. *Address* 818 Hart Building, Washington, DC 20510 *Phone* (202) 224-0171.



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JOE SCARBOROUGH (R)

Born Atlanta, GA, April 9, 1963 *Education* AB Degree, University of Alabama; JD Degree, University of Florida *Children* Two *Church* Southern Baptist *Career* Attorney; elected to U.S. House of Representatives, 1994, 1996 and 1998 *Honors* Board Member, Navy League; Executive Board Member, Escambia/Santa Rosa Bar Association; Board Member, Emerald Coast Pediatric Primary Care; American Jurisprudence Award for Constitutional Law, University of Florida College of Law *Committee Assignments* National Security Judiciary Government Reform and Oversight *Address* 127 Cannon House Office Building, Washington, D.C., 20515 *Phone* (202) 225-4136.



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Calhoun, Dixie, Franklin, Gadsden, Gilchrist, Gulf, Hamilton, Jackson, Jefferson, Lafayette, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor, Wakulla and Washington Counties. Portions of Bay and Columbia Counties.

F. ALLEN BOYD, JR. (D)

Born Valdosta, GA, June 6, 1945 *Education* Florida State University, BS in Accounting *Children* Three *Church* United Methodist *Military* Rifle Platoon Leader, US Army, served tour of duty in Vietnam *Career* Fifth generation farmer, Florida House of Representatives since 1989-96, served as Chair of Governmental Operations Committee, Chair of the House Rules and Calendar Committee and Chair of the House Democratic Conservative Caucus; elected to the U.S. House of Representatives 1996 and 1998 *Committee Assignment* Appropriations Committee, Communications Co-Chair Blue Dog Coalition *Address* 107 Cannon House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515 *Phone* (202) 225-5235.



3rd District

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CORRINE BROWN (D)

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Education BS, Florida A&M University; Education Specialist Degree and Master's Degree, U of Fla. *Children* One *Church* Baptist *Career* Faculty member at Fla. Community College (Jacksonville), University of Florida and Edward Waters College (Jacksonville); elected to Fla. House of Representatives, 1982-92; elected to U.S. House of Representatives, 1992 to present *Honors* First woman to chair Duval County legislative delegation; Legislator of the Year awards from Jacksonville Association of Firefighters and Fla. Association of Homes for the Aging; Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree from Edward Waters College *Address* 2444 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515 *Phone* (202) 225-0123.



4th District

Nassau County. Portions of Duval, Flagler, St. Johns and Volusia Counties.

ANDER CRENSHAW (R)

Born Jacksonville, FL, September 1, 1944
Education University of Georgia, BA, 1966; University of Florida, JD, 1969 *Wife* Kitty *Children* Two *Church* Episcopal *Career* Investment Banker, Florida House of Representatives, 1972-78; Florida Ethics Commission, 1983-85; Florida Senate 1986-94, Senate President, 1992-93; Florida Constitution Revision Committee 1997-98; elected U.S. Representative 2000 *Honors* First Republican in Florida's history to be elected President of the Senate (1992); elected to serve as representative to U.S. House GOP leadership; *Committee Assignments* Armed Services, Budget and Veterans' Affairs *Address* 106 Cannon House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515 *Phone* (202) 225-2501.



5th District

Alachua, Citrus, Hernando and Levy Counties. Portions of Columbia, Marion and Pasco Counties.

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Born Rapid City, SD, January 12, 1951 *Education* University of Fla., BA Degree *Spouse* John *Children* Two *Career* School teacher; Dunellon City Council seven years (mayor two terms); elected to Fla. Senate, 1982 (first woman to chair Agriculture Committee); elected to U.S. House of Representatives, 1992, re-elected 1994, 1996 and 1998 *Honors* served on Fla. Sentencing Guidelines Commission; Reapportionment Committee, National Conference of State Legislators; Southern Regional Education Board; Member, House Ways and Means Committee; Florida Sheriff's Star Award Recipient *Address* 201 Cannon House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515 *Phone* (202) 225-1002.



6th District

Baker, Bradford, Sumter and Union Counties. Portions of Clay, Duval, Lake, Marion and Putnam Counties.

CLIFF STEARNS (R)

Born Washington, DC, April 16, 1941 *Education* Graduated from George Washington University with a B.S. in Electrical Engineering; recognized as the Air Force ROTC Distinguished Military Graduate *Spouse* Joan *Children* Three *Church* Presbyterian *Military* U.S. Air Force four years *Career* Developed Stearns House, Inc., motel management firm with five motels and three restaurants in Marion and Alachua Counties, Fla.; elected to U.S. House of Representatives 1988 to present *Committee Assignments* Veterans' Affairs Committee (Chairman of the Health Subcommittee); Commerce Committee (Energy and Power Subcommittee; Telecommunications, Trade and Consumer Protection Subcommittee) *Address* 2227 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515 *Phone* (202) 225-5744.



★ STAR BRIEF

Public Access System aids law enforcement and citizens

Through efforts of a task force of Sheriffs, Police Chiefs, State Attorneys, and other criminal justice representatives, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement has created a new system to generate lead information from citizens who may have information about a crime.

Unveiled in October, it's called the Public Access System (PAS). Through PAS, the citizens of the state of Florida and the country can gain access to records of stolen property, as well as missing and wanted person information.

This valuable tool allows private citizens to assist local law enforcement by searching these records and providing e-mail "tips" to the local law-enforcement agency that entered the record.

In addition to the basic data about persons and property, FDLE is including copies of images from local agencies, such as photographs of stolen items.

Law-enforcement agencies are making an effort to populate the system with images, so they may be shared. By January 2001, the site had logged almost

200,000 visitors.

Find out more by visiting the FDLE Web site: www.fdle.state.fl.us

Donors Beware

The Florida Sheriffs Association is often alerted by members being solicited by other law-enforcement organizations. These groups seek donations to help fund programs which "benefit law enforcement officers" across the state. While they may have similar sounding names and even logos, they are in no way connected or affiliated with your Florida Sheriffs Association.

Thanks to the generosity and support of its Honorary and Business Members, the Florida Sheriffs Association offers an array of benefits and services to its Law Enforcement Members. We will continue our long-standing tradition of fighting crime and organizing resources for the law-enforcement community. Don't be fooled: If you are going to make a charitable donation to a law-enforcement organization, make sure you know who they are, how long they've been around and how they spend their money. Give wisely.

7th District

Portions of Orange, Seminole and Volusia Counties.

JOHN L. MICA (R)

Born Binghamton, NY, January 27, 1943 *Education* AA Degree, Miami-Dade Community College; BS Degree, University of Fla. *Spouse* Patricia *Children* Two *Church* Episcopal *Career* Business ventures in cellular telephones, real estate, trade consulting, governmental affairs and lobbying; executive director of local government study commissions; consultant to Florida's Joint Center for Urban and Environmental Studies; elected to Fla. House of Representatives, 1976-80; Chief of Staff for U.S. Sen. Paula Hawkins, 1980-85; elected to U.S. House of Representatives, 1992 to present *Honors* Fla. Good Government Award from Jaycees, 1973; one of Florida's "Outstanding Young Men," 1978 *Address* 2445 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515 *Phone* (202) 225-4035.



8th District

Parts of Orange and Osceola Counties.

RIC KELLER (R)

Born Johnson City, TN, September 5, 1964 *Education* East Tennessee State, 1986; Vanderbilt University, 1992 *Wife* Cathleen *Children* Two *Church* Methodist *Career* Attorney; elected 2000 *Activities* Chairman of the Board, Orlando/Orange County COMPACT program 1997-98. *Address* 2109 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515 *Phone* (202) 225-2176.



9th District

Portions of Hillsborough, Pasco and Pinellas Counties.

MICHAEL BILIRAKIS (R)

Born Tarpon Springs, FL, July 16, 1930 *Education* BS Degree in engineering, University of Pittsburgh; JD Degree, University of Fla. *Spouse* Evelyn *Children* Two *Church* Greek Orthodox *Military* U.S. Air Force, four years, Korean Conflict *Career* Businessman, attorney, engineer, steel worker, small claims judge, municipal judge; elected to U.S. House of Representatives, 1982 to present *Honors* Citizen of the Year, Tarpon Springs *Committee Assignments* Serves on Veterans' Affairs Committee, and Energy and Commerce Committee *Address* 2269 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515 *Phone* (202) 225-5755.



10th District

Part of Pinellas County

C. W. BILL YOUNG (R)

Born Harmarville, PA, December 16, 1930 *Spouse* Beverly *Children* Three *Church* Methodist *Military* Florida National Guard nine years *Career* Insurance executive; elected to Fla. Senate, 1960-70 (first minority leader); elected to U.S. House of Representatives 1970 to present *Honors* Distinguished Public Service, American Medical Association; Most Valuable Senator, Florida Press Corps; Award of Merit, President's Commission on Employment of the Handicapped; Watchdog of the Treasury Award; Guardian of Small Business Award *Committee Assignments* Chairman, Appropriations Committee *Address* 2407 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515 *Phone* (202) 225-5961.



11th District

Portions of Hillsborough County.

JIM DAVIS (D)

Born Tampa, FL, October 11, 1957 *Education* Washington and Lee University, BA, University of Florida, Juris Doctorate *Spouse* Peggy *Children* Two *Church* Episcopal *Career* Attorney, elected Florida House of Representatives, 1988 to present *Honors* House Majority Leader 1994-1996, 25 awards for work on education spending and accountability, energy efficiency, crime prevention, affordable healthcare, environmental protection and state budget reform *Committee Assignments* Budget Committee and International Relations, House Administration *Address* 424 Cannon House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515 *Phone* (202) 225-3376.



★ STAR BRIEF

A statewide effort to help recover stolen property

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement received funding in 2000 to establish a Statewide Property Recovery System.

Property crimes are the most frequent and costly crimes committed in Florida, and — because of the volume and nature of these crimes — the case clearance and property recovery rate is very low.

The system is in the development stages, and when complete, law enforcement will have the ability to link local stolen property data from across the state.

Accessible through the Criminal Justice Network (CJNet), the system will:

- Provide the ability to search statewide for property stolen and potentially pawned elsewhere
- Identify persons/groups dealing in stolen property
- Interface with federal databases AND interface with Criminal History files when guns are pawned (to identify felons unlawfully in possession of a firearm)
- Most importantly, increase the amount of stolen property recovered and returned to victims

A pilot of the property recovery database will be launched in March, and the goal is to have the system fully operational by July 1.

12th District

DeSoto and Hardee Counties. Portions of Highlands, Hillsborough, Pasco and Polk Counties.

ADAM H. PUTNAM (R)

Born Bartow, Florida, July 31, 1974 *Education* University of Florida, BS in Food and Resource Economics *Wife* Melissa Church *Episcopal* Presbyterian *Career* worked in family citrus and cattle business; Florida House of Representatives 1996-2000; elected 2000 *Honors and Awards* Named Outstanding Male Graduate, University of Florida; was sworn in as the youngest member of the 107th U.S. Congress at age 26 (January, 2001) *Activities* President, Florida 4-H Foundation; member, Polk County Farm Bureau, Polk County Cattleman's Association and Polk County Historical Association; Board of Directors, Florida Sheriffs Youth Villa *Committee Assignments* Agriculture and Budget *Address* 506 Cannon HOB, Washington, DC 20515-0912 *Phone* 202-225-1252.



13th District

Manatee and Sarasota Counties.
Portions of Charlotte and Hillsborough Counties.

DAN MILLER (R)

Born Highland Park, MI, May 30, 1942 *Education* BS-BA Degree, University of Fla.; MBA Degree, Emory University; Ph.D., Louisiana State University *Spouse* Glenda *Children* Two *Church* Episcopal *Career* Assistant Professor, Georgia State University; Adjunct Professor, University of South Fla.; partner in Miller Enterprises which owns and operates diversified businesses; elected to U.S. House of Representatives, 1992 to present *Honors* Served on boards of Manatee Memorial Hospital, Manatee Mental Health Center and Florida West Coast Symphony; member of Task Force on Substance Abuse; Brotherhood Award, National Conference of Christians and Jews *Committee Assignments* House Appropriations Committee and House Committee on Government Reform; Chairman of the subcommittee on the Census *Address* 102 Cannon House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515 *Phone* (202) 225-5015.



★ STAR BRIEF

Protecting yourself from sexual predators

There are approximately 17,000 sexual offenders and 2,500 predators in the Florida Department of Law Enforcement Sexual Predator and Offender database. The number changes daily. FDLE currently receives 300 new registrants per month. Citizens can access the system at: www.fdle.state.fl.us

14th District

Collier and Lee Counties. Portion of Charlotte County.

PORTER GOSS (R)

Born Waterbury, CT, November 26, 1938 *Education* BA Degree, Yale University, Magna Cum Laude *Spouse* Mariel *Children* Four *Church* Presbyterian *Career* CIA Clandestine Services Officer, 1962-72; small-business owner; Councilman and Mayor, Sanibel; member and chairman Lee County Commission; elected to U.S. House of Representatives, 1988 to present *Honors* Director, National Audubon Society; Chairman, State Advisory Committee on Coastal Management; Chairman, Metropolitan Planning Organization; Director, Lee County Mental Health Center *Address* 108 Cannon House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515 *Phone* (202) 225-2536.



15th District

Brevard and Indian River Counties.
Portions of Osceola and Polk Counties.

Dave Weldon, MD (R)

Born Amityville, NY, August 31, 1953 *Education* State University of New York at Stony Brook, BS Degree in Biochemistry; State University of New York, Buffalo School of Medicine, MD Degree *Spouse* Nancy *Church* Zion Christian *Military* U.S. Army medical training at Letterman Army Medical Center, San Francisco; attained rank of Major, 1987; Army Reserves, 1987-92 *Career* Private medical practice, internal medicine; Melbourne (FL) Internal Medicine Associates; elected to U.S. House of Representatives, 1994 to present (held no previous public offices) *Honors* Phi Beta Kappa, 1978; Alpha Omega Alpha honor medical society; co-founder, Space Coast Family Forum, 1989 *Committee Assignments* Science; Banking *Address* 332 Cannon House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515 *Phone* (202) 225-3671.



★ STAR BRIEF

Emergency missing child alert

Last August, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement partnered with the Florida Broadcasters Association, Emergency Operations Center and the Federal Communications Commission to launch a pilot of the nation's first statewide missing child alert program. Florida Emergency Missing Child Alert (FEMCA) will provide an immediate radio alert to the public when reports of a child abduction have been confirmed by law enforcement. Once again, Florida law enforcement is first.

For more information, visit FDLE's Web site: www.fdle.state.fl.us

16th District

Glades County. Parts of Hendry, Highlands, Martin, Okeechobee, Palm Beach and St. Lucie Counties.

MARK FOLEY (R)

Born Newton, MA, September 8, 1954 *Education* Palm Beach Community College *Church* Roman Catholic *Career* Realtor, President of Foley-Smith & Associates, Inc.; City Commissioner and Vice-Mayor, City of Lake Worth; elected to Fla. House of Representatives, 1990; Florida Senate, 1992; U.S. House of Representatives 1994 to present *Honors* Legislator of the Year, Fla. Farm Bureau; Distinguished Layman, Fla. Medical Assn.; Special Merit Award, Cities in Schools; Special Recognition, Fla. Physician's Assn.; Past President, Palm Beach County Legislative Delegation; involved with growth, development and inter-governmental relations entities *Committee Assignments* Deputy Whip, Ways and Means *Address* 104 Cannon House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515 *Phone* (202) 225-5792.



17th District

Portions of Dade County.

CARRIE MEEK (D)

Born Tallahassee, FL, 1926 *Education* BA Degree in Biology, Fla. A&M University; Master's Degree in Public Health and Physical Education, University of Michigan *Career* Special Assistant to the Vice President, Miami-Dade Community College; served in Fla. House of Representatives, 1979-82; in Fla. Senate, 1982-92; elected to U.S. House of Representatives, 1992 to present; Member, House Appropriations Committee *Honors* Honorary Doctor of Laws Degrees from University of Miami, Florida A&M University, Barry University and Rollins College; 1999 selected as one of the 50 most effective members of Congress by *Congressional Quarterly* magazine; 1995 recipient of LeRoy Collins Lifetime Achievement Award; recognized as one of the most effective members of Fla. Senate; named best in Senate debate by panel of news reporters *Address* 2433 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515 *Phone* (202) 225-4506.



★ STAR BRIEF

22 Counties Now Have School Safety Hotlines

The Florida Sheriffs Task Force has been busy bringing counties online with the School Safety Hotline, a toll-free number for students and adults to call to anonymously report suspicious activity by students at their schools. The hotlines have resulted in a number of arrests, which can be surprisingly rapid. When Taylor County had their official kickoff last January — promoting the toll-free number to school children — they received a phone call the same afternoon which resulted in an arrest.

Want more information? Contact Detective Beverly Norcum, 727-464-8037, or write her: FSA Statewide Task Force, P.O. Drawer 2500, Largo, FL 33779-2500.

18th District

Portions of Dade County.

ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN (R)

Born Havana, Cuba, July 15, 1952 *Education* AA Degree, Miami-Dade Community College; BA Degree, Fla. International University; MS Degree, University of Miami; post-graduate studies *Spouse* Dexter Lehtinen *Career* Principal of private elementary school; elected to Fla. House of Representatives, 1982-86; Fla. Senate, 1986-89; elected to U.S. House of Representatives, 1989 to present; first Hispanic (Cuban-American) woman to serve in Congress *Committee Assignments* International Relations; Government Reform & Oversight; chair, subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade; vice chair, Western Hemisphere subcommittee *Address* 2160 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515 *Phone* (202) 225-3931.



19th District

Portions of Broward and Palm Beach Counties.

ROBERT WEXLER (D)

Born New York, NY, January 2, 1961 *Education* University of Florida, BA Political Science; George Washington University Law School, Juris Doctorate *Spouse* Laurie *Children* Three *Religion* Jewish *Career* Practicing Attorney; Florida State Senator 1990-1996, former Chairman of the Finance and Taxation Committees and Criminal Justice Committee; elected U.S. House of Representatives 1996 and 1998 *Honors* Elected President Designate, Florida Senate 1995 *Committee Assignments* International Relations and Judiciary *Address* 213 Cannon Office Building, Washington, DC 20515 *Phone* (202) 225-3001.



★ STAR BRIEF

Pasco County training to tackle hazardous chemical crimes

To help protect its residents against hazardous chemicals, the Pasco County Sheriff's Office has trained five deputies from the Agricultural Unit and certified them as "first responders" in any incidents involving dangerous chemical substances.

County emergency officials recognized a need to develop a new approach to hazardous material spills and dumping. Responders from other safety-related agencies include Pasco County firemen and emergency management personnel. Through the training, teams from various agencies will now be able to better identify contaminants and better contain and reduce the damage that can result from misuse or accidents involving the substances.

An incident that occurred in May 1999 serves to illustrate the need. A Pasco County waste disposal company dumped 6.75 tons of contaminated waste in the county landfill. The hazardous materials included various auto parts and two 55-gallon drums filled with a toxic cocktail of substances including, among others, benzene, xylene, toluene, acetone, selenium and chromium. Exposure to these chemicals can cause serious harm to humans and animals by damaging the respiratory system, the central nervous system, kidneys and reproductive organs.

20th District

Monroe County. Portions of Broward and Dade Counties.

PETER DEUTSCH (D)

Born New York, NY, April 1, 1957 **Education** BA Degree, Swarthmore College, Phi Beta Kappa; JD Degree, Yale Law School **Spouse** Lori **Children** Two **Religion** Jewish **Career** Attorney; director and founder, Broward County Medicare Information Program; elected to Fla. House of Representatives, 1982 to 1992; elected to U.S. House of Representatives, 1992 to present **Honors** Board member of Broward County Environmental Coalition, Alzheimer's Association, Jewish Federation, B'nai B'rith, Knights of Pythias **Committee Assignments** Commerce **Address** 2421 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515 **Phone** (202) 225-7931.



21st District

Portions of Dade County.

LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART (R)

Born Havana, Cuba, August 13, 1954 (fled to U.S. with family in 1959) **Education** Degree in International Relations, New College of the University of South Fla.; Degree in British Politics, Cambridge University, England; Law Degree, Case Western Reserve University **Spouse** Christina **Children** Two **Career** Elected to Fla. House of Representatives 1986 and 1988; Fla. Senate, 1989 and 1990; U.S. House of Representatives, 1992 to present **Honors** First Republican and first Hispanic elected chairman of Dade County delegation in Florida Legislature; awards for effective legislative service from VFW, Dade County Public Schools, Fair Campaign Practices Committee and Florida Epilepsy Foundation **Committee Assignments** Rules Committee (vice chairman of the subcommittee on the Rules of the House); House Oversight Committee; serves Rules Committee *decides which legislation may reach the House Floor)



★ STAR BRIEF

Missing children's organization needs you

The Jimmy Ryce Center for Victims of Predatory Abduction was established to save children from horrendous torture, molestation and possible murder by pedophiles and sexual predators.

It was founded by Don and Claudine Ryce, parents of Jimmy Ryce, who was kidnapped, raped and murdered five years ago at the age of 9. Since then, their accomplishments include:

Establishment of the Jimmy Ryce Bloodhound Network, which has trained and placed more than 100 purebred bloodhounds to help law-enforcement agencies find stolen children before they are killed, and to catch the predator so he will not hurt other children

Address 2244 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515-0921 **Phone** (202) 225-4211.

22nd District

Portions of Broward, Dade and Palm Beach Counties.

E. CLAY SHAW, Jr. (R)

Born Miami, FL, April 19, 1939 **Education** BS Degree in Business Administration, Stetson University; Master's Degree in Accounting, University of Alabama; JD Degree, Stetson University Law School **Spouse** Emilie **Children** Four (grandchildren, eleven) **Church** St. Anthony's, Ft. Lauderdale **Career** Assistant City Attorney, Chief City Prosecutor, Vice Mayor, Mayor of Ft. Lauderdale; elected to U.S. Congress, 1980 to present; is a CPA **Honors** Appointed special ambassador to Papua, New Guinea, by President Ford; served on Executive Committee of Republican National Committee **Committee Assignments** Ways and Means; Chairman Social Security Subcommittee **Address** 2408 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515 **Phone** (202) 225-3026.



