



THE SHERIFF'S STAR




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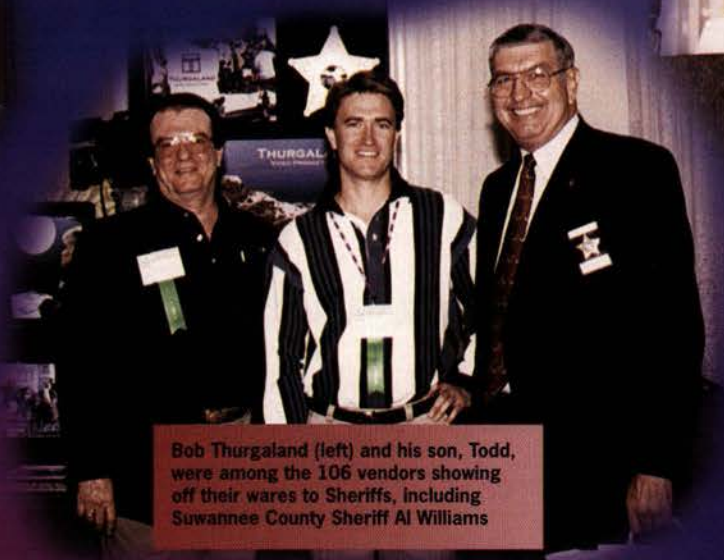
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From the desk of...

J. M. "Buddy" Phillips, Executive Director
Florida Sheriffs Association

We're always pleasantly surprised by the mail and calls we receive from members commenting about their January/February edition of *The Sheriff's Star*. The annual guide includes loads of comprehensive information about the state of Florida, politicians, Sheriffs and the Legislature. We wanted to share a few of the notes we received, so we've included them on our Letters page in this issue.

A few of our members expressed concern that the issue was late in arriving. They were correct. It was yet another snafu caused by the extended elections. You see, we rely on politicians and their staff to get us updated information. Because many of those offices were inundated with public requests following the election, it delayed information being sent to us. There were other troubles, too, but mostly superficial. For example, the cover is normally printed on heavier paper, but because of a printing error, it was published on a lighter stock.

Still, the majority of our readers seem pleased with the issue, and the few that expressed concern about its tardiness understood the difficulties. We are working to improve the process for next year to avoid the same troubles in the future.

Law enforcement memorial update

In this issue, we are pleased to bring you a more substantial update about our law enforcement memorial, which will reside in a shady area under a Live Oak tree behind our offices.

I feel fortunate to have been able to visit with the artist, Sandy Proctor, at his studio as he builds the sculptures. Sandy has worked very hard to capture all the telling details for the five figures, right down to the black ribbon

that goes across the badges worn by deputies and the Sheriff – a tradition symbolizing mourning over the loss of a fellow law-enforcement officer, deputy or Sheriff.

If all goes well on the site preparation, and we receive approval from the city, we expect to have the memorial completed by the fall. Our artist has created outdoor sculptures all over the country – including at the Governor's mansion in Tallahassee – but he says our site stands to be one of the most attractive he's seen.

Our fundraising efforts for the Florida Sheriffs Memorial have allowed us to keep the project on schedule, though we're still running short by about \$100,000. If you haven't yet donated to the cause and intend to, the Sheriffs have designated several levels of tax-deductible support for you to consider: \$15 for "Memorial Friends," \$25 for "Memorial Benefactors," \$50 for "Memorial Patrons," and \$100 or more for "Memorial Star Underwriters." Patrons and Star Underwriters will have their names published in a future edition of *The Sheriff's Star* magazine. For members who are interested in making larger donations, we can make arrangements to recognize them in a special way, as well.

Write to us at the address that appears opposite this page. We promise to put your donation to work immediately. In the mean time, have a wonderful spring.

J. M. "Buddy" Phillips
Executive Director



Public Access System provides extra eyes for Florida law enforcement

Imagine one of these scenarios:

- You are interested in buying a used gun, but you want to make sure it wasn't stolen.
- An automobile is parked at an empty lot in your neighborhood and you wonder if it was stolen and abandoned.
- There is an individual you thought had been arrested, but suddenly you start seeing him in your community and wonder if he's still wanted.

Now you can get your questions answered at your computer. Citizens have immediate access to massive law enforcement databases that help answer these and other pressing questions about properties or persons. The Florida Department of Law Enforcement,

in partnership with the Florida Sheriffs Association, the Police Chiefs and other law-enforcement agencies, has developed the Florida Crime Information Center Public Access System (PAS). The first of its type in the nation, PAS takes data collected from local and state agencies and makes it available to anyone with Internet access.

The site offers statewide information about wanted and missing persons; stolen vehicles; boats; guns; and articles such as appliances, televisions, stereos, boat and auto parts; stolen license plates, and boat decals. The purpose is to allow the public the opportunity to assist law-enforcement agencies in solving crimes.

Using PAS

Web site visitors will need specific information about the article or per-

son to search. For example, to determine if a car is stolen, you'll need to have the Vehicle Identification Number (usually appears at the bottom of the windshield on the driver's side), license plate number or owner application number. To check if a person is wanted or missing, you'll need to know details about that person, such as name, sex, race and age.

Recently, PAS data indicated 5,761 missing persons, 274,532 active warrants and over 600,000 missing articles, boats, vehicles, guns, license plates and parts throughout the state of Florida.

Although records contained on PAS are not FDLE records, the agency acts as the central depository. All missing person records are made available on the date of entry, unless flagged by law enforcement agency. Only wanted adult records will be made available on the "Wanted Persons" site. There's a 14-day waiting period between the date the wanted person's record is entered and its appearance on PAS.