23rd District

Portions of Broward, Dade, Hendry, Martin, Okeechobee, Palm Beach and St. Lucie Counties.

ALCEE L. HASTINGS (D)

Born Altamonte Springs, FL, September 5, 1936 **Education** BA Degree, Fisk University; attended Howard University School of Law; JD Degree, Florida A&M University College of Law **Children** Three **Church** African Methodist Episcopal **Career** Practicing attorney; Circuit Judge; U.S. District Judge; elected to U.S. House of Representatives, 1992 to present **Honors and Affiliations** NAACP, ACLU, Southern Poverty Law Center, NOW, Planned Parenthood, Sierra Club, Urban League, National Conference of Black Lawyers **Committee Assignments** International Relations, Intelligence **Address** 2235 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515 **Phone** (202) 225-1313.



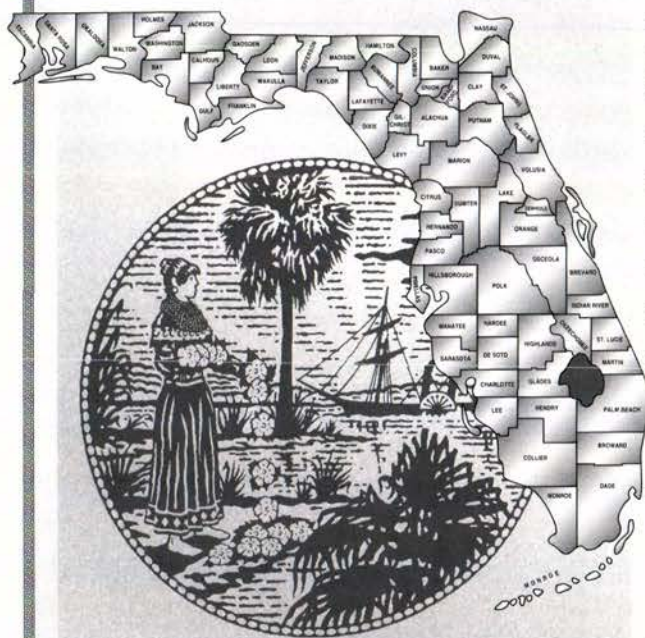
Successfully lobbied Florida lawmakers to get legislation, including the Jimmy Ryce Act, which allows neighborhoods to be notified where sexual predators live

Took their message to Congress to help make it a crime to seduce a child through the Internet

The establishment of a Web site, www.jimmyryce.org, which features Jimmy's GEMs, "Great Escape Maneuvers," to teach children how to become more predator resistant

For more information, visit their Web site: www.jimmyryce.org, or contact them by phone: (305) 864-1344, e-mail: misujim@netrox.net, or regular mail: 5151 Collins Ave., Suite 1036, Miami Beach, FL 33140.

FLORIDA'S COUNTY OFFICIALS



Source of Population Figures

Compiled by the Legislative Committee on Intergovernmental Relations (1/2000) using population estimates prepared by the Bureau of Economic and Business Research, University of Florida.

Alachua
(Gainesville)
Pop. 216,249
Sheriff
Stephen M. "Steve" Oelrich
Clerk of Circuit Court
J. K. "Buddy" Irby
Property Appraiser
Edward A. Crapo
Tax Collector
Von Fraser
Supervisor of Elections
Beverly Hill
School Superintendent
Mary L. Chambers
Commissioners
Mike Byerly
Robert K. Hutchinson
Rodney J. Long
Dave Newport
Penelope "Penny" Wheat
School Board
William H. Cake
Beverly P. Carroll
Jeannine M. Cawthon
Chester W. Leathers
Barbara J. Sharpe

Baker
(Macclenny)
Pop. 21,879
Sheriff
Joey B. Dobson
Clerk of Circuit Court
Thomas A. Fraser, Sr.
Property Appraiser
Gary B. Barber
Tax Collector
Gene Harvey
Supervisor of Elections
Nita B. Crawford
School Superintendent
Paula T. Barton
Commissioners
Clifton Barton
Julie B. Combs
Mark Hartley
Fred Raulerson
Alex Robinson
School Board
Earl Dwight Crews
Alan "Pete" Harvey
Jeanine L. Harvey
James P. Raulerson
Patricia C. Weeks

Bay
(Panama City)
Pop. 150,119
Sheriff
Guy M. Tunnell
Clerk of Circuit Court
Harold Bazzel
Property Appraiser
Richard J. Davis
Tax Collector
Peggy C. Brannon
Supervisor of Elections
Mark Andersen
School Superintendent
James E. McCalister, Sr.
Commissioners
Thomas Cornel Brock
John G. Newberry, Jr.
Michael J. Ropa
Danny Sparks
Richard Stewart
School Board
Johnny L. Brock

Ron Danzey
Michael W. "Mike" Gavlak
Michael Lee Jones
Thelma G. Rohan

Bradford
(Starke)
Pop. 25,500
Sheriff
Robert W. "Bob" Milner, Jr.
Clerk of Circuit Court
Francis Ray Norman
Property Appraiser
Jimmy Alvarez
Tax Collector
Teila N. Pearson
Supervisor of Elections
Terry L. Vaughan
School Superintendent
Robert G. Paterson III
Commissioners
John Cooper
Herman Johnson
T. J. Mann
Joseph F. Riddick
Doyle Thomas
School Board
Vivian O. Chappell
Randy Jones
Jerome Kelley
Jesse Moore, Jr.
Pam Whittle

Brevard
(Titusville)
Pop. 474,803
Sheriff
Philip B. "Phil" Williams
Clerk of Circuit Court
Scott Ellis
Property Appraiser
Jim Ford
Tax Collector
James R. "Rod" Northcutt
Supervisor of Elections
Fred D. Galey
School Superintendent
Richard A. Di Patri
Commissioners
Susan Carlson
Jackie Colon
Nancy N. Higgs
Randy O'Brien
Truman G. Scarborough, Jr.
School Board
Bea D. Fowler
Larry E. Hughes
Janice Kershaw
William L. Powell
Rich Wilson

Broward
(Ft. Lauderdale)
Pop. 1,490,289
Sheriff
Kenneth C. "Ken" Jenne II
Clerk of Circuit Court
Howard C. Forman
Property Appraiser
William "Bill" Markham
Revenue Director
Joseph Rosenhagen
Supervisor of Elections
Miriam McKinzie
Oliphant

School Superintendent
Franklin L. Till, Jr.
Commissioners
Josephus Eggelletion, Jr.
Ben Graber
Suzanne N. Gunzburger
Kristin D. Jacobs
Ilene S. Lieberman
Lori Nance Parrish
John E. Rodstrom, Jr.
James A. Scott
Diana Wasserman-Rubin
School Board
Carole L. Andrews
Judie S. Budnick
Darla L. Carter
Paul D. Eichner
Beverly A. Gallagher
Stephanie Arma Kraft
Robert D. Parks
Lois Wexler
Benjamin J. Williams

Calhoun
(Blountstown)
Pop. 14,117
Sheriff
David L. Tatum
Clerk of Circuit Court
Ruth W. Attaway
Property Appraiser
Terrell L. Stone
Tax Collector
Barbara A. Davis
Supervisor of Elections
Martin Sewell
School Superintendent
Wilson T. McClellan
Commissioners
Earl Hunt
Willie T. Grant
Jim C. Pickron
William E. Sewell
S. Donnell Whitfield
School Board
Volena Barfield
Willie A. Brown, Jr.
Doyle F. Daniels
David A. Price
Timothy G. Smith

Charlotte
(Punta Gorda)
Pop. 136,773
Sheriff
William E. "Bill" Clement
Clerk of Circuit Court
Barbara T. Scott
Property Appraiser
V. Frank Desguin
Tax Collector
Vickie L. Potts
Supervisor of Elections
Judy Anderson
School Superintendent
Max L. Schmidt
Commissioners
Adam Cummings
Thomas C. D'Aprile
Matthew D. DeBoer
Sara Devos
Mac V. Horton
School Board
Connie Kantor
Andrea Messina
Barbara Y. Rendell
Sue Sifrit
Lee Swift

Citrus
(Inverness)
Pop. 114,898
Sheriff
Jeffrey J. "Jeff" Dawsey
Clerk of Circuit Court
Betty Striffler
Property Appraiser
Ronald J. Schultz
Tax Collector
Janice A. Warren
Supervisor of Elections
Susan Gill
School Superintendent
David J. Hickey
Commissioners
Gary Bartell
Roger O. Batchelor
Jim Fowler
Vicki Phillips
Josh Wooten
School Board
Virginia G. Bryant
Patricia T. Deutschman
Sandra C. Himmel
Patience Nave
Carol L. Snyder

Clay
(Green Cove Springs)
Pop. 139,631
Sheriff
L. Scott Lancaster
Clerk of Circuit Court
James B. Jett
Property Appraiser
Wayne G. Weeks
Tax Collector
Jimmy R. Weeks
Supervisor of Elections
Barbara A. Kirkman
School Superintendent
David L. Owens
Commissioners
George Anthony Bush
Christy Fitzgerald
Larry R. Lancaster
Glenn R. Lassiter
Patrick D. McGovern
School Board
Charles T. Fields
Lisa B. Graham
Carol Y. Studdard
Carol A. Vallencourt
Charles E. Van Zant, Jr.

Collier
(Naples)
Pop. 219,685
Sheriff
Don Hunter
Clerk of Circuit Court
Dwight E. Brock
Property Appraiser
Abe Skinner
Tax Collector
Guy L. Carlton
Supervisor of Elections
Jennifer J. Edwards
School Superintendent
Dan W. White
Commissioners
James D. Carter
Jim Coletta
Donna Fiala
Tom Henning
Pamela S. Mac'Kie

School Board
Linda Abbott
Pamela M. Cox
Nelson A. Faerber, Jr.
Patricia Anne
Goodnight
Donald J. York

Columbia
(Lake City)

Pop. 56,514
Sheriff
Frank E. Owens
Clerk of Circuit Court
P. DeWitt Cason
Property Appraiser
J. Doyle Crews
Tax Collector
H. Ray Walker
Supervisor of Elections
Carolyn D. Kirby
School Superintendent
Michael B. Flanagan
Commissioners
James H.
Montgomery
George A. Skinner
Dewey A. Weaver
Ronald A. Williams
Kenneth Witt
School Board
Anthony J. Buzzella
Harvey Campbell
Barbara O. Foreman
Keith Hudson
Glenn J. Hunter

DeSoto
(Arcadia)

Pop. 28,438
Sheriff
John J. "Johnny" Fugate
Clerk of Circuit Court
Mitzie W. McGavie
Property Appraiser
Newton D. Keen
Tax Collector
Kathryn J. "Kathy" Hill
Supervisor of Elections
Mark F. Negley
School Superintendent
Adrian H. Cline
Commissioners
William H. Altman
T. Felton Garner
Jerry G. Hill
Ronald P. Neads
T. L. Welles
School Board
Lenora P. Brewer
Robert W. Heine, Jr.
Rodney Word
Hollingsworth
Geraldine M. Scott
James Westberry

Dixie

(Cross City)
Pop. 13,478
Sheriff
M. Samuel "Sammy" Woodall, Jr.
Clerk of Circuit Court
Joe Hubert Allen
Property Appraiser
J. Hal Chewning, Jr.
Tax Collector
Joyce H. Davis
Supervisor of Elections
Mae Beville
School Superintendent
Dennis W. Bennett

Commissioners
John L. Driggers, Sr.
Marcus A. Hays
Hoyt J. "Buddy" Lamb
Alton J. Land
James T. Valentine
School Board
Timothy W. Alexander
David Keen
Glenn Osteen
Dwayne "Top" Rollison
Bonnie F. Williams

Duval

(Jacksonville)
Pop. 762,846
Sheriff
Nathaniel "Nat" Glover
Clerk of Circuit Court
Jim Fuller
Property Appraiser
Ernie Mastroianni
Tax Collector
Lynwood Roberts
Supervisor of Elections
John Stafford
School Superintendent
John C. Fryer, Jr.
Councilmen
Warren Alvarez
Elaine Brown
Matt Carlucci
Doyle D. Carter
Gwen J. Chandler-Thompson
Lad Daniels
Reginald N. Fullwood
Alberta L. Hips
Gerald D. Holland
King Holzendorf
Suzanne S. Jenkins
Pat Lockett-Felder
James N. Overton
Lake G. Ray, III
Faye Rustin
Lynette Self
Ginger Soud
Mary Ann Southwell
Eddie Creamer
School Board
Kristanna B. Barnes
Martha E. Barrett
Gwendolyn E. Gibson
Jimmy A. Johnson
Cynthia S. Rounds
Linda S. Sparks
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Escambia
(Pensacola)

Pop. 301,613
Sheriff
H. Ron McNesby
Clerk of Circuit Court
Ernie Lee Magaha
Property Appraiser
Chris C. Jones
Tax Collector
Janet Holley
Supervisor of Elections
Bonnie M. Jones
School Superintendent
Jim Paul
Commissioners
Tom Benjamin
Mike Bass
W. D. Childers
Willie J. Junior
Terry Smith
School Board
Gary L. Bergosh
John DeWitt
Linda Finkelstein

Elmer Jenkins
Cary Stidham
Flagler
(Bunnell)
Pop. 45,818
Sheriff
James L. "Jim" Manfre
Clerk of Circuit Court
Gail Wadsworth
Property Appraiser
John W. Seay
Tax Collector
Suzette Pellicer
Supervisor of Elections
Peggy Rae Border
School Superintendent
Robert D. Williams
Commissioners
James A. Darby
George E. Hanns
Blair R. Kanbar
Herschel C. King, Jr.
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School Board
Colleen Conklin
Susan Dickinson
James T. Guines
Eddie Herrera, Jr.
Oradell D. Trayer

Franklin
(Apalachicola)

Pop. 10,872
Sheriff
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Clerk of Circuit Court
Kendall D. Wade
Property Appraiser
Doris Barber
Pendleton
Tax Collector
James A. Harris, Jr.
Supervisor of Elections
Doris Shiver Gibbs
School Superintendent
Jo Ann B. Gander
Commissioners
Eddie Creamer
Jimmy G. Mosconis
Bevin L. Putnal
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Clarence Williams
School Board
Jimmy Gander
David C. Hinton
Teresa Ann Martin
Katie McKnight
George W. Thompson

Gadsden
(Quincy)

Pop. 51,478
Sheriff
W. A. Woodham
Clerk of Circuit Court
Nicholas Thomas
Property Appraiser
George B. Hamilton
Tax Collector
W. Dale Summerford
Supervisor of Elections
Shirley Green Knight
School Superintendent
Sterling D. Dupont
Commissioners
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E. Hentz Fletcher, Jr.
Bill McGill
Carolyn J. Roberson
Sterling L. Watson
School Board
Catherine S. James

Walter L. McPherson
Roger P. Milton
William K. Pitts, Jr.
Isaac Simmons, Jr.

Gilchrist
(Trenton)

Pop. 13,406
Sheriff
David P. Turner
Clerk of Circuit Court
Joseph W. Gilliam
Property Appraiser
D. Ray Harrison, Jr.
Tax Collector
Winfred W. Welch
Supervisor of Elections
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School Superintendent
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Randy D. Durden
Sue Beach Suggs
John Rance Thomas
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School Board
J. M. Everett
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Ronald D. Smith
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Glades

(Moore Haven)
Pop. 9,867
Sheriff
James E. "Jim" Rider
Clerk of Circuit Court
Joe Flint
Property Appraiser
Larry R. Luckey
Tax Collector
Jim J. Greer
Supervisor of Elections
Holly Whiddon
School Superintendent
Wayne Aldrich
Commissioners
Avant Brown
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Franklin D. Simmons
Alvin Ward
School Board
Thomas Gaskins, Jr.
Catherine Peoples
Mike Pressley
Janet Storey
Susan Thompson

Gulf
(Port St. Joe)

Pop. 14,403
Sheriff
W. Frank McKeithen
Clerk of Circuit Court
Douglas C.
Birmingham
Property Appraiser
Kesley Colbert
Tax Collector
Shirley J. Jenkins
Supervisor of Elections
Linda F. Griffin
School Superintendent
Jerry E. Kelley
Commissioners
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School Board
Charlotte M. Pierce
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Billy Charles Quinn, Jr.
Oscar D. Redd
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Hamilton
(Jasper)

Pop. 14,376
Sheriff
J. Harrell Reid
Clerk of Circuit Court
W. "Gregg" Godwin
Property Appraiser
David H. Goolsby, Jr.
Tax Collector
Norma J. Cook
Supervisor of Elections
Carol Tolle
School Superintendent
Charles F. Blalock, Jr.
Commissioners
Michael D. Adams
Leon McGauley
Ronny C. Morgan
Bailey R. Ogburn, Sr.
Lewis Vaughn
School Board
Martha W. Butler
Lawrence F. Carver III
Marrell Percy
Lynn Roberson
J. T. Simon

Hardee
(Wauchula)

Pop. 22,594
Sheriff
J. Loran Cogburn
Clerk of Circuit Court
B. Hugh Bradley
Property Appraiser
Carolyn J. Coker
Tax Collector
Zerelda J. Smith
Supervisor of Elections
Dean Cullins
School Superintendent
Dennis G. Jones
Commissioners
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E. Milton Lanier
Gordon R. Norris
Walter B. Olliff, Jr.
Clifton N. Timmerman
School Board
Donnie Autry
Wendell Cotton
Jerold Knight
Janice M. Platt
James L. Stallings

Hendry
(LaBelle)

Pop. 30,552
Sheriff
L. Steve Worley
Clerk of Circuit Court
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Property Appraiser
Kristina A. Kulpa
Tax Collector
Peggy S. Hampton
Supervisor of Elections
Lucretia A. Strickland
School Superintendent
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Darrell R. Harris
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Charles M. Martinez

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School Board
Eva S. Berg
Dwayne E. Brown
Patrick B. Langford
Richard A. "Rick" Murphy
John Perry, Jr.

Hernando
(Brooksville)

Pop. 127,392
Sheriff
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Clerk of Circuit Court
Karen Nicolai
Property Appraiser
Alvin R. Mazourek
Tax Collector
Juanita B. Sikes
Supervisor of Elections
Annie D. Williams
School Superintendent
John W. Sanders
Commissioners
Mary Coyne Aiken
Christopher A. Kingsley
Hannah M. Robinson
Diane B. Rowden
Mary E. Betty
Whitehouse
School Board
Gail M. Coleman
John C. Druzbick
James B. Malcolm
Sandra K. Nicholson
Robert C. Wiggins

Highlands
(Sebring)

Pop. 81,143
Sheriff
Howard Godwin
Clerk of Circuit Court
L. E. "Luke" Brooker
Property Appraiser
C. Raymond McIntyre
Tax Collector
Charles L. Bryan
Supervisor of Elections
Joe A. Campbell
School Superintendent
Wally Cox
Commissioners
Bob Bullard
David W. Flowers
Andrew B. Jackson
C. Guy Maxcy
Edgar E. Stokes
School Board
Robert L. Fitzgerald, Jr.
J. Ned Hancock
Donna Howerton
Wally Randall
Wendy Sue Renfro

Hillsborough
(Tampa)

Pop. 967,511
Sheriff
Cal Henderson
Clerk of Circuit Court
Richard Ake
Property Appraiser
Robert E. Turner
Tax Collector
Doug Belden

Supervisor of Elections
Pam Iorio
School Superintendent
Earl J. Lennard
Commissioners
Stacey L. Easterling
Pat Collier Frank
Charles Christian Hart III
Jim Norman
Jan K. Platt
Thomas Scott
Ronda R. Storms
School Board
Glenn Barrington
Carolyn W.
Bricklemeyer
Carol W. Kurdel
Jack R. Lamb
Joe E. Newsome
Ann S. Olson
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Holmes
(Bonifay)

Pop. 18,899
Sheriff
C. Dennis Lee
Clerk of Circuit Court
Cody Taylor
Property Appraiser
Otis Corbin, Jr.
Tax Collector
Frances G. Fuller
Supervisor of Elections
Debbie Wilcox Morris
School Superintendent
E. Myron Hudson
Commissioners
Jim King
Howard Owens
Jimmy Stafford
Lewis E. Stafford
Jimmy White
School Board
Rickey D. Callahan
Joey Fisanick
Vernon Lewis, Jr.
Neal Mixon
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Indian River
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Pop. 109,579
Sheriff
Roy Raymond
Clerk of Circuit Court
Jeffrey K. Barton
Property Appraiser
David C. Nolte
Tax Collector
Charles W. Sembler II
Supervisor of Elections
Kay Clem
School Superintendent
J. Roger Dearing
Commissioners
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Kenneth R. Macht
Ruth Stanbridge
John W. Tippin
School Board
Herbert L. Bailey
R. Craig McGarvey
Steven Mohler
Dorothy Talbert
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Jackson

(Marianna)

Pop. 49,469

Sheriff

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Clerk of Circuit Court
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Property Appraiser
Elizabeth "Liz" Alford
Tax Collector
Betty F. Hatcher
Supervisor of Elections
Sylvia D. Stephens
School Superintendent
Daniel G. Sims
Commissioners
Howard J. Glass
Chuck Lockey
J. Milton Pittman
Willie E. Spires
Ted Tyus
School Board
Betty B. Duffee
Sarah A. Grant
Kenneth R. Griffin
Edwin B. Kilpatrick
Virgil Mixson

Jefferson

(Monticello)

Pop. 14,424

Sheriff

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Fortune, Sr.
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Carl D. Boatwright
Property Appraiser
David W. Ward
Tax Collector
Lois H. Hunter
Supervisor of Elections
Marty Bishop
School Superintendent
Phil Barker
Commissioners
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Jessie E. "Gene"
Cooksey
Felix "Skeet" Joyner
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School Board
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Harriett Cuyler
B. Franklin Hightower
Beverly A. Sloan
Shirley A. Washington

Lafayette

(Mayo)

Pop. 6,961

Sheriff

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Clerk of Circuit Court
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Property Appraiser
Tim Walker
Tax Collector
Marilyn V. Wimberley
Supervisor of Elections
Lana B. Morgan
School Superintendent
Fredric W. Ward
Commissioners
Franklin G. Buchanan
Tweed Jack Byrd

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Ernest L. Jones
School Board
Charles Driver
Robert D. Koon
Carolyn S. Land
Henry J. McCray
Johnny L. Reid

Lake

(Tavares)

Pop. 203,863

Sheriff

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Clerk of Circuit Court
James C. Watkins
Property Appraiser
Ed Havill
Tax Collector
Robert K. McKee
Supervisor of Elections
Emogene W. Stegall
School Superintendent
Pam Saylor
Commissioners
Wilton G. Cadwell
Catherine C. Hanson
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School Board
Jimmy Conner
Kyleen Fischer
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Gerald A. Smith
Scott Strong

Lee

(Fort Myers)

Pop. 417,114

Sheriff

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Shoop
Clerk of Circuit Court
Charlie Green
Property Appraiser
Kenneth M. Wilkinson
Tax Collector
Catherine M. Curtis
Supervisor of Elections
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School Superintendent
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Commissioners
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Robert P. Jones
Ray Judah
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School Board
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Jane E. Kuckel
Lisa Pockrus
Terri Kent Wampler

Leon

(Tallahassee)

Pop. 237,637

Sheriff

Larry Campbell
Clerk of Circuit Court
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Property Appraiser
Bert Hartsfield
Tax Collector
Doris H. Maloy
Supervisor of Elections
Ion V. Sancho
School Superintendent
William J. Montford

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Rudy Maloy
Bill Proctor
Bob Rackleff
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Daniel Ruff
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School Board
Georgia M. Bowen
Dee Crumpler
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Maggie B. Lewis
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Levy

(Bronson)

Pop. 33,408

Sheriff

Johnny Smith
Clerk of Circuit Court
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Property Appraiser
Francis D. Akins
Tax Collector
Linda Fugate
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School Superintendent
Clifton V. Norris
Commissioners
Don Foley
Tony Parker
Lilly Rooks
Danny Stevens
W. S. Yearly
School Board
Wayne E.
Beauchamp
Elizabeth J. Davis
G. Frank Etheridge
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Jennifer Shuster

Liberty

(Bristol)

Pop. 8,048

Sheriff

Harrell Wood Revell
Clerk of Circuit Court
Robert Hill
Property Appraiser
Patricia S. Whitfield
Tax Collector
Carol K. Strickland
Supervisor of Elections
Marcia A. Wood
School Superintendent
Anthony L. Anderson
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Curtis D. Anders
L. B. Arnold
Stafford Stanley
Dawson, Sr.
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John Troy Sanders
School Board
Joe Combs
Tommy Duggar, Sr.
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Darrel Hayes
Earnest E. Hill

Madison

(Madison)

Pop. 19,632

Sheriff

Peter C. "Pete" Bucher
Clerk of Circuit Court
Tim Sanders
Property Appraiser
Debra P. Bassett

Tax Collector

Wes Kelley
Supervisor of Elections
Linda T. Howell
School Superintendent
Bill Roberts
Commissioners
Joe L. Crafton
Roy Ellis
Alfred Martin
Ronnie L. Moore
Michael W. Salls
School Board
Clyde Alexander, Jr.
Kenneth D. Hall
Ronnie Ragans
Gary L. Williams
Wendell L. Williams

Manatee

(Bradenton)

Pop. 253,207

Sheriff

Charles B. "Charlie"
Wells
Clerk of Circuit Court
R. B. "Chips" Shore
Property Appraiser
Charles E. Hackney
Tax Collector
C. Kenneth Burton, Jr.
Supervisor of Elections
Robert "Bob" Sweat
School Superintendent
R. Daniel Nolan
Commissioners
Gwendolyn Y. Brown
Jonathan R. Bruce
Patricia M. Glass
George L. Harris IV
Joe McClash
Amy E. Stein
Jane W. Von Hahmann
School Board
Frank Brunner
Barbara A. Harvey
Harry G. Kinnan
Walter E. Miller
Larry Simmons

Marion

(Ocala)

Pop. 249,433

Sheriff

Ed Dean
Clerk of Circuit Court
David R. Ellspermann
Property Appraiser
Villie M. Smith
Tax Collector
Thomas "Mac" Olson
Supervisor of Elections
Dee Brown
School Superintendent
James M. Warford
Commissioners
Larry Cretul
Randy Harris
Steve F. Henning
Richard A. Kesseling, Jr.
Parnell Townley
School Board
Cheryl Appelquist
Ronald B. Crawford
Steven B. Hering
James F. Kelly
Kathryn Rushlow

Martin

(Stuart)

Pop. 121,514

Sheriff

Robert L. "Bob"
Crowder
Clerk of Circuit Court
Marsha Ewing
Property Appraiser
Laurel Kelly
Tax Collector
Larry C. O'Steen
Supervisor of Elections
Peggy S. Robbins
School Superintendent
Sara A. Wilcox
Commissioners
Dennis H. Armstrong
Michael DiTerlizzi
Elmira R. Gainey
Doug Smith
Lee Weberman
School Board
David L. Anderson
Scott F. Chalmers
Vicki Davis
Susan J. Hershey
Marion L. Hurst

Miami-Dade

(Miami)

Pop. 2,126,702

Sheriff

Carlos Alvarez
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Clerk of Circuit Court
Harvey Ruvin
Property Appraiser
Joel W. Robins
Tax Collector
Richard Gardner
Supervisor of Elections
David Leahy
School Superintendent
Roger C. Cuevas
Commissioners
Miriam Alonso
Bruno A. Barreiro
Barbara M. Carey-Shuler
Betty T. Ferguson
Gwen Margolis
Joe A. Martinez
Jimmy L. Morales
Dennis C. Moss
Pedro Reboredo
Dorin D. Rolle
Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson
Javier Souto
School Board
Perla Tabares
Hantman
Robert B. Ingram
Betsy H. Kaplan
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Manty Sabates Morse
Jacqueline V. Pepper
Demetrio Perez, Jr.
Marta R. Perez
Solomon C. Stinson

Monroe

(Key West)

Pop. 87,030

Sheriff

Richard D. Roth
Clerk of Circuit Court
Danny L. Kolhage
Property Appraiser
Ervin A. Higgs

Tax Collector

Danise D. Henriquez
Supervisor of Elections
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School Superintendent
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Commissioners
Charles "Sonny"
McCoy
Murray E. Nelson
George R. Neugent
Dixie M. Spehar
Nora A. Williams
School Board
Anne Kelly Cohan
Anne Griffiths
Patrick G. Labrada
Eileen Quinn
Debra S. Walker

Nassau

(Fernandina Beach)

Pop. 57,381

Sheriff

W. R. "Ray" Geiger
Clerk of Circuit Court
J. M. Oxley, Jr.
Property Appraiser
James S. Page
Tax Collector
Gwendolyn M. Miller
Supervisor of Elections
Vicki P. Cannon
School Superintendent
John L. Ruis
Commissioners
Nick D. Deonas
David C. Howard
Marianne Marshall
Vickie Samua
Floyd L. Vanzant
School Board
James M. Adams
Janet H. Adkins
Kathy Knight Burns
Gail G. Cook
Muriel N. Creamer

Okaloosa

(Crestview)

Pop. 179,589

Sheriff

Charles W. "Charlie"
Morris
Clerk of Circuit Court
Newman "Buddy"
Brackin
Property Appraiser
Timothy P. Smith
Tax Collector
Chris Hughes
Supervisor of Elections
Patricia M. Hollarn
School Superintendent
Don Gaetz
Commissioners
Jackie Burkett
Doug Hutcheson
Dennis "Nick"
Nicholson
Shirley R. Ransom
Paula L. Riggs
School Board
Lucinda J. Frakes
Howard Hill
Lloyd Taylor
Catherine Thigpen
Rodney L. Walker

Okeechobee

(Okeechobee)

Pop. 35,510

Sheriff

O. L. Raulerson
Clerk of Circuit Court
Sharon Robertson
Property Appraiser
W. C. Sherman
Tax Collector
Celeste Smith
Supervisor of Elections
Gwen W. Chandler
School Superintendent
Phoebe Raulerson
Commissioners
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Cliff Betts, Jr.
Clois J. Harvey
David E. Hazellief
Gene Woods
School Board
Gay Carlton
Donna Gail Enrico
India C. Riedel
Steven E. Walker
David H. Williams

Orange

(Orlando)

Pop. 846,328

Sheriff

Kevin E. Beary
Clerk of Circuit Court
Lydia Gardner
Comptroller
Martha O. Haynie
Property Appraiser
Richard T. Crotty
Tax Collector
Earl K. Wood
Supervisor of Elections
Bill Cowles
School Superintendent
Ronald Blocker
Commissioners
Ted B. Edwards
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Hoenstein
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Mary I. Johnson
Mel Martinez
Robert B. "Bob"
Sindler
School Board
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Berton R. Carrier
Kathleen B. Gordon
Judge "Rick" Roach
Barbara Trivillion
Rushing
Linda H. Sutherland

Osceola

(Kissimmee)

Pop. 157,376

Sheriff

Charles M. "Charlie"
Aycock
Clerk of Circuit Court
Larry Whaley
Property Appraiser
Robert M. Day
Tax Collector
Patsy Heffner
Supervisor of Elections
Donna Bryant
School Superintendent
Blaine A. Muse

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Theresa LePore
School Superintendent
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Mary McCarty
Warren H. Newell
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Jody Gleason
William G. Graham
Thomas E. Lynch
Sandra S. Richmond
Debra L. Robinson
Susan S. Whelchel

Pasco
(Dade City)
Pop. 326,494
Sheriff
Robert L. "Bob" White
Clerk of Circuit Court
Jed Pittman
Property Appraiser
Mike Wells
Tax Collector
Mike Olson
Supervisor of Elections
Kurt S. Browning
School Superintendent
John Long
Commissioners
Peter A. Altman
Ann Hildebrand
Patricia Hans Mulieri
Theodore J. Schrader
Steve Simon
School Board
Pam Coulter
Jean Larkin
Cathi Martin
Margaret A. Whaley
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Pinellas
(Clearwater)
Pop. 898,784
Sheriff
Everett S. Rice
Clerk of Circuit Court
Karleen F. De Blaker
Property Appraiser
Jim Smith
Tax Collector
Diane Nelson
Supervisor of Elections
Deborah Clark
School Superintendent
J. Howard Hinesley
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Calvin D. Harris
Susan Latvala
John Morroni
Karen Williams Seel
Barbara Sheen Todd
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Kenneth Welch
School Board
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Nancy Bostock
Carol J. Cook
E. Jane Gallucci
Max R. Gessner
Linda S. Lerner
Thomas C. Todd

Polk
(Bartow)
Pop. 474,704
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Clerk of Circuit Court
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Property Appraiser
Marsha Faux
Tax Collector
Joseph G. Tedder
Supervisor of Elections
Lori Edwards
School Superintendent
R. J. Thornhill
Commissioners
C. A. "Neil" Combee, Jr.
Don Gifford
Jack R. Myers
Bruce L. Parker, Jr.
Randal L. Wilkinson
School Board
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Robert S. Macey
James A. Nelson
Frank J. O'Reilly
Larry Peacock
Brenda C. Reddout
Andrea R. Whiteley

Putnam
(Palatka)
Pop. 72,883
Sheriff
Taylor Douglas
Clerk of Circuit Court
Tim Smith
Property Appraiser
William L. Pritchett, Jr.
Tax Collector
Kenneth R. Mahaffey
Supervisor of Elections
Donald L. Hersey, Sr.
School Superintendent
David M. Buckles
Commissioners
Kevin Durscher
Nancy S. Harris
Linda Myers

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School Board
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Dothea H. Smith
Sandra C. Smith

Santa Rosa
(Milton)
Pop. 112,631
Sheriff
Otis Wendell Hall
Clerk of Circuit Court
Mary M. Johnson
Property Appraiser
Gregory Stephen Brown
Tax Collector
Robert G. McClure
Supervisor of Elections
P. Douglas Wilkes, Jr.
School Superintendent
John W. Rogers
Commissioners
Debbie L. Dawsey
W. A. "Buck" Lee
H. Byrd Mapoles
William D. "Don" Salter
Charles J. Williamson
School Board
Carol M. McDaniel
James M. Rigby
JoAnn J. Simpson
Kenneth E. Smith
Edward Hugh Winkles

Sarasota
(Sarasota)
Pop. 321,044
Sheriff
William F. "Bill" Balkwill
Clerk of Circuit Court
Karen E. Rushing
Property Appraiser
Jim Todora
Tax Collector
Barbara W. Ford-Coates
Supervisor of Elections
Kathy Dent
School Superintendent
David A. Bennett
Commissioners
C. J. English III
David R. Mills
Nora Patterson
Shannon Staub
Jon Thaxton
School Board
John P. Lewis
Frank H. Kovach
Janice K. Mee
Gina E. Taylor
Carol Todd

Seminole
(Sanford)
Pop. 354,148
Sheriff
Donald F. "Don" Eslinger
Clerk of Circuit Court
Maryanne Morse
Property Appraiser
H. W. "Bill" Suber
Tax Collector
Ray Valdes
Supervisor of Elections
Sandra S. Goard

School Superintendent
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Commissioners
Carlton D. Henley
Grant Maloy
Daryl Gene McLain
Randall C. Morris
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School Board
Diane Bauer
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Jeanne Morris
Sandra J. Robinson
Deanne Schaffner

St. Johns
(St. Augustine)
Pop. 113,941
Sheriff
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Clerk of Circuit Court
Cheryl Strickland
Property Appraiser
Sharon Outland
Tax Collector
Dennis W. Hollingsworth
Supervisor of Elections
Penny Lee Halyburton
School Superintendent
Hugh W. Balboni
Commissioners
James E. Bryant
Marc A. Jacalone
Mary F. Kohnke
Nicholas M. Meiszer
John J. Reardon
School Board
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Robert E. Burton
Joseph Gordy
Judith M. Ham
Judy S. Krug

St. Lucie
(Ft. Pierce)
Pop. 186,905
Sheriff
Ken J. Mascara
Clerk of Circuit Court
Jo Anne Holman
Property Appraiser
Jeff Furst
Tax Collector
Bob Davis
Supervisor of Elections
Gertrude Walker
School Superintendent
William Vogel
Commissioners
Cliff Barnes
John D. Bruhn
Doug Coward
Frannie Hutchinson
Paula A. Lewis
School Board
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Samuel S. Gaines
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Judi Miller

Sumter
(Bushnell)
Pop. 50,823
Sheriff
William O. "Bill" Farmer, Jr.
Clerk of Circuit Court
Gloria R. Hayward
Property Appraiser
Ronnie Hawkins

Tax Collector
Tom Swain
Supervisor of Elections
Karen S. Krauss
School Superintendent
Rickard A. Shirley
Commissioners
Joey A. Chandler
Robin L. Cox
Jim Roberts
Billy J. "Tiny" Rutter
Benny G. Strickland
School Board
Michael T. Foote
Kenneth P. Jones
Chris Norris
Linda J. Winchester
Janet S. Yest

Suwannee
(Live Oak)
Pop. 34,386
Sheriff
Alton K. "Al" Williams, Jr.
Clerk of Circuit Court
Kenneth Dasher
Property Appraiser
Lamar Jenkins
Tax Collector
George L. Burnham, Jr.
Supervisor of Elections
Glenda B. Williams
School Superintendent
J. Wyman Harvard, Jr.
Commissioners
Jesse G. Caruthers, Jr.
Randy Hatch
Jerry L. Poole
Robert Taylor
Douglas M. Udell
School Board
Barbara Ceryak
J. M. Holtzclaw
Vincent M. Jones
Muriel S. Owens
Jerry Taylor

Taylor
(Perry)
Pop. 19,836
Sheriff
L. E. "Bummy" Williams
Clerk of Circuit Court
Annie Mae Murphy
Property Appraiser
Eldon Sadler
Tax Collector
Jack Tedder
Supervisor of Elections
Molly Hendry Lilliot
School Superintendent
Oscar M. Howard, Jr.
Commissioners
Beatrice Foskey
Patricia B. Patterson
Walter Daniel Rowell
Frank Russell
Edd Sadler
School Board
Samuel S. Agner, Jr.
Brenda H. Carlton
Kenneth R. Dennis
Delton "Danny" Lundy
Darrell Whiddon

Union
(Lake Butler)
Pop. 13,833
Sheriff
Jerry Whitehead
Clerk of Circuit Court
Regina H. Parrish
Property Appraiser
Steven A. Saunders
Tax Collector
Patsy Jones Elixson
Supervisor of Elections
Babs Roberts
Montpetit
School Superintendent
Carlton Faulk
Commissioners
K. Melanie Ciyatt
Morris Dobbs
Ricky Jenkins
Karen E. Parrish
M. Wayne Smith
School Board
Sandra R. Floyd
Alvin A. Griffis
Barbara J. Johns
Clanton Scaff
Sue R. Whitehead

Volusia
(DeLand)
Pop. 426,815
Sheriff
Ben F. Johnson
Clerk of Circuit Court
Diane M. Matousek
Property Appraiser
Morgan B. Gilreath, Jr.
Revenue Director
Barney J. Kane
Supervisor of Elections
Deanie Lowe
School Superintendent
William E. Hall
County Councilmen
Frank T. Bruno, Jr.
Joseph C. Jaynes
Big John
Dwight D. Lewis
Ann McFall
Patricia Northey
James E. Ward
School Board
Judy L. Andersen
Victoria L. Bumpus
Judith G. Conte
Earl C. McCrary
Jeffrey L. Timko

Wakulla
(Crawfordville)
Pop. 20,648
Sheriff
David F. Harvey
Clerk of Circuit Court
Brent X. Thurmond
Property Appraiser
Ronald W. Kilgore
Tax Collector
Lucinda T. Daniel
Supervisor of Elections
Sherida S. Crum
School Superintendent
David Miller
Commissioners
Warren Crum
Maxie Lawhon
Leon E. Nettles
M. H. Stewart
Nathan Thompson, Jr.
School Board
Rebecca S. Cook

Jerry S. Evans
Ray E. Gray
Michael A. Scott
Gregory M. Thomas

Walton
(DeFuniak Springs)
Pop. 40,466
Sheriff
Ralph L. Johnson
Clerk of Circuit Court
Martha Ingle
Property Appraiser
Patrick P. Pilcher
Tax Collector
Sue Carter
Supervisor of Elections
Melissa Beasley
School Superintendent
Coy M. Yates
Commissioners
Larry D. Jones
Tim Pauls
Lane Rees
H. Gene Ryan
Herman L. Walker
School Board
Darrell J. Barnhill
Mark D. Davis
Jerry Jones
Donnie Richardson
Mildred T. Wilkerson

Washington
(Chipley)
Pop. 22,155
Sheriff
Frederick D. "Fred" Peel
Clerk of Circuit Court
Linda Hayes Cook
Property Appraiser
Gil Carter
Tax Collector
Helen Guettler
McEntyre
Supervisor of Elections
Carol Finch Griffin
School Superintendent
Jerry E. Tyre
Commissioners
Charles E. Brock
Lynn Cope, Jr.
Larry G. Enfinger
Ronnie B. Finch
John M. Hall
School Board
Gary F. Clark
Leonard F. Hinson, Jr.
Angia J. Morris
Donald L. Morris
Philip Rountree

ALACHUA COUNTY*Gainesville***Sheriff Stephen M. "Steve" Oelrich (R)**

Born Pensacola, FL, September 29, 1945
Education public schools, Brandon, FL; St. Petersburg Junior College, AA degree in Police Administration; Florida State University, BS in Criminology with certificate in law enforcement; Pinellas County Police Academy; Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) Special Agents School; FDLE Homicide Investigation School; National Sheriffs' Institute; FBI National Academy Executive Development



Program, 29th session; FDLE Chief Executive Institute *Wife* Rose Mary *Children* Three (one deceased) *Church* Methodist *Career* police officer, St. Petersburg Police Department, 1967-68; Special Agent, FDLE, 1970-82; insurance agent and owner of agency, 1982-93; elected Sheriff, 1992, re-elected 1996, ran unopposed 2000 *Honors and Affiliations* FSA, Secretary, 2000; FSA, Treasurer, 1999; United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) Patient Affairs Committee, 1998 – present; Chairman, National Sheriffs Association Gift of Life Foundation, 1997 – present; Chairman, Region IV Criminal Justice Training Council, 1996 – present; NSA's Standards and Ethics Committee, and Accreditation Committee, 1993 – present; Alachua County Criminal Justice Assessment Center Policy Advisory Board, 1997 – present; University of Florida Organ Procurement Organization Advisory Board, 1996 – present; Juvenile Assessment Center Advisory board, 1995 – present; City/County Law Enforcement Cooperation Committee (CCLECC), 1995 – present; Alachua County Substance Abuse Police Board, 1995 – present; Board of Directors, North Central Florida Safety Council, 1994 – 2000; SFCC Institute of Public Safety, Technology Advisory Committee, 1993 – present; Juvenile Justice Council, 1993 – present. www.alachuasheriff.org

BAKER COUNTY*Macclenny***Sheriff Joey B. Dobson (D)**

Born Lake City, FL, February 5, 1949 *Education* Baker County High School; Lake City Community College, AS Degree, Management; Florida State University, BS Degree, Criminology; Santa Fe Community College, Florida Law Enforcement Officer Instructor Certification 1982 *Wife* Linda *Children* Four *Church* Methodist *Career* State Juvenile Probation Officer 1972-1973; Deputy, Baker County Sheriff's Office 1973-1976; elected Clerk of Circuit Court, Baker County 1976-1980; Investigator State Attorney's Office,

**FLORIDA SHERIFFS**

See inside back cover for Sheriffs' addresses and phone numbers

Sixty-six of Florida's 67 counties have elected Sheriffs as their chief law-enforcement officers. Miami-Dade County has an appointed chief law-enforcement officer whose title is Director of the Miami-Dade Police Department. Sheriffs serve four-year terms, and have county-wide jurisdiction that includes incorporated as well as unincorporated areas. All Sheriffs and the Director of the Miami-Dade Police Department are active members of the Florida Sheriffs Association.

Eighth Judicial Circuit 1982-1996; Law Enforcement Instructor, Lake City Community College 1984-1996; elected Sheriff 1996; re-elected 2000; Graduate of Southern Police Institute, University of Louisville, Management of Small Law Enforcement Agency, 1997; Florida Executive Development Seminar, 1997; University of North Florida Leadership Conference, 1998, National Sheriff's Institute *Honors and Affiliations* Baker County Jaycees "Outstanding Young Officer" Award 1974; member, Governor's Council on Criminal Justice, 1974; President of Baker County Sertoma Club, Sertoman of the Year Award, 1996; Established Baker County's first alcohol and drug abuse program; member, Macclenny Lions Club, Baker County Council on Aging, and Baker County Juvenile Justice Council; Executive Committee, Northeast Florida Investigative Support Center, Northeast Florida HIDTA Executive Committee. www.sheriffsoffice.co.baker.fl.us

BAY COUNTY*Panama City***Sheriff Guy M. Tunnell (R)**

Born Panama City, FL, August 16, 1951
Education Orlando public schools; St. John's River Junior College, AA Degree; Rollins College, BS and MS Degrees; Criminal Justice Executive Institute *Wife* Patty *Children* Three *Church* Baptist *Career* Orange County Sheriff's Office, Investigator/Sergeant; Bay County Sheriff's Office, Investigator; U.S. Naval Investigative Service, Special Agent, Pensacola, FL; Chief of Police, Lynn Haven, FL; elected Sheriff in 1988, re-elected 1992, ran unopposed 1996 and 2000; graduate of the FBI National Academy 197th Session, 1999 *Honors* Church Deacon; Master Mason, Scottish and York Rite, Shaddai Shrine Temple; 1987 Outstanding Young Law Enforcement Officer (Panama City Jaycees); First Honorary Chairman, Red Ribbon Campaign (Bay County Drug Free) *Board Memberships* Anchorage Childrens Home; Boys & Girls Club; Gulf Coast Community College Foundation & Gulf Coast Community College Assessment Center and Criminal Justice Advisory Councils, Florida Criminal Justice Executive Association, 2000 Elder Affairs Committee; National Sheriff's Association, Congressional Affairs Committee, 2000; Drug Enforcement Committee, 2000; Bay Point Billfish Tournament Foundation; Florida Sheriffs Association, 1992, 1994; Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, 1994; Chairman of the Board, Florida Sheriffs Association, 1995; Treasurer, 1996; Secretary, 1997; Vice President, 1998; Immediate Past President, 1999-2000. www.panamacity.com/government/bayso

**BRADFORD COUNTY***Starke***Sheriff Robert W. "Bob" Milner, Jr. (D)**

Born Jacksonville, FL, June 26, 1953
Education Bradford High School, Starke; Lake City (FL) Community College, AA Degree in Police Science and Corrections; University of Central Florida, BA Degree in Criminal Justice, minor in Public Administration; Correctional Standards, 1974; Police Standards, 1976; graduate of the Florida Criminal Justice Executive Institute Chief Executive Seminar and the National Sheriffs' Institute; graduate of FBI National Academy, 1997 *Wife* Carol *Children* Two *Church* Church of God *Career* Florida Department of Corrections, 1974-1984 (four promotions); Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Regional Coordinator for Criminal Justice Standards and Training, 1984-1988; Starke Police Department (part-time 1977-1980 and



1989-1992); employed by Bradford County School Board as Criminal Justice Instructor, 1988-1992; holds dual certification in corrections and law enforcement; also certified CJSTC Instructor; elected Sheriff in 1992, re-elected 1996 and 2000 *Honors* elected to Starke City Commission, 1980; Past Lt. Governor, Florida District Kiwanis; past county coordinator for Special Olympics; served on North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, eight years; elected to Florida Sheriffs Association Board of Directors, 1996 through 2000; Chairman of the Board, 1999; Secretary, Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches Board of Directors, 2000; Florida Crime Prevention Association "President's Award - Agency Head of the Year, 1997."

BREVARD COUNTY*Titusville***Sheriff Philip B. "Phil" Williams (R)**

Born Hickory, NC, November 12, 1956
Education Public Schools, Swain County, NC and Brevard County, FL; Brevard Community College, AA; University of Central Florida, BA in Allied Legal Studies; Nova Southeastern University College of Law, JD, 1985 *Wife* Amy *Children* Two *Church* Methodist *Career* Police Officer/Investigator, Indialantic Police Department 1975-1980; Narcotics Investigator, Palm Bay Police Department 1980; Sergeant, Indialantic Police Department 1980-1982; Assistant State Attorney, Eighteenth Judicial, 1985-1992; Assistant State Attorney, Eighteenth Judicial (Felony, Division Chief, Career Criminal Prosecutor and Homicide Response Team member) 1994-1996; elected Sheriff 1996, re-elected 2000 *Honors and Affiliations* Member, Brevard County Association of Chiefs of Police; Brevard County Bar Association, Florida Bar; Brevard County Law Enforcement Academy Instructor; Adjunct Professor, University of Central Florida; United Way Board of Directors; CRIMELINE Board of Directors; Florida Association of Police Attorneys; Brevard Community College Law Enforcement Advisory Committee; Florida Sheriffs Association Legislative Committee 1997 - present; FSA Legislative Co-Vice Chairman, 1998 - 2000; FSA Legislative Chairman, 2000-2001; Northeast Chairman of Blue Lightning Strike Force Steering Committee; International Association of Chiefs of Police, National Sheriffs Association, International Narcotic Enforcement Officers Association. www.sheriff.co.brevard.fl.us

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BROWARD COUNTY*Fort Lauderdale***Sheriff Kenneth C. "Ken" Jenne II (D)***Born* New Haven, CT, December 1, 1946*Education* Palm Beach Junior College,

AA, 1966; Florida Atlantic University, BA,

1968, Florida State University, JD, 1972

Wife Caroline *Children* Two *Church*Episcopal *Career* State Senator 1978 -

1998; Democratic Leader, 1994-1998.

Committee Chairmanships included

Appropriations, Rules and Calendar,

Judiciary, Judiciary Criminal, Executive

Business; and Finance, Taxation and

Claims, Attorney; appointed Sheriff 1/20/98; elected Sheriff

9/1/1998; re-elected 2000 *Military* Sergeant, Public Safety Supervi-sor, US Army Reserve *Honors and Affiliations* Constitution Reform

Revision Steering Committee; Governor's Committee on Education;

Governor's Council on Organized Crime. Numerous Outstanding

Legislator Awards; FSA, Board of Directors, 2000. www.sheriff.org**CHARLOTTE COUNTY***Punta Gorda***Sheriff William E. "Bill" Clement (D)***Born* Arcadia, FL, November 19, 1949*Education* Edison Community College,

AA Degree; University of South Florida,

BA, Criminology; National Louis Univer-

sity, Masters in Education candidate;

numerous law enforcement training

courses *Wife* Janice *Church* Protestant*Career* 8 years, Charlotte County Sher-

iff's Office: Patrol, Criminal Investiga-

tions, CID Lieutenant and Chief Investi-

gator; DeSoto County Sheriff's Office,

Road Patrol Lieutenant; 16 years, private investigative agency; elect-

ed Sheriff 2000 *Honors and Affiliations* Advisory FBI-trained

hostage negotiator; certified Police Standards Instructor; member,

Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce, Charlotte County Mentoring

Program, Punta Gorda Business Alliance; board member, Char-

lotte County Juvenile Justice Council.

**CALHOUN COUNTY***Blountstown***Sheriff David L. Tatum (D)***Born* Marianna, FL, December 15, 1960*Education* Chipola Junior College,

numerous law enforcement training

courses *Wife* Lori *Children* One *Church*Baptist *Career* Altha Police Department

Police Chief, Calhoun County Sheriff's

Office: Deputy, 1981-1990; Investigator,

1990-2000; elected Sheriff Calhoun

County 2000 *Honors and Affiliations*

1996 U.S. Attorney's Award; 1998 Florida

Council on Crime and Delinquency

Award; Board of Directors, Panhandle Pioneer Settlement; Calhoun

County Airport Authority.

**CITRUS COUNTY***Inverness***Sheriff Jeffrey J. "Jeff" Dawsey (D)***Born* Long Island, NY, November 28,1955 *Education* Crystal River High

School, St. Leo College, St. Leo, FL, BA

in Criminal Justice; Nova University, Ft.

Lauderdale, FL, MBA; graduate of Chief

Executive Seminar and National Sher-

iff's Institute *Wife* Gail *Children* Three*Church* Methodist *Career* Deputy Sher-

iff, Pasco County Sheriff's Office 1978-

1981; Deputy Sheriff through Captain,

Citrus County Sheriff's Office, 1981-

1996; elected Sheriff 1996, ran unopposed 2000 *Military* Air Force1976-1978 *Honors and Affiliations* Outstanding Young American

Award 1978; past president and secretary Inverness Sertoma, Lead-

ership Citrus Graduate, Tri-County Chamber of Commerce, past

president Central Citrus Little League, Boy Scouts, Moose, Rotary,

Advisory Board Member of Salvation Army, and Board Member of

United Way; elected to FSA Board of Directors, 1999; FSA Legislative

Delegation, 2000. www.sheriff.citrus.fl.us**★ STAR BRIEF****Youth Ranch Milestones**

When two Florida Sheriffs proposed their plan to establish a Ranch to help care for troubled boys, not even they could have predicted its continued success. Their intention was to reach out to a handful of at-risk youth, offer them a safe place to grow, and a home to work through their daily problems. They wanted to help stop the spread of juvenile delinquency and neglect.

Today, after 44 years, the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches is a statewide network of residential campuses, youth camping programs and community-based services. From a mere \$5,000 and 160 acres of donated land along the Suwannee River, the Youth Ranches has served more than 44,000 boys, girls and their families through four residential sites, three camping programs, family counseling services and three Opportunity Stores.

Over 80% of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches funding comes from private charitable gifts.

It took the concerted effort of Sheriffs, board members, staff and the growing donor family to make these milestones a reality. We look forward to reporting more good news about the FSyr in the coming decade.

CLAY COUNTY*Green Cove Springs***Sheriff L. Scott Lancaster (R)**

Born Green Cove Springs, FL, May 29, 1954 *Education* public schools of Green Cove Springs; St. Johns River Junior College, law enforcement curriculum; Florida Atlantic University, BA Degree in Criminal Justice; Master's Degree in Public Administration; FBI National Academy, 129th session; graduate of National Sheriffs' Institute and Florida Criminal Justice Executive Institute *Children* Four *Church* Methodist *Career* Clay County Sheriff's Office, dispatcher, 1972-73; Boca Raton police officer, 1974-77; Clay County SO, Sergeant thru Chief Deputy 1977-88; private business 1988-92; elected Sheriff in 1992, re-elected 1996, ran unopposed 2000 *Honors and Affiliations* member, Green Cove Springs Rotary Club; Quigley House, Clay County Behavioral Health Center; Chairman, Clay County Juvenile Justice Council; Board of Directors, Florida Sheriffs Association, 1996 – present; member, FSA Children and Family Services Committee; member, FSA Statewide Task Force Committee; member, Financial Development/Public Relations Committee, Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches; Chairman, Northeast Florida Investigative Support Center; Commissioner, Florida Corrections Commission; Commissioner, Florida Corrections Accreditation Commission. <http://claysheriff.com>

**COLLIER COUNTY***Naples***Sheriff Don Hunter (R)**

Born Tallahassee, FL, October 9, 1951 *Education* Florida State University, BS Degree in Criminology, MS Degree in Criminal Justice Planning; FBI National Academy graduate, 1994 *Children* Two *Church* Catholic *Career* Regional Administrator, Department of Justice, Law Enforcement Assistance Administration, Florida Region IX, 1976-79; Collier County Sheriff's Office, 1979-81 (Deputy Chief of Administration, 1981-88); elected Sheriff in 1988, re-elected 1992, ran unopposed in 1996, re-elected 2000 *Honors* appointed to selection committee, U.S. Military Academies, for Collier, Glades and Hendry counties; Outstanding Young Men of America Award, 1987; elected to Sheriffs Association's Board of Directors, 1992; Board of Managers, Florida Sheriff's Self Insurance Fund; Florida Gulf Coast University Criminal Justice Advisory Board, 1995 – present; and the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation, Inc., 1999. <http://colliersheriff.org>

**COLUMBIA COUNTY***Lake City***Sheriff Frank E. Owens (D)**

Born Hammononton, NJ, February 1, 1945 *Education* Choctawhatchee High School, Ft. Walton Beach, FL; Okaloosa-Walton Community College, Niceville, FL, AA; Florida State University, BS Criminology; Georgia Southern, Statesboro, GA, graduate work, Public Administration; U.S. Treasury Law Enforcement School, Washington, DC *Wife* Elaine *Children* Two *Church* First Assembly of God *Career* Tallahassee Police Reserves, two years; U.S. Treasury Special Agent, six years; Chief of Police, Dublin, GA, nine years; Chief of Police, Lake City, 10 years; elected Sheriff 1996, re-elected 2000 *Honors and Affiliations* U.S. Treasury Special Achievement Award, 1974; Past member, Georgia Governor's Task Force on Stress in Law Enforcement; Past Chairman of the Hamilton/Columbia Juvenile Justice Council.

**DESOTO COUNTY***Arcadia***Sheriff John J. "Johnny" Fugate (D)**

Born Arcadia, FL, November 22, 1956 *Education* Edison Community College; DeSoto High School; numerous law enforcement training courses *Wife* Debbie *Children* Two *Church* Baptist *Career* DeSoto County Sheriff's Office, 7 years; Manatee County Sheriff's Office, 1 year; State Attorney's Office Investigator, 13 years; elected Sheriff 2000 *Honors and Affiliations* DeSoto County Fair Association; 4-H Club volunteer; Hunter Education Instructor; Diamond Club (supports high school athletics).

**★ STAR BRIEF****We welcome your ideas**

The Sheriff's Star Magazine is devoted to promoting the work of the 67 Sheriffs' Offices throughout the state of Florida. Its purpose is to inform citizens about innovative methods being used to reduce crime in their communities, educate them about legislative developments which affect public safety, and explain ways they can get involved in the effort to protect their life, family and property.

We welcome material submitted by Sheriff's Offices and other law-enforcement agencies. We often include by-lines on articles written by Sheriffs, Public Information Officers, Sheriffs' Office personnel and guest columnists. *The Sheriff's Star* sometimes reprints articles of interest from other publications as well. Please submit tearsheets of the article and information about when and where the article previously appeared.

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DIXIE COUNTY

Cross City

Sheriff M. Samuel "Sammy" Woodall, Jr. (D)

Born Hines, FL, January 14, 1950 *Education* Lake City Community College; Santa Fe Community College; numerous law enforcement training courses. *Wife* Joye *Children* Three *Church* Baptist *Career* 1970-71 Florida Highway Patrol; 1972-86 Dixie County Deputy Sheriff; 1983-85 Cross City Police Department, Officer and Chief; 1985-88 Dixie County Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy; 1988 Cross City Police Administrator; 1988-89 Dixie County Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy; 1989 appointed Dixie County Sheriff; elected Sheriff 1990; 1993-95 Cross City Police Department; 1995-2001 Cross City Police Chief; elected Dixie County Sheriff 2000. *Honors and Affiliations.* Past director, Dixie County Chamber; Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons Shamrock Lodge #268; L.A.W. Publications certificate for Outstanding Achievements; Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Florida Outstanding Service award; community volunteer.



DUVAL COUNTY

(Jacksonville*)

Sheriff Nathaniel "Nat" Glover, Jr. (D)

Born Jacksonville, FL, March 29, 1943 *Education* New Stanton High School; Edward Waters College, BS Degree in Social Science, 1966; University of North Florida, Master's Degree in Education, 1987; graduated from the 130th Session FBI National Academy; completed numerous career development and special training courses in anti-terrorism, hostage negotiations and inter-personal relations *Wife* Doris *Children* Two *Church* St. Stephen AME *Career* employed by Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, 1966; advanced to Director of Police Services, with responsibility for over 1,000 employees in the Jail Division (pre-trial detention facility), Prison Division, Community Corrections Division, and Human Resources Division (which included personnel at Region V Northeast Florida Criminal Justice Training Center); retired from Sheriff's Office February 28, 1995; elected Sheriff on April 11, 1995, and is believed to be Florida's first elected black Sheriff in more than 100 years. Glover is donating nearly a quarter of a million dollars for scholarships that are primarily distributed through Take Stock in Children. The Sheriff donated his first four years of pension money to needy children so they can attend college. The Sheriff won the FBI's Director's Community Leadership Award in 1999. He was honored



for "his untiring efforts to combat crime through community involvement and to effect positive changes in the criminal justice system." *Honors* runner-up, Florida Retail Federation's "Law Enforcement Officer of the Year," 1976; "D. K. Brown Award" from Bold City Jaycees, 1977; "Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award," Brotherhood of Police Officers, 1977; "Citizen of the Year" from Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, 1988; "Success Role Model Award," from El-Bethel-El Divine Holiness Church, 1991; "Sallye B. Mathis Award" from Jacksonville Branch NAACP, 1991; recognition for outstanding law enforcement achievements from Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., 1991; recipient of the Martin Luther King Humanitarian Award granted by the Jacksonville Jewish Community; chosen to participate in the White House Leadership Conference on Youth, Drug Use and Violence; received outstanding alumnus awards from the University of North Florida, Edward Waters College and Leadership Jacksonville, Inc. *Affiliations* Trustee Board, St Stephen AME Church (President Pro-Tem); Omega Psi Phi Fraternity; Brotherhood of Police Officers; Board of Directors, Eartha M. M. White Health Care, Inc.; Advocate for a Better Jacksonville; Leadership Jacksonville Class, 1989. www.coj.net/jso

* When Jacksonville and Duval County were consolidated, the Jacksonville Police Department became the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office.

ESCAMBIA COUNTY

Pensacola

Sheriff H. R. "Ron" McNesby (R)

Born Pensacola, FL, May 22, 1944 *Education* Pensacola Junior College; Troy State University, Pensacola *Children* Two *Church* Baptist *Career* 35 years with Escambia County Sheriff's Office: Accreditation, Public Information, Patrol, School Resource program; Corrections, Training, Community Policing; Emergency Disaster Coordinator, D.A.R.E. program; elected Sheriff, 2000 *Honors and Affiliations*



Florida Sheriffs Association Task Force; President and Treasurer, Florida Law Enforcement Public Information Officers' Association; Executive Board of N.W. Florida Crippled Children's Foundation; Board of Directors, American Red Cross, Pensacola.

★ STAR BRIEF

Humble beginnings. . .

The Florida Sheriffs Association's roots go back to March 23, 1893.

According to an article that appeared in the *Florida Times Union* in Jacksonville, FSA's predecessor was an organization called, "The Florida Sheriff's Mutual Benefit Association."

Alachua County Sheriff A.M. Killcarey initiated the first meeting, which was held in the hall of the Montedore Lodge, Knights of Pythias, in Jacksonville. Thirty-five counties were represented at the meeting, either in person or by proxy, and a constitution and by-laws were adopted for the government of the association.

The stated purpose was "better acquaintance and more united action of its members, the rendering of assistance to each other in the performance of duty, the aiding of families of those members who may be killed in the performance of official duty, and generally the mutual benefit of all members."

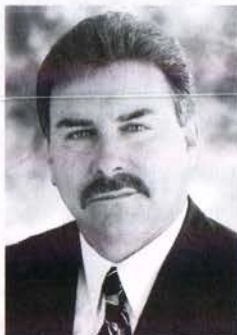
Annual dues were \$5.

FLAGLER COUNTY*Bunnell***Sheriff James L. "Jim" Manfre (D)**

Born Brooklyn, NY, October 2, 1957
Education Fordham University, Bronx, NY, BS Psychology; St. Johns University School of Law, JD *Wife* Cornelia *Church* Catholic *Career* Bronx County District Attorney, Legal Assistant; King's County District Attorney, Trial Assistant; Suffolk County, NY, Assistant District Attorney; Suffolk County, Special Assistant District Attorney. Elected Sheriff 2000.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY***Eastpoint***Sheriff Bruce E. Varnes (D)**

Born Apalachicola, FL, August 6, 1954
Education public schools Apalachicola; Lake City Community College, Lake City, FL, Police Science Certificate; completed numerous special training and career development courses including: Corrections Standards, Police Officer Standards & Training, Diversified Training Program, Case Preparation and Court Presentation, FDLE Academy D.A.R.E. Certification for Elementary and Middle School Curriculum, Radar Operation, Role of Law Enforcement in the Identification and Investigation of Sexual Abuse and Physical Abuse of Children, Advanced Training Certificate, Commission on Criminal Justice Standards & Training, Narcotics Identification and Investigation, Human Diversity, School Resource Officer Training *Wife* Amelia *Children* Two *Church* Assembly of God *Career* Columbia County Sheriff's Office three years; Lake City Police Department eight and a half years; Franklin County Sheriff's Office seven and a half years; elected Sheriff 1996, re-elected 2000 *Honors and Affiliations* Law Enforcement Officer of the Year 1979 and 1980; Columbia County Sheriff's Officer of the Year 1979 and 1980; Loyal Order of the Moose; Veterans of Foreign Wars; 32nd Degree Master Mason; Chairman, Franklin County Juvenile Justice Council (1994-95); Franklin County Schools Advisory Committee (1994-1995).
fcso@gtcom.net

**GADSDEN COUNTY***Quincy***Sheriff W. A. Woodham (D)**

Born Dothan, AL, May 20, 1941 *Education* public schools of Dothan, Ala.; Associate of Arts Degree, Chipola Junior College, 1963; BS Degree (Criminology & Corrections), Florida State University, 1965 *Wife* Karen *Children* Three *Church* Presbyterian *Career* State Trooper, Florida Highway Patrol, 1966; Assistant Counselor, Gadsden County Juvenile Court, 1967-71; appointed Sheriff of Gadsden County on April 14, 1971; elected Sheriff in 1972, re-elected 1976, 1980, 1984, 1988, 1992, 1996 and 2000 *Honors* Gadsden County's Law Enforcement Officer of the Year, 1973; honored by Big Bend Law Enforcement Association for "heroic actions" leading to apprehension of kidnapper; elected Vice President, Chairman of the Board, President of Florida Sheriffs Association; elected to Board of Managers, Florida Sheriffs Self-Insurance Fund, 1984; appointed to Florida Governor's Commission on Child Support Enforcement, 1985; President, Rotary Club, 1986; 1998 Gadsden County Men of Action Public Service Honoree; honored as "Dean of Florida Sheriffs" for greatest number of years in office among current Sheriffs.

**GILCHRIST COUNTY***Trenton***Sheriff David P. Turner (D)**

Born Portsmouth, OH, June 15, 1954
Education Trenton High School; Lake City Community College; Lake City Corrections Academy; Santa Fe Community College Police Academy; FBI National Academy - 138th session *Wife* Patsy *Children* Two *Church* Church of Christ *Career* Gilchrist County Sheriff's Office 1975-1986; University of Florida Police Department 1986-1996; elected Sheriff 1996, re-elected 2000 *Honors and Affiliations* Law Enforcement Officer of the Year 1978, 1979 and 1980; Letter of Commendation, 1995; MADD Award of Excellence, 1994; National Sheriff's Institute, 1998; FDLE Chief Executive Seminar, 1998; Gilchrist County Educational Foundation Board of Directors; Trenton Rotary Club; Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency; National Association of Chiefs of Police; Law Enforcement Executive Council of North Central Florida; Levy/Gilchrist Domestic Violence Task Force; FSYR Program Committee; President, Board of Directors - Another Way; National Sheriffs Association; Teen Pregnancy Prevention Council; FCCD State Law Enforcement Distinguished Service Award, 2000.
dturner@mail.gilchrist.co.fl.us



GLADES COUNTY*Moore Haven***Sheriff James E. "Jim" Rider (D)**

Born Marion, IN, January 23, 1941 *Education* public schools, Hialeah, FL; Metro-Dade Junior College, Miami; St. Thomas University, Miami, BA Public Administration; Southern Police Institute, University of Louisville, Certified Florida Police Instructor; graduate of Metropolitan Organized Crime Training School; DEA Narcotics Command Training; U.S. Customs Cross-Designated Training; FIU Tactics of Terrorist Groups, Fiscal Management, Anacapa Sciences; DEA Conspiracy Training, Broward Community College *Wife* Carol *Children* Two *Church* Baptist *Career* Metro-Dade Police Department 18-1/2 years; Supervisor in Organized Crime Division, Broward County Sheriff's Department, nine years; elected Sheriff 1996, re-elected 2000 *Honors and Affiliations* Coordinated FSA Statewide Drug Task Force; U.S. Justice Department Outstanding Contribution to Federal Service; FSA Distinguished Service Award; Certificate of Recognition from the Grand Lodge of Florida; E.A.M. for Combating Drug Abuse among youth of Florida; member of Glades County Juvenile Justice Council; Past Master Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite, Okeechobee Shrine Club, Morocco Temple Shrine, Buckhead Ridge Moose Lodge; member, National Sheriffs' Institute; Moore Haven Lions Club, Florida Cattleman's Association, Easter Star, Glades County Youth Livestock, Glades County Chamber of Commerce. gladescoso@cji.net

**GULF COUNTY***Port Saint Joe***Sheriff W. Frank McKeithen (D)**

Born Panama City, FL, August 1, 1952 *Education* Vernon (FL) High School; attended Chipola Junior College (Marianna, FL) and Gulf Coast Community College (Panama City, FL) *Wife* Diane *Children* Three *Church* Methodist *Career* Panama City Police Department; Bay County Sheriff's Office where he served as the Captain in charge of the Criminal Investigation Division; appointed Sheriff of Gulf County on February 8, 1995, by Governor Chiles; elected Sheriff in 1996, ran unopposed 2000 *Honors* Chosen as Florida's Law Enforcement Officer of the Year in 1993. gcsol1@digitalexp.com

**HAMILTON COUNTY***Jasper***Sheriff J. Harrell Reid (D)**

Born Valdosta, GA, March 31, 1947 *Education* Miami-Dade Junior College, AS Degree; University of Florida, BS Degree; North Florida Junior College, Criminal Justice Standards Training Course *Children* Two *Church* Baptist *Career* Deputy Sheriff, Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, 10 years; elected Sheriff in 1988, re-elected 1992, 1996 and 2000 *Honors and Affiliations* Accepted by the FBI National Academy in 1990, and graduated from the Academy in 1991; Florida Sheriffs Association's Sergeant-at-Arms, 1992-1999; elected to FSA Board of Directors, 1999; appointed September, 1997, to the Medical Examiners Commission by Gov. Lawton Chiles.

**HARDEE COUNTY***Wauchula***Sheriff J. Loran Cogburn (D)**

Born Wauchula, FL, May 14, 1953 *Education* public schools, Hardee County; Criminal Justice Standards, Manatee Vo-Tech; Polk Community College, South Florida Community College, courses: Financial Investigative Techniques (IRS), R.I.C.O. Investigations, Hostage Negotiations & Crisis Management, Forfeitures and Reverse Sting Operations; Certified Instructor, Florida Criminal Justice; Executive Development National Sheriff's Institute, 1999 *Wife* Shirley *Children* Two *Church* Baptist *Career* Volunteer, Wauchula Police Department, Uniform Patrol 1974-1976; Uniform Patrol, Hardee County Sheriff's Office 1977-1979; Volunteer Narcotics Investigator, Hardee County Sheriff's Office 1980-1986; Investigator, Hardee County Sheriff's Office 1986-1996; elected Sheriff 1996, re-elected 2000 *Honors and Affiliations* Eagle Scout 1968; Assistant District Commissioner for Boy Scouts, Gulf Ridge Council 1979-1980; Drug Awareness chairman, Wauchula Elks Lodge 1987-1988; Silver Star for Bravery, American Police Hall of Fame, 1990; Outstanding Public Safety Employee Award, Hardee County Rotary Club, 1996; Elks, Citizen of the Year, 1998; District Chairman of the Boy Scouts of America, 1998; member, Chamber of Commerce, 1998; board member, "Take Stock in Children", 1998. www.hardeeso.com



HENDRY COUNTY

LaBelle

Sheriff Leonard S. "Steve" Worley (D)

Born Chicago, IL, March 18, 1952 *Education* Avon Park Junior College; Troy State University, Montgomery, AL *Wife* Sherry *Children* Five *Church* Baptist *Career* Lake Placid Police Department, 1979-1980; Florida Highway Patrol, 1980-2000; Law Enforcement Instructor; elected Sheriff 2000 *Military* U.S. Army Paratrooper, 1971-78 *Honors and Affiliations* Army commendation medal; Master Parachutist badge; Pathfinder badge; Korean Ranger School badge; Chaplain, VFW Post 10100 American Legion; Masonic Lodge; 1999 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year.



HERNANDO COUNTY

Brooksville

Sheriff Richard B. "Rich" Nugent (R)

Born Chicago, IL, May 26, 1951 *Education* St. Leo College, BA Criminology; Troy State University, Masters in Public Administration; Graduate FBI National Academy 165th session *Wife* Wendy *Children* Three *Church* Methodist *Career* Romeoville (IL) Police Department, 1972-84; Hernando County Sheriff's Office, Major/Chief of Operations, 1984-2000; elected Sheriff 2000 *Military* U.S. Air Force, 1969-75; Illinois National Guard *Honors and Affiliations* Charter member, Spring Hill Rotary; Board of Directors: Hernando Youth Leagues, Hernando County YMCA, American Heart Association Pasco/Hernando; Vice Chair, United Way Board of Directors; United Way 1999 campaign chairman; HeartWalk New Teams Chairman.



★ STAR BRIEF

New memorial being built

Over the years, more than 100 brave men and women have died in service to the office of Sheriff in Florida. Last year, the Florida Sheriffs Association decided to honor these brave men and women by building a permanent memorial wall with the names of slain law enforcement officers engraved on it — much like the Vietnam Memorial in Washington.

It will be located in the shade of a huge Live Oak tree, behind the FSA building in Tallahassee.

In addition to the memorial wall, we are including a visual reminder of the faces behind the names: A life-sized sculpture of a woman and child sitting on a bench with an officer representing her husband's partner, another two officers — one male and one female — standing behind them and another figure to represent the Sheriff. The sculptor's design has managed to capture the diversity that makes up today's law-enforcement organization.

If you would like to make a donation to support this project, contact the Florida Sheriffs Association: 2617 Mahan Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32308, or call: 1-800-877-2168.

HIGHLANDS COUNTY

Sebring

Sheriff Howard C. Godwin (D)

Born Avon Park, FL, February 10, 1952 *Education* public schools of Avon Park; South Florida Community College (Avon Park), AS Degree in Criminal Justice; University of South Florida, BA Degree in Criminal Justice; Rollins College, Master's Degree in Criminal Justice; completed courses for certification in Firearms, International SWAT Techniques, Street Survival, Interrogation Techniques; Radar Operator Training *Wife* Patti *Children* Two *Church* Baptist *Career* Police Chief, Avon Park, 1980 and 1981; Deputy, Highlands County S.O., 12 years; elected Sheriff in 1988, re-elected 1992, 1996, ran unopposed 2000 *Honors* Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer of Highlands County, 1986; Merit Award, 1981; Lake Placid Award for outstanding service in drug prevention, 1989; Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency Award for Outstanding Service, 1990; elected Sheriffs Association's Sergeant-at-Arms, 1990 and 1991, member of Board of Directors, 1992, 1993 and 1994; Community Service Award, 1995, Rotary Club of Sebring; 1995 Civilian of the Year Award, Avon Park Chamber of Commerce; Humanitarian Award, 1997; Men of Vision/Faith Recognition Award, 1999; Highlands County Community of Character Coalition. www.ct.net/~sheriff



HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

Tampa

Sheriff Cal Henderson (D)

Born Tampa, FL, October 26, 1943 *Education* University of South Florida, BA and MA Degrees in Criminal Justice, 1974 and 1978, with honors; FBI National Academy graduate; FBI National Executive Institute graduate; FDLE Chief Executive Seminar *Wife* Jeanne *Children* Two *Church* Baptist *Career* Tampa Police Department two years; U.S. Border Patrol, one and a half years; Central Intelligence Agency, one year; Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, 31 years; elected Sheriff in 1992, ran unopposed in 1996, re-elected 2000 *Military* U.S. Army Staff Sergeant (E6) 1961-64 *Honors* Past President, Florida Chapter, FBI National Academy Associates; Past Chairman, Florida Violent Crime Council; Past Chairman, FSA Board of Directors; FSA Treasurer, 1998; FSA Secretary, 1999; FSA Vice President, 2000. www.bcsa.tampa.fl.us



HOLMES COUNTY

Bonifay

Sheriff Coy Dennis Lee (D)

Born Bonifay, FL, May 15, 1958 *Education* Bethlehem High School, Holmes County, FL; graduate Washington-Holmes Technical Center Law Enforcement and Corrections; Chipola Jr. College; 2000 + hours specialized law enforcement related training; law enforcement and firearms instructor *Wife* Leesa *Children* four *Church* Assembly of God *Career* Dispatcher/Jailer/Deputy, Holmes County Sheriff's Office for three years; Bonifay City Policeman four years; Bonifay Police Chief eight years; elected Sheriff of Holmes County in 1996, re-elected 2000 *Military* US Air Force, Security Police *Honors and Affiliations* Holmes County Juvenile Justice Council Chairman; Teen Court Board of Directors; West Florida Wilderness Institute Board of Directors; Holmes County Democratic Executive Committee; Bonifay Kiwanis Club Board of Directors; American Cancer Society; Gideon; Law Enforcement Officer of the Year, Bonifay.



JACKSON COUNTY

Marianna

Sheriff John P. McDaniel (D)

Born Jackson County, FL, October 9, 1940 *Education* public schools of Jackson County; attended Chipola Junior College and Florida A & M University *Wife* Mellie *Children* Four *Grandchildren* Four *Church* Baptist *Career* drug-enforcement school; homicide investigation school; 10 years with financial institution; four years, Chief Deputy, Jackson County Sheriff's Department; one year with Sneads Police Department; elected Sheriff in 1980, re-elected 1984, 1988, 1992, 1996 and 2000 *Military* Florida National Guard, U.S. Navy *Specialized Training* graduate of FBI School for Sheriffs *Honors* Past Master, Harmony Lodge No. 3; member, Masonic Lodge, York Rite Bodies, Ambassador Shadi Shrine Temple; Sheriffs Association Board of Directors, 1996; member Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches Governing Board, 1996. jcsd@digitalex.com



INDIAN RIVER COUNTY

Vero Beach

Sheriff Roy H. Ramond (R)

Born Milwaukee, WI, July 13, 1940 *Education* Public schools, Miami; National Sheriff's Institute; Dade County Sheriff's Academy; FBI National Academy 106th session *Wife* Beverly *Children* Two *Church* Baptist *Career* Florida Game & Fresh Water Fish Commission, 5 years; Miami Dade Sheriff's Office, 3 years; Vero Beach Police Department, 4 years; Indian River County Sheriff's Office, 17 years; elected Indian River Sheriff 2000 *Military* U.S. Army, 1958-59 *Honors and Affiliations* Indian River Community College Justice Advisory Committee; past president, Tri-County Intelligence Unit; past board member, Humane Society of Vero Beach; member, FBI National Associates, Indian River Cattleman's Association and National Rifle Association; volunteer Certified Florida Hunter Safety Education Instructor (14 years); recipient of 1992 and 2000 Humane Society Animal Protection Awards.



JEFFERSON COUNTY

Monticello

Sheriff Kenneth W. "Ken" Fortune, Sr. (D)

Born Toluca, NC, May 25, 1944 *Education* Gardner-Webb College; Tallahassee Community College; FHP Academy; Executive Institute (FDLE) *Wife* Wanda *Children* Three *Church* Baptist *Career* Florida Highway Patrol, 12 years and three months; sworn-in as interim Jefferson County Sheriff, April 16, 1984; elected Sheriff in 1984, 1988, 1992, ran unopposed in 1996, re-elected 2000 *Military* U.S. Navy *Honors* Member, Florida Sheriffs Association Legislative Committee, 1985-86; elected to Sheriffs Association Board of Directors, 1987 and 1997; Chairman of the Board in 1988; Secretary, 1989 and 1990; Treasurer, 1991; Monticello/Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce President's Award for Outstanding Contribution to Community, 1996; Chapter 29 Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency Distinguished Service Award Law Enforcement; elected to FSA Board of Directors, 1997. jcsa@nettally.com



★ STAR BRIEF

What is the relationship between the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, Inc., and the Florida Sheriffs Association?

The Florida Sheriffs Association is the parent organization which formed the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, Inc., to operate the Boys Ranch near Live Oak. It has since grown to include other locations and programs throughout Florida.

The Florida Sheriffs Association is made up of Honorary, Business and Law Enforcement Members who pay yearly dues of \$20. The Youth Ranch is supported by donations of any amount. The Sheriffs Association office is in Tallahassee while the Youth Ranches central office is at Boys Ranch, Florida. The Sheriffs Association con-

tinues to actively support and sponsor the Youth Ranches, but is also involved in other law-enforcement related programs. The Youth Ranches administers its own programs while working closely with the Association staff.

The Association and Youth Ranches are run by separate Boards of Directors. The Association and the Youth Ranches are registered as Florida charities and are tax exempt.

LAFAYETTE COUNTY*Mayo***Sheriff Dwayne B. Walker (D)**

Born Lake City, FL, February 20, 1960
Education public schools of Mayo, Florida; North Florida Junior College; completed courses in Special Tactical Problems, Officer Survival, Two-man Combat Barricades, Narcotics Identification and Investigation *Wife* Tammy *Children* One *Church* Baptist *Career* One year as Correctional Officer, Lafayette County Jail; three years as Deputy, three years as Chief Deputy, Lafayette County Sheriff's Office; elected Sheriff in 1992, re-elected in 1996 and 2000.

**LAKE COUNTY***Tavares***Sheriff George E. Knupp, Jr. (R)**

Born Harrisonburg, VA, November 20, 1940 *Education* Edgewater High School (Orlando, FL); Valencia Community College (Orlando), AS Degree in Criminal Justice; Rollins College, BS Degree and Master's Degree in Criminal Justice; numerous law enforcement courses *Wife* Carrie Ann *Children* Three *Church* Catholic *Career* Maitland Police Department, six years; Orange County Sheriff's Office, 15 years; Seminole County Sheriff's Office, seven and a half years; elected Sheriff in 1988, re-elected 1992, 1996 and 2000 *Military* U.S. Army Reserves *Affiliations* Lake County Shrine Club, Bahia Temple; BPOE; Golden Triangle Republican Club; Eustis Chapter #33, York Rite; Eustis Lodge #85 F&AM; Police Executive Research Forum; Leadership Lake County; American Legion. <http://sundial.sundial.net/~lcs0/note.htm>

★ **STAR BRIEF****Did you know. . . . ?**

Founded in 1893, the Florida Sheriffs Association has achieved many notable accomplishments, including:

The Florida Sheriffs Association created the Florida Sheriff's Bureau, which evolved into what is known today as the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. FSA founded the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, a child care facility in operation for over 40 years.

FSA founded the Florida Law Enforcement Academy in 1963. Located in Tallahassee, the state's capital, it was the first statewide training center for city, county and state law-enforcement officers.

FSA helped create a way to provide affordable insurance programs for individual Sheriff's offices with the founding of the Florida Sheriffs Self Insurance Fund. Created in 1978, the program saves millions of dollars in taxes each year.

FSA was a founder of the Florida Commission on Law Enforcement Accreditation, a program which encourages law-enforcement agencies to maintain the highest standards of professional law enforcement for our communities.

LEE COUNTY*Ft. Myers***Sheriff Rodney M. "Rod" Shoap (R)**

Born Painesville, OH, April 7, 1954 *Education* Edison Community College, Ft. Myers, AA/AS Criminology; International College, BS Business Management, Central Michigan University, MS Public Administration; FBI National Academy graduate; numerous law enforcement training courses *Wife* Sandi *Children* Three *Church* Assembly of God *Career* Lee County Sheriff's Office: Commander, Law Enforcement, Major Crimes Investigations, Internal Affairs & Training, Communications & Records, Technical Services & Fleet; elected Lee County Sheriff 2000 *Honors and Affiliations* member, Florida Sheriff's Association, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, FBI National Associates; SW Florida Chiefs of Police Association, Christian Chamber of Commerce, Cape Coral Chamber of Commerce, International Association of Law Enforcement Firearm Instructors, Records Managers & Administrators Association, Boys & Girls Clubs of America, FDLE High Liability Task Force-Firearms, SW Florida Criminal Justice Academy, past board member, CrimeStop program; substitute teacher, Department of Education.

**LEON COUNTY***Tallahassee***Sheriff Laurence O. "Larry" Campbell (D)**

Born Jacksonville, FL, October 22, 1942 *Education* Public Schools, Leon County; Florida State University, B.S. Degree in Criminology and Psychology; FBI National Academy Graduate, 1972 *Wife* Kathy *Children* Two *Church* Episcopal *Career* Leon County Sheriff's Office 1961-1966; Special Agent, Florida Sheriff's Bureau 1967-1968; Chief of Detectives, Leon County Sheriff's Office, 1968-1970; Special Agent, Florida Bureau of Law Enforcement, 1970-1971; Florida Department of Law Enforcement, 1971-1980; Undersheriff, Leon County Sheriff's Office 1981-1996; elected Sheriff in 1996; re-elected without opposition 2000; *Military* United States Marine Corps Reserves *Honors* Law Enforcement Commendation Medal - Sons of the American Revolution; Distinguished Service Award - Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency; Legion of Honor - Order of Demolay; Award of Honor - Steele Brooks Center; President's Award - Florida Crime Prevention Association *Affiliations* Marzuq Shrine Temple; Master Mason, Jackson Lodge No.1; Tallahassee Scottish Rites Bodies, 32nd Degree; American Legion; Exchange Club; Moose Club; Quarterback Club; FSU



Alumni Association; Leon County Juvenile Justice Council; Leadership Tallahassee; Refuge House Capital Campaign; Juvenile Assessment Receiving Center Steering Committee; Leon County Domestic Violence Council; Tallahassee Race Relations Committee; Tallahassee 25 -Lending Kids a Hand; United Way Cabinet Member 1997-99; Board Member of Urban League, Salvation Army, Boy Scouts of America, Law Enforcement Training Academy, Capital City Youth Services, Mothers in Crisis; Vice Chairman - Florida Sheriffs Association Board of Directors; Leon County Advisory Council; Florida State University Sesquicentennial Committee. <http://lcs.leonfl.org>

LEVY COUNTY

Bronson

Sheriff Johnny M. Smith (D)

Born Gainesville, FL, September 28, 1960 *Education* Santa Fe Community College Police Academy; FBI National Academy 1997, numerous law enforcement training courses *Wife* Marcia *Children* One Church Baptist *Career*; Chiefland Police Department, Williston Police Department, Levy County Sheriff's Office: Patrol, Criminal Investigations, Investigative Sergeant; elected Levy County Sheriff 2000 *Honors and Affiliations* Member, Bronson Kiwanis Club, Bronson FFA Alumni; American Legion Post #236 1988-89 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year.



LIBERTY COUNTY

Bristol

Sheriff Harrell W. Revell (D)

Born Bristol, FL, April 2, 1927 *Education* Public Schools of Liberty County, FDLE Executive Institute Certification *Wife* Deceased *Children* Seven *Church* Baptist *Career* US Army Military Police; elected Liberty County Sheriff 1976, re-elected 1980, 1984 and 1988, retired in 1992, re-elected Liberty County Sheriff 2000 *Military* 82nd Airborne Division, 20 years; *Military Police*, Ft. Bragg *Honors and Affiliations* Member, Lions Club and Masonic Lodge; Florida Sheriffs Association Board, 1987-88.



★ STAR BRIEF

Support Kids, Support the Youth Ranches

The mission of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches is to prevent juvenile delinquency and develop lawful, productive citizens through a broad range of family-centered services.

Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches:
Florida's Charity for Florida's Children
www.youthranches.org
904-842-5501

MADISON COUNTY

Madison

Sheriff Peter C. "Pete" Bucher (D)

Born North Tonawanda, NY, April 18, 1947 *Education* Palm Beach Community College, Tallahassee Community College, Florida Highway Patrol Academy *Wife* Gerri *Children* One *Church* Baptist *Military* US Army 1966-70; *Military Police* Sergeant; Vietnam 1966-67 and 1969-70 *Career* US Army Military Police 1966-70; Florida Highway Patrol, 29 years; Traffic Homicide Investigator 18 years; E.M.T., Firearms Instructor, Auxiliary Instructor, First Responder Instructor, Field Training Officer, Adjunct Faculty North Florida Community Law Enforcement Training Academy, Traffic Accident Reconstructionist; elected Madison County Sheriff 2000 *Honors and Affiliations* Bronze Star, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal; National Defense Service Medal; selected FHP Trooper of the Month, December 1991; charter member, Florida Association of State Troopers; chairman, Florida Association of State Troopers 1990-1993; Rotarian, Mason, Madison Lodge #11 F. & A.M.



MANATEE COUNTY

Bradenton

Sheriff Charles B. "Charlie" Wells (R)

Born Bonifay, FL, November 20, 1944 *Education* AS Degree in Criminology; attended Manatee Junior College, Eckerd College and St. Leo College *Wife* Leslie *Children* Five (one deceased) *Church* Baptist *Career* Florida Highway Patrol Trooper, 15 1/2 years; Chief of Police, Bradenton, two years; State Attorney's Investigator, one year; elected Sheriff in 1984, re-elected 1988, 1992, ran unopposed in 1996 and 2000 *Honors* Florida Law Enforcement Officer of the Year by the VFW, 1972; runner-up for same award, 1973; Florida Trooper of the Year nominee, 1972; Kiwanis International Medal of Valor, 1973; MADD Community Leader of the Year, 1992; Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency Distinguished Service Award, 1993; Florida Prosecuting Attorney's Association Furtherance of Justice Award, 1993; Florida Network of Victim Witness Services, Inc., President's Award, 1993; Florida Crime Prevention Association President's Award, 1993; member, Sheriffs Association's Legislative Committee and Board of Directors (Chairman, 1991); elected Sheriffs Association's Secretary, 1992; Vice President, 1993; President, 1994. <http://legal.firn.edu/sheriff/manatee/index.html>



MARION COUNTY*Ocala***Sheriff H. Edward "Ed" Dean, Jr. (D)***Born* Los Angeles, CA, June 9, 1945*Education* public schools of Michigan; Michigan State University, BA, graduated with honors (1967); JD, University of Florida College Law, with honors (1970); FDLE Chief Executive Institute (1999); FBI Academy Executive Program (2000)*Wife* Sarah *Children* Four *Church**Lutheran Career* appointed Sheriff

11/18/1998, elected Sheriff 2000

Honors and Affiliations board member and

Chairman, Ocala-Marion Economic Development Council; Chairman of the Marion County Indigent Health Care Council, 1991-1996; Marion District Chairman of Boy Scouts of America, 1992-1994; Chairman and founding board member of the Marion County Big Brothers-Big Sisters Program 1993; Chairman of Community Improvement Council, 1996, board member Salvation Army Advisory Board 1986-present; board member and Vice Chairman of the North Florida Innovation Technology Corporation, 1994-1998; Director of the Marion Regional Manufacturer's Association, 1996-1999; board member of the Silver River Marine Institute of Ocala, alternative school for troubled youth 1997-present; board member of the Florida Angus Association 1991-1997, (president in 1996); Vice Chairman of the Florida Seedstock Council of the Florida Cattle-men's Association, 1996 to 1998; member, Human Services Council; Director of the Children's Advocacy Center; Board Member of the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee; board member of Health Families Advisory Board, 2000; board member Success by Six, 2000; Chairman and FSA representative on the Statewide Self-Inflicted Crimes Task Force 2000. www.sheriff.marioncountyfl.org

**MARTIN COUNTY***Stuart***Sheriff Robert L. "Bob" Crowder (R)***Born* Nashville, TN, October 4, 1945

Education Martin County High School, 1963; Indian River Community College, AA Degree in Criminal Justice, 1971; Florida Atlantic University, BAA Degree in Criminal Justice, 1980; FBI National Academy graduate, 1976; Senior Management Institute, 1989; numerous law enforcement training courses *Wife* Deborah *Children* Four *Church* Episcopal

Career Dispatcher, Relief Jailer and Clerk, Martin County S.O. 1965-67; Patrolman and first Detective, Stuart PD, 1968-72; interim Sheriff of Martin County, 1972-73; Chief of Security at nuclear power plant, 1973-74; Chief Investigator, Mar-



tin County S.O., 1974-84; Undersheriff, St. Lucie S.O., 1985-92; elected Sheriff in 1992, ran unopposed in 1996 and 2000 *Military* U.S. Marine Corps Reserve *Honors* Leatherneck Magazine award for performance and achievement in recruit training; listed in Who's Who in U.S. Law Enforcement Leaders, 1990-91, also in Outstanding Young Men of America, 1975; chosen by Jaycees for Outstanding Young Law Enforcement Officer Award in 1970, and Distinguished Service Award in 1972; Civitan Club Award for Exemplary Citizenship, 1972; Florida Governor's Award of Merit for Youth Conservation Education, awarded by Florida Wildlife Federation, 1962; member, FBI National Academy Associates, International Police Association, International Association of Chiefs of Police, Treasure Coast Chiefs of Police and Sheriffs' Association; member, Police Executive Research Forum; 1994 recipient of Distinguished Leadership Award from the National Association for Community Leadership, in recognition of "Exemplary Service and Commitment to Community;" member of Class XV, Leadership Florida; member, FSA Board of Directors, 1996 through present; Chairman, FSA Board of Directors, 1998; member, FSYR Board of Directors, 1997; Treasurer, FSYR, 1998; Chairman, FSYR Board of Directors, 2000; member, Juvenile Justice Accountability Board, 1998; Florida Violent Crime Council, 2000; Treasurer, FSA 2000. www.sheriff.martin.fl.us

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY*Miami***Director, Miami-Dade Police Department****Carlos A. Alvarez**

(Party affiliation not shown because Director Alvarez is an appointed rather than an elected official)

Born Havana, Cuba, September 30, 1952

Education LaSalle High School; Associate of Arts Degree, Miami-Dade South Community College; BA Degree in Business Administration, Florida International University, 1974; FBI National Academy,

1986; Senior Management Institute for Police, 1990 *Children* Three *Church* Catholic *Career* Police Officer, Metro-Dade, 1976-1979; Sergeant, 1979-1980; Commander, Technical Services Division, 1980-1981; Lieutenant, Kendall Station Uniform Squad, 1981-1983; Lieutenant, Internal Review 1983-1985; Major, Doral Station, 1985-1989; Division Chief, Central Operations, 1989-1990; Division Chief, South Operations, 1990-1992; Assistant Director, Department Services 1992-1993; Assistant Director, Police Services, 1993-1996; Assistant Director, Support Services, 1996-1997; appointed Director, 1997 *Honors and Affiliations* Past President, Dade County Association of Chiefs of Police; member, FBI Academy; Florida Police Chiefs Association; member, Major Cities Chiefs; member, Florida Crime Laboratory Council; Chairman, Florida Violent Crime Council. www.mdpcd.com



MONROE COUNTY*Key West***Sheriff Richard D. Roth (R)**

Born Minneapolis, MN, November 19, 1938 *Education* Florida Keys Community College, AA Degree in Police Science; graduate of FBI National Academy; National Sheriffs' Academy *Wife* Sandra *Children* Two *Grandchildren* One *Church* Baptist *Career* Monroe County Sheriff's Office since 1965 holding most jobs the department has to offer; appointed interim Sheriff in June, 1990; elected Sheriff in 1992, 1996 and 2000 *Military* U.S. Navy, 1958-60 *Honors* Board Member and Past President, Middle Keys Guidance Clinic; past Board Member, Salvation Army; Board Member, Care Center for Mental Health, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Criminal Justice Committee, Easter Seals, and Rural Health Network; Current Chairman, Blue Lightning Task Force; recipient, Jaycees Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer of the Year; recipient, Governor LeRoy Collins Outstanding Alumni Award; recipient, Monroe County People's Choice Award for Best Law Enforcement Officer 1992, 1993, 1996; member, FSA Board of Directors, 1997 through present. www.state.fl.us/mcso

**NASSAU COUNTY***Fernandina Beach***Sheriff W. R. "Ray" Geiger (R)**

Born Hilliard, FL, April 8, 1939 *Education* public schools in Callahan, FL; Florida Junior College; Jacksonville Police Academy; training sessions provided by FBI, ATE, and Secret Service; court security training by FLETC, Brunswick, GA; FSA executive training, budget workshop, career service training; IPTM, University of North Florida, police/media relations seminar; Law Enforcement Training Academy of Northeast Florida, Division of Science and Administration; U.S. Dept. of Justice (FBI), Southeastern Law Enforcement Executive Development seminar; completed "The Chief Executive Seminar" in June, 1997 - Florida Criminal Justice Executive Institute *Wife* Elizabeth Ann *Children* Five *Church* Baptist *Career* Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, 13 years; U.S. Marshal Service, one and a half years; elected Sheriff in 1992, re-elected 1996 and 2000 *Honors and Affiliations* class president in 10th, 11th and 12th grades, also valedictorian, 1957; basketball team captain; Little League baseball and softball coach; member, FSA Board of Directors, 1995 through present. www.nassaucountysheriff.com

**OKALOOSA COUNTY***Crestview***Sheriff Charles W. "Charlie" Morris (R)**

Born Longview, TX, August 29, 1949 *Education* public schools, Jackson, MS; University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, BS Degree, Criminal Justice, MS Degree, Criminal Justice Management; FBI National Academy, 160th Session; National Sheriffs' Institute Executive Development Program; Florida Criminal Justice Executive Institute's Chief Executive Seminar; FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminar *Wife* Barbara *Children* Three *Church* Baptist *Career* Police Officer, Jackson, MS Police Department, three years; Chief of Police, two USAF Security Police Squadrons, 18 years; Police Officer, Ft. Walton Beach Police Department, four years; elected Sheriff 1996, re-elected 2000 *Military* USAF, 18 years, Security Police Officer, rank of Major *Honors and Affiliations* Four Meritorious Service Medals, USAF; Two Air Force Commendation Medals; 1995 Police Officer of the Year, Ft. Walton Beach Police Department; Adjunct Professor, University of South Dakota, Park College, University of Maryland, Troy State University and Okaloosa-Walton Community College; Certified Law Enforcement and Corrections Instructor, State of Florida; appointed to Commission on Mental Health and Substance Abuse by Governor Bush on Oct. 22, 1999; appointed to the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation on Dec. 10, 1998. www.sheriff-okaloosa.org

**OKEECHOBEE COUNTY***Okeechobee***Sheriff O.L. Raulerson (D)**

Born Okeechobee, FL, August 17, 1941 *Education* Florida Highway Patrol Academy, Florida Criminal Justice Executive Institute, numerous law enforcement training courses *Wife* Judy *Children* Two *Church* Baptist *Military* US Air Force *Career* Florida Highway Patrol, 1963-68; Highlands County Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy, 1969-70; Highlands County Sheriff, 1970-77; Florida Department of Law Enforcement, 1978-80; Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy, 1981-86; Okeechobee County Sheriff, 1986-96; elected Sheriff Okeechobee County 2000 *Honors and Affiliations* Florida Sheriffs Association Board of Directors 1975-1976; Florida Sheriffs Legislative Committee 1974-76.



ORANGE COUNTY*Orlando***Sheriff Kevin E. Beary (R)**

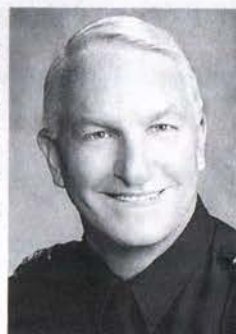
Born Buffalo, NY, May 12, 1957 *Education* Lyman High School, 1975; graduated from Liberty University, Lynchburg, VA; honors graduate FBI National Academy; graduate, FBI National Executive Institute *Wife* Rebekah *Children* Four *Church* Presbyterian *Career* Melbourne (FL) Police Department, 1975-78; Orange County S.O., 1978-89; Kennedy Space Center Security/Brevard County S.O., 1989-92; elected Sheriff in 1992, re-elected 1996, ran unopposed 2000 *Military* U.S. Army/Florida National Guard, 1983-1989 *Honors* Melbourne Police Officer of the Year (Rotary Award), 1976; past president, Florida SWAT Association, 1990-92; VFW Law Enforcement Officer of the Year, 1979; Law Enforcement Officer of the Year, Sons of the American Revolution, 1993; Commendation/Exemplary Service Award, Masonic Lodge #364, 1994; Business Member of the Year Award, Orange County Chamber of Commerce; President, Central Florida Law Enforcement Association, 1995; President, Children's Safety Village, National Safety Council "Green Cross Award," 1996; Officer of the Year, National Rifle Association, 1996; National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, Award of Merit, 2000; Florida Center Chamber of Commerce Tourism Safety Award, 2000; co-founder and vice president, Major County Sheriff's Association, 2000, past National Chairman for Gang Resistance Education and Training, National Sheriff's Association Drug Committee, Gift of Life Committee and Crime Prevention Committee, 1997-2000; Florida Sheriff Association Legislative Chairman, 1998-1999 and Co-Chairman, 2000. <http://209.117.78.30/ocso>

**OSCEOLA COUNTY***Kissimmee***Sheriff Charles M. "Charlie" Aycock (D)**

Born Millen, GA, December 6, 1949 *Education* Valencia Community College, Kissimmee, AA degree; Florida Southern College, Lakeland, BS Criminal Justice *Wife* Jane *Children* Two *Church* Baptist *Military* Florida National Guard 1971-77 *Career* Osceola Sheriff's Office, 1977-2000; elected Sheriff Osceola County 2000 *Honors and Affiliations* J.C. Stone Memorial Police Academy Firearms Instructor; Defensive Driving Instructor; D.A.R.E. Instructor, Human Diversity Instructor.

**PALM BEACH COUNTY***West Palm Beach***Sheriff Edward W. "Ed" Bieluch (D)**

Born Hartford, CT, February 28, 1942 *Education* Palm Beach Community College, Lake Worth; Barry University, Miami; numerous law enforcement training courses *Wife* Lynn *Children* Four *Church* Episcopal *Military* US Navy Reserve *Career* Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, 27 years: Patrol, Field Training, Detective, Sergeant, Lieutenant, Watch Commander, Emergency Field Force Commander, Captain and District Commander; elected Sheriff Palm Beach County 2000 *Honors and Affiliations* Member, Christmas in April Executive Board (1998-99); Board of Directors, Palm Beach County Homeless Coalition; Advisory Board, Program R.E.A.C.H. Homeless Family Center, Women Services Network; Member, Countywide Community Revitalization Team, Lake Worth Commercial Corridor Redevelopment Team, Palmwood Lodge #303 Free and Accepted Masons, Palm Beach County Police Benevolent Association, Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 50; Hurricane Andrew Commendation Award; Unit Commendation; 1998 Outstanding Service to Homeless Award and 1999 Homeless Coalition of Palm Beach County Advocacy Award.

**PASCO COUNTY***Dade City***Sheriff Robert L. "Bob" White (R)**

Born Belton, TX, August 1, 1950 *Education* Pasco-Hernando Community College, AA Criminal Justice; University of South Florida; Florida Highway Patrol Academy, numerous law enforcement training course *Wife* Diane *Children* One *Church* Baptist *Career* Brooksville Police Department, Sumter County Sheriff's Office, Florida Highway Patrol State Trooper, 5 years; Florida Alcohol & Tobacco: Special Agent, 8 years, Sergeant, 10 years; elected Sheriff Pasco County 2000.

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Born Salem, VA, September 3, 1944 *Education* public schools of Pinellas County; St. Petersburg Junior College, AA Degree in Police Administration; University of South Florida, BA Degree in Criminal Justice; Stetson University College of Law, JD Degree; graduate of FBI National Academy, FBI National Executive Institute, FDLE Executive Institute *Wife* Linda *Children* Three *Church* Methodist *Career* 18 years with Pinellas County S.O. as Deputy, Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain and Chief of Detectives 1967-85; elected Sheriff in 1988, re-elected 1992, 1996 and 2000 *Military* U.S. Merchant Marine, 1964-67 *Honors* past member, Board of Directors, Clearwater Bar Association; member Florida Bar Association, and Bar Association of U.S. District Court for Middle District of Florida; elected to Florida Sheriffs Association's Board of Directors; Chairman, Sheriffs Association's Legislative Committee; Vice President, FSA, 1996; President, FSA, 1997. He has served on many boards and committees including chairing the Florida Sheriffs Association Statewide Task Force, District 5 Juvenile Justice Board, and the Florida Model Jail Standards Committee. He was a charter member of the Florida Accreditation for Law Enforcement Commission. www.co.pinellas.fl.us/sheriff/pcso.htm

**POLK COUNTY***Bartow***Sheriff Lawrence W. Crow, Jr. (R)**

Born Glen Dale, WV, July 29, 1942 *Education* public schools, Lakeland, Florida; received Associate Degree in Police Science, Polk Community College, 1973; BS Degree, Police Administration, Rollins College, 1975 *Wife* Wanda *Children* Two *Church* Assemblies of God *Career* Lakeland PD in 1962 as a cadet; graduated from FBI National Academy, 1979; attended IACP training schools; appointed Lakeland Police Chief, 1980; appointed Sheriff of Polk County, 1987; elected Sheriff in 1988, re-elected 1992, 1996 and 2000 *Military* U.S. Navy, 1960-62 *Honors* chosen outstanding alumnus of Polk Community College in 1984; appointed by the Governor to serve on Florida's Criminal Justice Informational Systems Council. <http://polksheriff.org>

**PUTNAM COUNTY***Palatka***Sheriff Taylor Douglas (D)**

Born Daytona Beach, FL, January 18, 1952 *Education* public schools of Palatka, FL; St. Johns River Community College, AA Degree; University of Florida, BA Degree in Political Science with a minor in Criminology; graduate of FBI National Academy *Wife* Marsha *Children* Two *Church* Baptist *Career* 24 years with Putnam County S.O. as Uniform Patrol Officer, Detective and Chief Deputy; elected Sheriff in 1988, re-elected 1992, ran unopposed 1996 and 2000 *Honors and Affiliations* member, Kiwanis Club (Past President), Jaycees (Past President), Masonic Lodge #34, Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer, 1978, 1983; Outstanding Young Man of the Year in Putnam County, 1986; Civic Betterment Award from Elks Lodge; Putnam County Salvation Army, Chairman; elected to Sheriff's Association's Board of Directors, 1992 and 1994; Past Chairman, Law Enforcement Academy Advisory Council for the St. Augustine Voc-Tec Center; appointed by Gov. Jeb Bush to Criminal Justice Standards & Training Commission; Board of Directors for United Way, American Cancer Society and Caring Center; serves on local Juvenile Justice Council; Chairman for St. Johns River Community College Law Enforcement Academy Advisory Council; Vice Chairman for Region V Training Council. www.putnamsheriff.org

**SANTA ROSA COUNTY***Milton***Sheriff O. Wendell Hall (R)**

Born Atmore, AL, January 27, 1949 *Education* Pensacola Junior College, Troy State University, Bachelor's Cum Laude Criminal Justice, numerous law enforcement training courses *Wife* Kimberly *Children* Three *Church* Methodist *Career* Escambia County Sheriff's Office, 19 years: Corrections, Deputy Sheriff, Corporal, Sergeant; elected Sheriff Santa Rosa County 2000.

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Sarasota

Sheriff William F. "Bill" Balkwill (R)

Born Port Huron, Michigan, January 1, 1952 *Education* St. Clair Community College, Port Huron, MI, AA Criminal Justice; Ferris State University, Big Rapids, MI, BS Law Enforcement; University of Louisville, KY *Wife* Gail *Children* Two *Church* Presbyterian *Career* Sarasota County Sheriff's Office, 1976-2001; University of South Florida Police Department, 1975-76; elected Sheriff Sarasota County 2000 *Honors and Affiliations* Eagle Scout, Sarasota County Sheriff's Office 1979 Felony Arrest Award; Sarasota Jaycee's 1982 Outstanding Young Law Enforcement of the Year award; Sertoma Service to Mankind Award; Board of Directors, Florida Association of School Resource Officers, Safe Place & Rape Crisis Center; Sarasota VFW 1987 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year; Sarasota Sheriff's Office 1989 and 1994 Meritorious Achievement Awards; Member, Florida Association of School Resource Officers; President, co-founder and life member of National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO); NASRO 2000 Lifetime Achievement Award; Member of Elks Lodge 1519, Sertoma Club of Greater Sarasota, Police Athletic League of Sarasota County, National Consortium on Alternatives for Youth at Risk, Inc.

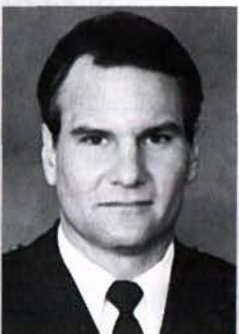


SEMINOLE COUNTY

Sanford

Sheriff Donald F. "Don" Eslinger (R)

Born Detroit, MI, July 13, 1957 *Education* public schools in Warren, MI; attended Macomb County (MI) Community College, Criminal Justice studies; Seminole Community College, Sanford, FL, Criminal Justice studies; FBI National Academy; National Louis University, B.A., Applied Behavioral Science, *Wife* Coleen *Children* Five *Career* Advanced to Major during 12 years with the Seminole County S.O.; appointed Sheriff in 1990 for a two-year term; elected 1992, re-elected 1996 and 2000 *Honors* Outstanding Performance of Duty Award from Kiwanis Club of Central Florida; Military Order of the Purple Heart for meritorious and conspicuous service; Law Officer of the Year Award 1984, from 40 et 8; Public Safety Officer of the Year, from Chamber of Commerce; Distinguished Service Award from Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency; Service to Mankind Award from Sertoma; Leadership Award, Seminole County Republican Executive Committee; President, Florida Sheriff's Association, 2000-2001; Chairman, FSA Board of Directors, 1996; National Sheriff's Association, Board of



Directors; Central Florida Criminal Justice Association; Seminole County Community College, Law Enforcement Advisory Committee; Member, Florida Jail Standards Committee; Chairman, Florida D.A.R.E. Board of Directors, 1998; Central Florida High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA), Chairman, 1998; Vice Chairman, Executive Board, 1999; State Director, Florida Partners In Crisis; Seminole Vision, Board of Directors. www.seminolesheriff.org

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

St. Augustine

Sheriff Neil J. Perry (R)

Born St. Augustine, FL, May 19, 1945 *Education* BA Degree Nova Southeastern University *Wife* Syd *Children* Four *Church* Presbyterian *Career* 33 years experience in law enforcement, including: Reserve Officer, St. Augustine PD, 1968-74; Patrol Deputy and Detective, St. Johns County S.O., 1974-84; graduate, FBI National Academy; graduate, Florida Criminal Justice Executive Institute; graduate, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College; elected Sheriff, 1984, re-elected 1988, 1992, 1996 and 2000 *Military* Florida National Guard, 1962 to present, currently Colonel *Honors* Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal; Meritorious Service Medal; Florida Commendation Medal; Outstanding Young Law Enforcement Officer, 1979, Jaycees; Lifetime Public Service Award, 1989, Democratic Woman's Club; Distinguished Service Award from Sheriffs Association; Past Chairman, Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, Inc.; Past President, Kiwanis Club; Past Chairman, Florida Sheriffs Association; Past Chairman, Commission on Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation; past Chairman, Northeast Florida Investigative Support Center; Past President, Florida Sheriffs Association, 1998; Past President, Law Enforcement Private Security Council; Chairman, Florida Criminal Justice Executive Institute. www.co.st-johns.fl.us/



ST. LUCIE COUNTY

Ft. Pierce

Sheriff Ken J. Mascara (D)

Born Hollywood, FL, July 8, 1958 *Education* Indian River Community College, Ft. Pierce, AA/AS Criminal Justice; Life University, Marietta, GA D.C. Degree *Children* Two *Church* Catholic *Career* St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office: Auxiliary Deputy Sheriff, Corrections Officer, Deputy Sheriff, Part-time Deputy Sheriff; elected Sheriff St. Lucie County 2000 *Honors and Affiliations* 1988 Fraternal Order of Police Lodge # 41 Citizen of the Year.



SUMTER COUNTY*Bushnell***Sheriff William O. "Bill" Farmer, Jr. (D)**

Born Leesburg, FL, June 17, 1947 *Education* public schools, Sumter County; Lake Sumter Community College; St. Leo College, AA in Criminal Justice, BA Degree Cum Laude, Criminology; graduate work, Public Administration; National Sheriffs' Institute Executive Development Program; Florida Criminal Justice Executive Institute; graduate of the 195th Session of the FBI National Academy; numerous Law Enforcement courses and seminars *Wife*



Linda Children Three *Church* Church of God *Career* FBI, Washington, DC, one and a half years; Florida Division of Corrections, three years; Patrolman, Webster Police Dept., two years; Patrolman, Wildwood Police Dept., two years; Patrolman, Criminal Investigator, Chief Deputy, Sumter County Sheriff's Office, 24 years; elected Sheriff 1996, re-elected 2000 *Military* U.S. Army 1966-1968 *Honors and Affiliations* Delta Epsilon Sigma National Scholastic Honor Society; Lake Sumter Community College and Central Florida Community College Criminal Justice Advisory Committees; Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council Emergency Planning Committee; Region VI Criminal Justice Standards and Training Council; Florida & International Homicide Investigator's Associations; Florida Division of International Association for Identification; International Association for Identification; Past President and Director, Sumter Fair Association; Past President, Sumter Gideon Camp; Sumter County School District Vocational Advisory Committee; Board of Directors, United Way, Lake and Sumter Counties; Board of Directors, Central Florida Crimeline; Board of Directors, Habitat for Humanity; Sumter County Chamber of Commerce; Sumter County Development Council; Florida and Sumter County Cattleman Associations; Sumter Youth Charities. sheriff@sum.net

SUWANNEE COUNTY*Live Oak***Sheriff Alton K. "Al" Williams, Jr. (D)**

Born Live Oak, FL, March 15, 1943 *Education* public schools, Suwannee County; North Florida Junior College, Madison, FL, AA Degree; 25th Recruit School FHP Academy, 1964; 96th Session, FBI National Academy, 1974; National Sheriffs' Institute, 1998; Florida Criminal Justice Executive Institute; Chief Executive Seminar *Wife* Diane *Children* Five *Church* Church of Christ *Career* FHP Trooper, 1964-1965; Deputy Sheriff, Investigator, Uniformed Sergeant, Brevard County Sheriff's Office,



1965-1968; Deputy Sheriff, Suwannee County Sheriff's Office, 1968-1975; Investigator, Coordinator Drug Task Force and Aircraft Pilot, State Attorney's Office Third Judicial Circuit, 1975-1996; Criminal Justice Instructor; elected Sheriff 1996, re-elected 2000 *Honors and Affiliations* Community Service Award, Junior Woman's Club, 1980-1981; Citation of Appreciation for Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Competition, Department of Florida American Legion, 1982-1983; Outstanding Officer for State Attorney Office, 1984; Past Master, Hayward Lodge, #45 F&AM; Past District Deputy Grand Master, 7th Masonic District of Florida; Suwannee County Take Stock in Children Partnership Committee, Chairman 2000-2001; President, Lions Club, 2000; District 3 Human Rights Advocacy Committee, appointed 1998, Board of Associates Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranches, 1998; FSA Board of Directors, 2000; FSYR Programs Committee. altonwms@alltelnet

TAYLOR COUNTY*Perry***Sheriff Lawrence E. "Bummy" Williams (D)**

Born Perry, FL, June 28, 1945 *Education* public schools, Taylor County; North Florida Community College, Madison, FL, AA Degree; Lively Vo-Tech, Tallahassee Community College and Valencia Community College, Orlando, Law Enforcement Education and Certification *Wife* June *Children* One *Church* Baptist *Career* Jailer and Dispatcher, Taylor County Sheriff's Office, 1968; Deputy, Sergeant, Lieutenant, Chief Deputy, Taylor County Sheriff's Office, 1969-1980; Investigator, State Attorney's Office, 1980-1996; elected Sheriff 1996, re-elected 2000 *Military* U.S. Army, 1965-1967 *Honors* National Defense Service Medal; Vietnam Campaign Medal; Vietnam Service Medal 2 O/S Bars. <http://legal.firm.edu/sberiff/taylor>

**UNION COUNTY***Lake Butler***Sheriff Jerry Whitehead (D)**

Born Lake City, FL, September 27, 1953 *Education* Union County High School; Lake City Community College; Police Standards Training; FDLE Executive Institute, Budget Preparation, Disaster Preparedness; Florida State University, Vicarious Liability Training; FBI National Academy, 1991 *Wife* Tammy *Children* Four *Church* Christian *Career* elected Sheriff in 1984, 1988, 1992, ran unopposed 1996 and 2000 *Honors* member, Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency; Past President, Union



County Parents' Association and Rotary; Secretary, Florida Sheriffs Association, 1987-88; Treasurer, 1989; Vice President, 1990; President, 1991; Distinguished Service Award from Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency, 1988-89; appointed to Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission, 1993; re-appointed, 1997.

VOLUSIA COUNTY

DeLand

Sheriff Ben F. Johnson (R*)

**Election is non-partisan in this county.*

Born DeLand, FL, July 10, 1950 *Education* Daytona Beach Community College, AS Criminal Justice; Rollins College, Winter Park, BS Criminal Justice with honors; FBI National Academy 156th session *Children* One Church Baptist *Career* Volusia County Sheriff's Office, 26 years; elected Sheriff Volusia County 2000 *Honors and Affiliations* Board of Directors: DeLand Rotary Club, West Volusia Police Athletic League VP; American Heart Association Co-Chairman 1998 Walkathon; FBI National Academy Associates; Volusia Masonic Lodge #77 F&A.M.; BPOE 1463; volunteer American Cancer Society.



WAKULLA COUNTY

Crawfordville

Sheriff David F. Harvey (D)

Born Tallahassee, FL, November 27, 1949 *Education* public schools of Wakulla County; AA Degree, Chipola Junior College, Marianna; BS Degree in Criminology, FSU; graduate credits, University of Virginia *Wife* Rhonda *Children* One Church Baptist *Career* Florida Parole Commission, four years; elected Sheriff in 1976, 1980, 1984, 1988, 1992, 1996 and 2000; graduated from National Sheriffs' Institute, FBI National Academy, National Institute of Corrections, Police Executive Institute, Chief Executive Seminar *Honors* Master Mason, Scottish Rite Bodies, 32nd Degree; Marzuq Temple; Chairman, Florida Sheriffs Association's Legislative Committee, 1981; President, 1984; Board of Directors, 1989-92; appointed by Ruben Askew to Florida Council on Criminal Justice, 1979-82, Vice Chairman; selected Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer for 1980 by Optimists; Outstanding Young Men of America by Jaycees; Chairman, Board of Managers, Florida Sheriffs Self-Insurance Fund; President, Apalachee Human Services, 1987-89; President, Wakulla Shrine Club, 1990-1991; Chairman, Wakulla County Juvenile Justice Council, 1993-2000; 1995 Board Member, Tallahassee Marine Institute; appointed by



Governor Chiles to Florida Corrections Commission; Board of Trustees, Big Bend Hospice Foundation; Chairman, Wakulla United Way, 1997; Keep Florida Beautiful State Award, 1999; Vice Chairman, Florida Corrections Commission, 1999; Chairman, Region III Training Advisory Council, 2000.

WALTON COUNTY

DeFuniak Springs

Sheriff Ralph L. Johnson (R)

Born DeFuniak Springs, FL, July 25, 1953 *Education* Okaloosa-Walton Junior College, AA Criminal Justice; Florida State University, Florida Highway Patrol Academy, numerous law enforcement training courses *Wife* Lou Ann *Church* Baptist *Career* Coleman Police Department, Coleman, FL 1974-2000; Florida Highway Patrol 1974-2000; elected Sheriff Walton County 2000.



WASHINGTON COUNTY

Chipley

Sheriff Frederick D. "Fred" Peel (D)

Born Marianna, FL, December 14, 1946 *Education* Chipley High School; University of Florida, BS-Agriculture; University of West Florida, MS-Biology; graduate, FBI National Academy; graduate, National Sheriff's Institute; National Institute of Corrections; Certified Instructor, Criminal Justice Standards and Training *Wife* Vickie *Children* Four *Church* Presbyterian *Career* Elected Sheriff 1976, 1980, 1984, 1988, re-elected 1996, ran unopposed 2000; Inspector General, Florida Parole Commission; *Military* Florida National Guard, Major Retired; U.S. Army Rangers *Honors and Affiliations* President, Florida Sheriff's Association 1985; Chairman, Board of Directors, FSA, 1981; Washington County Law Enforcement Officer of the Year; Appointed by Governor to State Medical Examiners Commission, 1981-1987; Past President, Chipley Kiwanis Club.



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Former Washington County Sheriff Bryant Thurman dies

It is with great sadness that we report former Washington County Sheriff Bryant Thurman, passed away on December 18, 2000. Sheriff Thurman was a native Floridian and a lifetime resident of Chipley. He was 85 years old.

Sheriff Thurman served two consecutive terms from 1965 to 1973. He was owner and operator of the Bryant Thurman Construction Co. and is credited with building many of the roads and bridges in the Chipley area.

Sheriff Thurman was a lifetime member of the Florida Sheriffs Association. He and his wife, Hazel, who is also deceased, had three children: two sons, Mark and Gregory; and a daughter, Tawana Davidson. They also had 11 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Sheriff Thurman was buried in the family plot of the Glenwood Cemetery in Chipley.



Sheriff Thurman

Lawmakers and Lawmen: Protecting our state

Last year was considered a successful legislative session for Florida law enforcement, especially for the tools it endorsed (and funded) to help solve crimes through the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

They include:

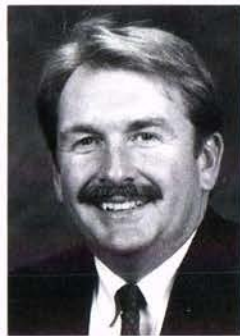
- Expansion of DNA collections
- Additional forensic scientists to examine evidence
- Enhanced penalties for drug abuse and trafficking
- Creation of a statewide property recovery database
- Dollars for a drug intelligence database and a financial crimes center
- While state agencies face budget cuts, it is our hope that lawmakers will continue to recognize the need to prevent such cuts from interfering with law enforcement initiatives. We encourage readers of *The Sheriff's Star* to refer to the state's Web site to follow legislation: www.myflorida.com

Public Safety Issues in 2001

If you think there are a lot of new faces among the 67 Sheriffs in Florida (22, to be exact), just look at your Florida Legislature. More than half (63) of the 120 representatives in the House are new.

That will mean your Florida Sheriffs will be traveling to Tallahassee to educate their new lawmakers about the importance of public safety and keeping criminal justice issues at the forefront.

Brevard County Sheriff Phil Williams, chairman of FSA's legislative committee, met with the rest of the committee members last fall to discuss upcoming public-safety related issues. They have worked with Frank Messersmith government consultant with the Metz, Hauser and Husband lawfirm, to learn what bills are being proposed and to take positions on those



Sheriff Phil Williams

that will have an affect on criminal justice and public safety in Florida.

The Florida Sheriff's official positions appear below, but we anticipate that new legislation will likely to be introduced to address specific areas of crime, including: computer crime, identify theft, economic crimes and port security. Your Sheriffs will be monitoring all issues and making sure the citizens of the state are fairly represented when it comes to their safety and security.

Governor's budget

The Governor's budget included some positive news for law enforcement, including a 5% (\$24.7 million) pay increase for corrections officers and correctional probation officers along with \$6.7 million in increased overtime pay for Highway Patrol and environmental law-enforcement officers. The Governor also proposes \$34 million for more effective drug abuse treatment and \$19 million for seaport security. He has also proposed the addition of another 1,100 prison beds to prevent future overcrowding.

Unfortunately, there is some bad news: The Governor has proposed shifting the cost of juvenile detention to the counties.

Department of Juvenile Justice Secretary Bill Bankhead has assured the Sheriffs that DJJ would

still run the facilities; our counties would just be asked to cover the costs. Expect to see some heated discussions about this topic during the coming legislative session.

What the Sheriffs support and oppose in 2001

While a crime package was still being assembled at press time, following are the specific positions your Florida Sheriffs plan to support in the 2001 legislative session.

Sheriff's positions

The Sheriffs will SUPPORT legislation to recoup the 3% benefit for DROP and regular retirees so they may enjoy a living wage in retirement. They will further support using the highest three years of credible service (vs. 5 years) for calculation of average final compensation.

The Sheriffs will SUPPORT amending Chapter 112, F.S., to provide the "presumption" for medical issues involving heart and lung disease and communicable diseases for Deputies, similar to that now provided to state law-enforcement officers and firefighters. This involves an amendment that will add "county law-enforcement officers" to the list of those already covered.

The Sheriffs will SUPPORT amending FS 901.211, which prohibits strip searching a misdemeanor arrestee until after the first appearance judge determines if the person can bond out or shall be incarcerated in the county jail. The "misdemeanant" restriction places unnecessary risks on jail staff, as there is no evidence to support an assumption that misdemeanants are less likely to be carrying weapons, drugs or other contraband than are felons who are subject to strip searches. The Sheriffs seek a change to allow strip searches whenever situations exist which require an arrestee to be transferred from a booking/detention area to the main jail housing area.

The Sheriffs SUPPORT amending F.S. 943.10 regarding a person's employment information. The proposal

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would add agents for law enforcement and correctional officers to the list of people who may be provided a job applicant's employment information and background. Further, it would hold harmless from liability any employer who is presumed to have acted in good faith when responding to requests for employment information. Law-enforcement agencies need to know such critical information before employing personnel.

The Sheriffs SUPPORT expanding the DNA database to include robbery convictions. The Florida Department of Law Enforcement statistics show that 32% of convicts included in the database had prior robbery convictions. By requiring a DNA sample following their robbery conviction, crimes may be solved quicker.

The Sheriffs will OPPOSE the elimination of the Florida Parole Commission.

The Sheriffs will OPPOSE any effort to impose a mandatory two-year degree for law enforcement. While the Sheriffs support education initiatives, and many Sheriffs individually require a minimum two-year degree, they agree that the decision should be left to local control.

The Sheriffs will OPPOSE the closing of mental health facilities, which would lead to an increased number of the mentally ill on the street and place the brunt of the responsibility on law enforcement. The Sheriffs are pursuing specialized training for dealing with the mentally ill during arrest and incarceration.

The Sheriffs will SUPPORT legislation exempting law-enforcement officers from the three-day waiting period when purchasing firearms, as concealed weapons permit holders are currently exempt.

The Sheriffs will OPPOSE any efforts to re-direct their agencies' forfeiture funds.

The Sheriffs SUPPORT proposed legislation for the state to pay graduate school tuition for the children of slain officers.

The Florida Sheriffs Association 2-Year Degree Position Statement

Because of the continued debate on the educational standards for a law-enforcement officer, the Florida Sheriffs have decided to clarify their position, should this become a topic in the 2001 legislative session:

The Florida Sheriffs Association supports educational and career development opportunities for law enforcement officers. Still FSA agrees that the form and nature of these opportunities – and how they are acquired and provided – is a matter of local control.

FSA does not support any state mandated degree requirements for employment or appointment of a person as a law-enforcement officer. Imposition of these state mandated requirements would damage the ability of many agencies to recruit qualified employees, particularly minorities and disadvantaged persons.

A survey of Florida Police Chiefs, which have the 2-year requirement, showed the 77% had a recruiting problem, 34% had retention problems and 20% were having to compromise standards to fill positions.

Many of our Florida Sheriffs serve rural counties where recruitment is already a problem. They also compete with state prisons, which usually have a higher pay scale and better benefit package.

The Florida Sheriffs Association will develop and make available to all local law enforcement agencies recommendations for law-enforcement educational incentives appropriate to local communities based on their size and local conditions.

Keeping the Peace in a Political Firestorm

By: Kirk J. Englehardt
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"A centralized media area was setup to prevent confrontations between dignitaries and protestors. BSO placed its field force units on standby, which meant that more than 200 deputies in full riot gear would have been mobilized within an hour if needed."

Tuesday, November 7, was supposed to be a day filled with excitement. The country was choosing its next president in what was one of most closely contested elections in recent history. The men and women of the Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO) in Ft. Lauderdale went about their regular duties, not knowing that their agency was about to be thrust into the middle of one of the most heated political events our nation had ever witnessed.



Just hours after the polls closed, the Sheriff's Office was notified that there would be a machine recount of the county's nearly 600,000 ballots. Chief Bryan Cowart, Commander of BSO's Court Services Division, was asked to head the team responsible for ballot security, canvassing board protection, media and crowd control during the following day's recount.

Wednesday afternoon. Media satellite trucks lined the street outside the Supervisor of Elections Office in downtown Ft. Lauderdale. There were nearly 80 reporters and photographers packed into a small room jockeying for position in front of a window separating them from those conducting the recount. Although competition was fierce among the reporters, it was nothing compared to the scuffles between partisan observers, whose tempers were flaring inside the counting room, each wanting their side to be heard and ultimately prevail. Access to the ballot counting room was restricted, which added to their frustration. Deputies were forced to turn away a long line of powerful attorneys and political big-wigs, which was a delicate task considering the highly charged political atmosphere.

November 13. The canvassing board decided to conduct a manual recount of one percent of the total ballots cast in Broward County. The hand count lasted nearly eight hours, during which the deputies were bombarded with dignitaries who continued to demand access to the counting room. They delicately explained that access was restricted. Chief

Cowart said, "We had to walk a fine line – treating everybody equally – so we didn't appear to be favoring the interests of either political party. It was truly a challenge considering all of the different agendas that were at work."

Two days later. The board chooses to manually recount all of the county's 600,000 ballots. BSO's attention shifted to the Broward County Emergency Operations Center (EOC), where the recount was to take place. Deputies packed the ballots and transported them to the EOC. Prior to their arrival, deputies had secured the building. The facility, which was ordinarily used during hurricane threats, was converted into ballot counting headquarters. BSO deputies and EOC staff prepared the building for what was to be an onslaught of media and hundreds of volunteers, observers and attorneys.

Broward Sheriff Ken Jenne made his expectations clear by issuing a special order defining his agency's role in the ballot counting process. Jenne wrote, "Our job here is to preserve the orderly conduct of all people present during this process, and to provide physical security to the building, ballot storage room,

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the Election Canvassing Board, and the workers assigned to these tasks. We will intervene in any disturbance, and we will prevent any unauthorized person from entering a secure area." Jenne added, "This process is fraught with controversy, and there may be attempts by parties to involve the Broward Sheriff's Office in issues that are not our responsibility. Again, it is our responsibility to provide physical security only."

Taking its toll in man hours

More than 30 deputies and their supervisors were on hand from 7 a.m. to midnight each day during the counting process. Some deputies were pulled from their regular assignments to participate in the special operation, while others worked after their regular shifts, on overtime. All the while, additional staff was needed to secure the courthouse where ballot-related court cases continued.

Each night, the ballots were placed in a secure room and the door was sealed with evidence tape. A pair of armed deputies stood watch, and the first evening they were joined by representatives from both the Republican and Democratic parties who wanted to make sure the ballots were secure. That oversight lasted only one night. The following day, both parties agreed to let BSO handle the security detail alone.

At the EOC, deputies were positioned at each of the building's four entrances, throughout the counting room, and in the parking lot. Deputies also maintained crowd control, as more than 150 protestors gathered outside the EOC, spurred on by politicians who had flown in from around the country. Additionally, undercover SWAT team members served as bodyguards for the three canvassing board members, protecting them around the clock.



"Happy Thanksgiving," here's a turkey sandwich
November 22. The manual recount wrapped up at 5 p.m., Thanksgiving eve. Hundreds of volunteers were sent home and BSO deputies delivered all non-contested ballots to the Supervisor of Elections warehouse. Nearly 2,000 contested ballots were brought to the courthouse, where they were placed in a

sealed courtroom until the following day. After eight, long, 18-hour days, it seemed as if the whole ordeal was coming to an end, so the agency began scaling back the operation.

A dozen BSO deputies spent the Thanksgiving holiday eating turkey sandwiches at the courthouse as the canvassing board convened to count contested ballots. The day remained relatively quiet, with the exception of one outburst by an attorney who was attempting to stall the counting process. He was told he would be asked to leave if he continued to act up and adjusted his behavior accordingly. Although things seemed to be returning to normal, Thanksgiving Day served as the calm before the storm. The toughest test was yet to come for BSO, as all eyes turned to Broward County and protests heated up.

Friday, November 24. All of Broward's registered Republicans received automated phone calls inviting them to attend a 2:00 p.m. protest outside the Broward County Courthouse. At least 30 deputies were called in from BSO's 12 districts to maintain the peace as more than 200 boisterous protestors gathered to make their voices heard. The most challenging aspect of the protest was ensuring the safety of the politicians who were being berated by protestors as they conducted interviews with the dozens of reporters covering the event.

The phones of Republican voters continued to ring that afternoon. BSO was told to expect between 1,000 and 5,000 protestors outside the courthouse by 10:00 a.m. the following morning. Deputies spent the entire

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night preparing for what was expected to be the largest of the downtown protests. The city of Ft. Lauderdale delivered barricades to the area and two city blocks were closed to traffic. A centralized media area was setup to prevent confrontations between dignitaries and protestors. BSO placed its field force units on stand-

by, which meant that more than 200 deputies in full riot gear would have been mobilized within an hour if needed. Neighboring municipal police departments were also notified, and the BSO mounted unit was asked to assist with crowd control.

Saturday, November 25.

Rain began falling and continued for more than eight hours. Although the weather kept many people home, more than 1,000 demonstrators braved the elements. Joining them

were the governors of five states and more than a dozen senators and representatives, including former presidential candidate Bob Dole. There was also a massive gathering of print and broadcast media, which added to the circus-like environment. The only arrest came after a man left the Republican protest area and infiltrated the Democratic section. He began to incite the crowd. After repeated warn-



Broward County Sheriff Ken Jenne (left) addresses reporters.

More than 1,000 demonstrators gathered, despite rain. Joining them were the governors of five states and more than a dozen senators and representatives, including former presidential candidate Bob Dole.

ings, he refused to leave the area and was taken into custody, charged with misdemeanor disorderly conduct.

Sunday, November 26.

In the morning, a county attorney delivered the election results to Tallahassee and life began to return to normal. When all was said and done,

nearly 150 different deputies had been involved in the security operation, working more than 2,000 overtime hours at an estimated cost of more than \$50,000. Sheriff Jenne said, "This once-in-a-lifetime situation truly put our agency to the test and forced us to think on our feet. Our deputies performed their

duties with integrity. I am proud the Broward Sheriff's Office could serve during this historic moment and I wouldn't hesitate to provide the same level of service again."

Ballot security was never compromised, nor was the safety of the canvassing board. Broward County's ballot recount proved to be one of the smoothest in the state, due in large part, to the diligence and professionalism of the men and women of the Broward Sheriff's Office.

The Broward Sheriff's Office Donates "Vests for Life" to Pahokee Police

By Kirk Englehardt, BSO Public Information Officer

Officers patrolling the streets of Pahokee will be a bit safer thanks to the Broward Sheriff's Office. As part of his "Vests for Life" program, Sheriff Ken Jenne recently presented 20 bullet-resistant vests to Pahokee Police Chief Gary Frechette.

Currently, there are 11 volunteers on the Pahokee police force working the streets without protective gear. The vests, previously worn by BSO deputies, were in

good condition. It is standard practice for BSO to retire vests after five years of use.

In addition to the vests, Pahokee PD also received nightsticks, riot gear, belts, holsters and other equipment being phased out by BSO.

The "Vests for Life" program began three years ago when BSO started donating used equipment to agencies that couldn't afford to purchase the items. In March of 1998, an officer in South West City, Missouri, survived multiple gunshots because he was wearing a used BSO vest. BSO has donated equipment to agencies in more than 22 states, the United Kingdom, the Bahamas and Honduras.

Crime Prevention Tip



Your basic guide to choosing an electronic security system

By Lt. Paul Phillips
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Unfortunately, many burglar alarm systems are purchased immediately following a break-in, while victims are still recovering from the initial shock. Homeowners and merchants often look for a "quick fix" because they fear the burglar will decide to return to the scene of the crime. Under these conditions, hasty decisions are made and contracts are signed in record time. Such impulsive purchases are often a source of regret. Once panic subsides and reality returns, many home/business owners feel they no longer need protection and simply leave their alarm system unarmed.

It's much better to be proactive toward crime. Consider security measures before a criminal act, while the situation is calm. Do not base decisions to purchase security devices solely on advertisements or one person's advice. Use common sense, consider several options, and most of all, take your time when making the final choice. Once you have gone to the trouble of getting the system — use it!

Following are some pros and cons to consider:

PROs

- better security systems monitor for burglaries, fires, intrusions and medical emergencies
- the average price of a security system has decreased in the past few years but prices vary in different areas of the country

- some insurance companies offer discounts for clients with security systems

CONS

- security systems do not deter all acts or attempts of burglary or home invasion and the mere presence of a system can create a false sense of security for the property owner
- false alarms are often attributed to user error, equipment malfunction or inclement weather
- false alarms are costly. They cost local taxpayers thousands of dollars each year in unnecessary calls for law enforcement service. Some communities have even adopted local false alarm ordinances that impose fines and penalties on offenders because of the frequency of user error.
- false alarms have caused serious car crashes involving responding officers and the public

The technology: hardware vs. human element

Underwriters Laboratories (UL), a national testing and certification organization, has published standards for both security equipment and burglar alarm systems since 1920. According to its Web site: "UL engineers recognize that while burglary protection technology might perform well in a controlled laboratory environment, long-term performance in the field is uncertain." Effective security relies on more than the equipment itself. The human factor, response to situations, interpretation of situations, etc. — play major roles in the effectiveness of the security system.

A basic guide

If you have been thinking about purchasing an alarm system, consider the following tips:

Select potential system providers.

The Yellow pages of your local telephone directory is a good place to locate security system vendors. Select at least three alarm companies that appeal to you. But before you call a vendor for a quote, talk to friends, relatives, co-workers, or anyone who currently has a security system in their home or business. Ask if they feel the system is worth the investment. What company did they select? If they had it to do all over, would they pick the same vendor? Does their security company offer good service after the sale? Has the company changed hands? Did they clearly explain how the system works? Be an informed consumer and learn from others' experience.

The National Burglar and Fire Alarm Association, Inc. (NBFAA) has some suggestions for choosing a company as well on their Web site: www.alarm.org/. Under "Tips for Choosing An Electronic Security Company, suggestions include:

- Contacting NBFAA or your state burglar and fire alarm association for a list of member companies in your area. The association's members agree to maintain a professional level of conduct under its "National Code of Ethics" and render services at the highest level of quality.
- Calling several companies. Ask if their employees are trained and/or NBFAA certified.
- Asking the companies if they have appropriate state and/or local licenses, if required.
- Asking companies if they conduct any pre-employment screening.
- Contacting your local law enforcement Crime Prevention Unit.

NBFAA has a free brochure "Safe & Sound: Your Guide to Home Security" that can be obtained by calling (301) 907-3202.

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Do your homework. Now that you have identified a few companies, the next step is to check them out. The Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) regulates electrical contractors who are licensed to install security systems in the state. DBPR has Regional Investigations Offices throughout the state. Call to see if they have a complaint on any of the companies on your list. More information is also available on their Web site www.state.fl.us/dbpr.

Next, you could pay a visit to the Better Business Bureau in your area. This organization keeps files on various trades and offers methods to file a complaint and to look up member organizations. When you call the BBB's toll-free number, you will likely be guided through a series of menu options that allow a caller to check on a specific company. Here's a tip: Have the alarm companies' telephone numbers handy, as they will ask for them.

The Underwriters Laboratories has a "Burglar Alarm Certificate Program" which lists installation companies that are authorized to issue UL Certificates on individual system installations.

According to information published at the UL Web site (www.ul.com), "Each Certificate is the installer's declaration that UL's required service, which includes regular maintenance and testing, is being provided." Like other electronic equipment, security systems require proper maintenance and periodic service if they are expected to provide reliable service.

Checking even further

Some other issues to consider in addition to those previously suggested are:

- Ask if the security hardware has the Underwriters Laboratories (UL) stamp of approval and if they participate in UL's Burglar Alarm Certificate Program.
- Ask the company if it can provide two or three names of current customers as references. If they do, ask for those who have had their system for over a year. Then, call these folks and get the facts.
- Set an appointment with the sales representative at a time when other family members or a friend can also be present. Allow plenty of time between

appointments if you schedule more than one in a day.

- When the sales representative arrives, make written notes of their recommendations including each sensor device they recommend. This will become important later when you are trying to compare other system quotes. Remember, prices will vary depending on the number of sensor devices and other pieces of hardware – like keypads and panic buttons.
- Don't make a final decision until you have interviewed all the companies selected. If you are confused, discuss it with a trusted friend or relative.

Sound complicated? It's really not that bad. After all, deciding on a security system that will fit your lifestyle and individual needs should not be oversimplified, hasty or impulsive.

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★ STAR BRIEF

Manatee County embraces "Child Lures" program

In an effort to increase public awareness of crimes against children in their community, the Manatee County Sheriff's Office sponsored a presentation by Ken Wooden on "Child lures prevention."

The seminar was geared to parents and professionals to help children become less vulnerable to exploitation, abduction, drugs and school violence.

The Sheriff's Star reported Wooden's story in the November/December 2000 issue. He is a former educator and journalist who has interviewed hundreds of convicted sexual predators to gather information on their strategies used to lure innocent victims. Wooden is taking the information nationwide in an effort to safeguard children from being victimized in the future.

In support of the program, Manatee County published a helpful "Parent's Guide: How to keep your child safe from exploitation, abduction, drugs & school violence" to educate residents about the common lures and explain what they could do to help prevent their children from becoming a victim.

Distribution of the booklet is part of a comprehensive community plan, which also includes: Child Lures School Program, Prevention Seminar and a television news series. Wooden's "Child Lures Prevention" program for schools consists of 2 videotapes and an instruction guide. The program includes content appropriate for kids in elementary, middle and high schools. It uses role playing to



Sheriff Wells

help children realize how easily they can be lured into dangerous situations by people who are either known to them or who are strangers.

Number of victims mounting

According to a 1996 National Institute of Mental Health study, incarcerated predators of children average 143 victims. That's up from an estimated 68 victims in 1980.

To consider the possibility of a child being victimized, multiply 143 by the number of known predators in your community – including those in prison. And keep in mind that only 28% of violent crimes against children are ever reported to police.

Wooden offers background on recent arrests in Florida which help put a human face on those statistics. The predators involved: a U.S. diplomat, a gymnastics coach, a school security specialist and a Youth Home manager.

There are 44,320 known child predators currently in prison. Nationally, and 168,000 on parole. Multiplied by the average, that puts the toll at more than 30.3 million children who have been victimized.

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement provides online access to information about sexual predators. Find it on the web at: http://www.fdle.state.fl.us/sexual_predators/.

To find out about bringing a Child Lures Prevention program to your community, contact Ken Wooden: 802-985-8458 or visit his Web site: www.childlures.org.



Violent crime down, but drug crimes are up

According to statistics from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, a subtle shift in crime has emerged:

The violent crime rate has fallen by 20.5%

Mirroring the national trend, Florida's index crime rate has been steadily declining — down 25.2% since 1994

While index and violent crime have been falling, drug arrests have increased — 59% over the last five years

Our state, in particular, is a gateway state for drugs coming into the U.S. and a distribution and financial center for the illegal drug trade in this country.

So what is law enforcement doing to address the new problems?

The Governor's Office of Drug Control has developed a long-term drug strategy to reduce the illegal supply of drugs in Florida by 33% by 2005.

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement has also created its own three-step action plan to combat drug crime, which will assist local law-enforcement agencies, including Sheriffs' offices:

1) Make FDLE's DrugNet a key intelligence tool for drug investigations. Our state currently lacks a single integrated

system to house drug intelligence. FDLE's Drug Intelligence Database, called DrugNet, is getting off the ground. DrugNet is designed primarily for officers to share pertinent criminal intelligence concerning known and suspected drug violators on a real-time basis. It will provide a method of case coordination between agencies across the state and reduce investigative duplication.

The Sheriffs and Police agencies in Florida will have easy and secure access right through FDLE's Criminal Justice Network (CJNet). The intent is to make the system user-friendly, and easily accessible to these agencies, so they can run the reports and queries they need.

2) Establish the Financial Crime Analysis Center (FCAC) as an effective investigative source for drug and money laundering cases. It's common knowledge that drug trafficking and money laundering are crimes that go hand in hand, and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement is trying to address the problem by creating the Financial Crime Database.

The 2000 legislative session provided \$1.4 million and 13 positions to begin building a fully integrated Financial Crimes Transaction Database and Financial Crimes Analysis Center at FDLE.

The FCAC will analyze and develop information relating to money laundering. It will host a "data warehouse" of integrated financial databases, including those from state agencies such as the Department of Revenue, Department of Environmental Protec-

tion and Department of Business & Professional Regulation. The idea is to use the information to reveal suspected money laundering operations.

The Financial Crime Analysis Center will be home to multiple intelligence analysts who will focus on artificial data mining to review and analyze thousands of financial transactions to identify suspicious trends and patterns that may indicate money laundering.

The Center will also be available to enhance the efforts of state and local law enforcement by assisting ongoing investigations, conducting pre- and post-seizure analyses, and coordinating statewide efforts with other laundering analysis operations.

3) Secure supplemental funding for large-scale drug investigations. The Violent Crime Emergency Account provides supplemental funding for cases that are especially complex or heinous or that pushed local law enforcement agency resources beyond their limit. It has been a very effective tool in helping local agencies manage violent crime in their regions. The goal now is to ensure that resources are available to fight drug crime.

FDLE has requested \$2 million in additional funds for 2001-2002 that will go to the Violent Crime Emergency account and be used to combat large-scale drug cases. The money could then be tapped for multi-regional, multi-agency or statewide drug-control investigations.

For more information on these and other initiatives, visit the Florida Department of Law Enforcement Web site: <http://www.fdle.state.fl.us/>

Letters to The Editor

Clarification:

Florida State Fraternal Order of Police Chaplain Gene Leonard wrote to congratulate the Florida Sheriffs for their goal of creating a memorial for slain officers. But he also wanted to clarify that there is a permanent memorial marker located adjacent to the Capitol building in Tallahassee that was also established to honor fallen officers. His organization created it in 1985, and a new one was dedicated last year. It includes the names of all law-enforcement officers, including deputies and federal officers assigned to Florida, who lost their lives while protecting the citizens and visitors of this state. Florida's Law Enforcement Memorial Day, held each spring in Tallahassee, takes place near the marker. This year's ceremony is scheduled for Monday, May 7, and Leonard invites all those who are interested to participate.

Editor:

I always enjoy reading your magazine and the interesting articles included.

I found the article regarding investigating charities (in the November-December 2000) issue of particular interest. You might like to know that each year I receive – from the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services – the "Gift Givers' Guide: A Guide to Charitable Giving in Florida."

This book is very useful to me since it lists not only the name of the charitable organizations, but all of the financial information for the last fiscal year, including: Total Revenue, Total Expenses (broken down as to Administrative, Program Services and Fundraising) and Surplus/Deficit. With this information at my disposal, I am well-informed as to the percentage of the funds actually going to the programmed services and can then make more intelligent decisions as to whether or not to donate any of my funds to that particular organization.

It's so helpful that I have approached my local legislators in New Jersey, where I spend part of the year, about having such a book prepared in that state.

Please keep up your good work.

MM, Deerfield Beach

Editor responds: Thank you for reinforcing our message. For readers who are interested in obtaining the "Gift Giver's Guide," write to: The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, 407 S. Calhoun Street, Mayo Building 2nd Floor, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0800 or call: 1-800-435-7352.

Editor:

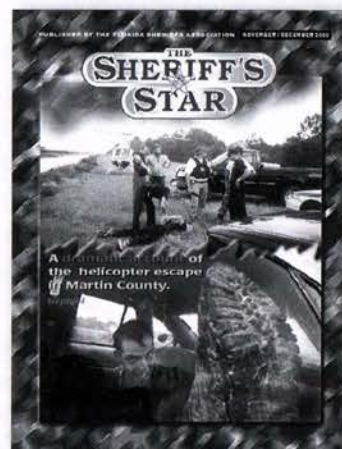
Because the state of Florida, in my opinion, is the boilerplate capital of America, I find your article "Crime prevention tip: Investigate Charities" (November/December 2000) informative and interesting. But I have a better way to solve the problem.

Through the Telemarketing section of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, you can eliminate 90% of these unwanted phone calls requesting charitable donations.

First year registration (per number) is \$10 and thereafter it's \$5. It takes three months to take effect. Organizations you previously contributed to and political calls will still get through. This information would be most helpful to our senior population. How sweet it is to no longer be plagued at dinner by these unwanted solicitations. Now I can pick up the phone and know it's a phone call I want to hear.

Passing along this information can save Florida residents from continually being ripped off. Maybe after some research, you will make this your "Crime Prevention Tip" for one of your future issues.

SD, Bradenton



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Editor responds: Good suggestion. In fact, we have written about fraudulent practices by "charities" in the past and often use it as an opportunity to reinforce the message that, while the Florida Sheriffs Association is a non-profit organization, we have never used telemarketing as a means for fundraising.

For readers who are interested in getting on the "No Sales Solicitation Call List" that SD refers to above, write to: Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, No Sales Solicitation, 407 S. Calhoun Street, Mayo Building 2nd Floor, Tallahassee, FL

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Editor:

Thank you for your magazine. I enjoy it very much and appreciate what the law enforcement officers do in this state.

One thing that has come to my attention that law enforcement patrol cars do seems dangerous. When they drive up to an accident or stop a suspect, they always park behind the car, with their patrol car pointed in the same direction as traffic. If they would park their patrol car at a 45-degree angle to traffic, they would deflect one half of the momentum of an oncoming vehicle which may accidentally hit them.

About six years ago, two Satellite Beach officers stopped a speeding vehicle and parked behind it. Along comes a drunk that hits the patrol car directly in the rear. The momentum of the drunk's vehicle went into the patrol car and it ricocheted into the officers at the scene – killing both of them.

If the patrol car had been parked at a 45 degree angle, it would have absorbed some of the momentum and probably not killed the officers.

FP, Satellite Beach

Editor:

In a recent issue, you mentioned "A History of Florida Sheriffs" being assembled and published.

My husband's grandfather (Hicks) was Sheriff of Monroe County. I do not know what year(s). My husband was born in Key West in 1905. His grandfather's home is still standing and occupied.

I would be very interested in the history to share with my daughter and granddaughter. I thank you for any information you can give me about this publication.

Mrs. H, Florida

Editor responds:

I'm glad you wrote. In fact, the authors of the book have completed their manuscript and it is now in the publishing stages. Our own graphic designer, Frank Jones, will be designing the cover and making sure the layout reflects the image of the Florida Sheriffs. While publishing a book is a great undertaking, we hope to be giving FSA members a date of availability by next fall. You will be especially pleased, I think, as we will be including a listing of all known Sheriffs in the history of Florida. This will, perhaps, give you the missing information you seek. Thank you for giving us an opportunity to update our readers.

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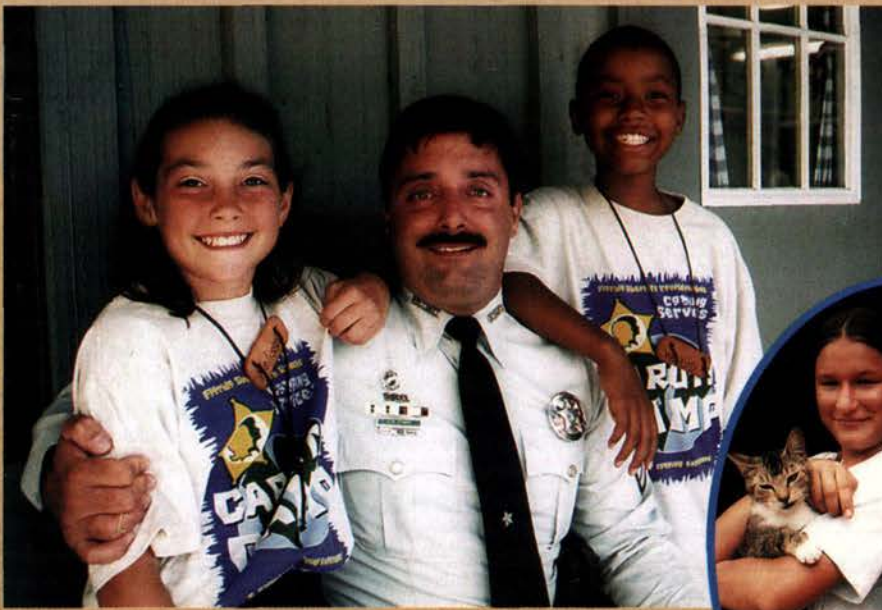
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