PAS is taking community policing and knowledge to new levels of technology. Information entered in PAS is updated every 24 hours. Federal agency records are excluded from PAS.

If you have information concerning stolen property or wanted persons, you can fill out an online form to create a "tip" which will be sent to the designated local law enforcement agency. For full anonymity, you should contact your local Sheriff's Office by phone.

To access the PAS system, go to "www.fdle.state.fl.us" and select "Search our files/stolen property" or "Search our files/wanted/missing persons."



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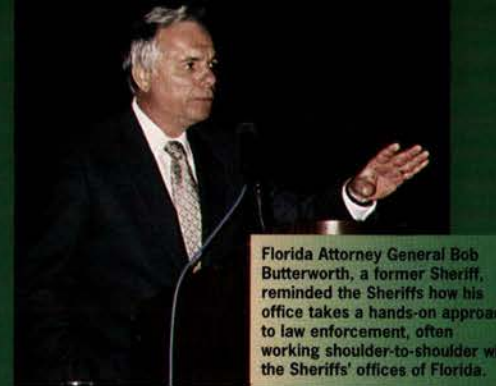
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FSA president, Seminole County Sheriff Don Eslinger kept his fellow Sheriffs on schedule during the issue-packed meetings.



Florida Attorney General Bob Butterworth, a former Sheriff, reminded the Sheriffs how his office takes a hands-on approach to law enforcement, often working shoulder-to-shoulder with the Sheriffs' offices of Florida.

Mid-Winter Conference Highlights

The historic Bellevue Biltmore Resort & Spa in Clearwater was the setting for FSA's 2001 Mid-Winter Conference. Included in the National Registry of Historic Places, the Biltmore's character and charm offered a refreshing reminder of Old Florida and was a fitting backdrop to welcome our 22 new Sheriffs. On these pages, we offer a glimpse of the important events during the three-day conference held January 21-24.



Solicitor General Tom Warner, with the Office of the Attorney General, has been identified as one of Florida's most influential people. He said as the chief legal officer, his job is to defend the constitutionality of laws passed by legislators. He often helps Sheriffs when issues directly impact their offices.



Immediate past FSA president, Bay County Sheriff Guy Tunnell, spoke on behalf of the Associated Marine Institutes. He warned that pending legislation could alter funding for the Marine Institutes and place these youths back in classrooms. A profile of the typical Marine Institute resident: a third have been expelled from school, two-thirds have 57 absences or more in a school year and the majority are felons, averaging seven arrests. Without the Marine Institutes as an option, the Sheriff warned, crime will likely increase among Florida's youth.

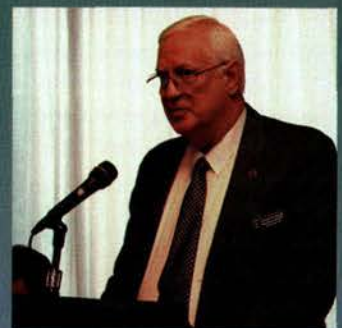
Larry Bacon, state coordinator for "Partners in Crisis," led a lively discussion about how the gap in mental health services has increased the burden on law enforcement and the criminal justice system. As mental hospitals close across the state, patients often end up without proper medical care or oversight, creating a threat to their families and communities. The Sheriffs took turns offering their own stories of dealing with the mentally ill who wind up in the county jails, as one Sheriff called it, "the mental health facility of last resort."



FSA vice president, Hillsborough County Sheriff Cal Henderson told the Sheriffs about his positive experiences assisting in fundraising for the Florida Special Olympics.



From left, Clay County Sheriff Scott Lancaster discusses behind-the-scenes legislative issues with FSA government consultant Frank Messersmith; Putnam County Sheriff Taylor Douglas; Brevard County Sheriff and legislative committee chairman Phil Williams; and Seminole County Sheriff, FSA president Don Eslinger.



Donald Turnbaugh asked for the Sheriffs' support to help standardize training in dealing with the mentally ill. He said "Partners in Crisis" is helping law enforcement learn to better deal with the mentally ill during calls for service, investigations and in the county jails. Polk County Sheriff Larry Crowe says he developed a special cell block for the mentally ill, which cut down on incidents.



Florida Department of Law Enforcement Commissioner Tim Moore told the Sheriffs that while violent crime has decreased 21% and the overall crime rate is down 24%, drug arrests have increased 59%. More than 70% of crimes in Florida are related to drugs. He outlined several strategies FDLE has created to address the problems.



Florida Parole Commissioner Fred Dunphy appeared before the Sheriffs to warn of efforts in the Legislature to do away with the Commission. He explained the Commission's functions and the Sheriffs voted to support its preservation. The Parole Commission's web site is: <http://www.state.fl.us/fpc/>



Florida Sheriffs Association Director of Operational Services Tom Berlinger says he reviews criminal cases almost weekly and appears before the Parole Commission to offer law enforcement's perspective on inmates seeking early release. Victims of crime also testify, re-living the horrors of the crime every two years to keep the criminals behind bars.



Manatee Sheriff's Office Capt. J.S. Litschauer told the Sheriffs he regularly testifies before the Florida Parole Commission on behalf of deputies and law enforcement officers killed by prospective parolees seeking early release.



Alachua County Sheriff's Office Martin Snook, supervisor of the forensics lab, told the Sheriffs about the work of the Maples Center for Forensic Medicine. While the Maples Center needs funding, it provides valuable investigation services to law enforcement. He encouraged Sheriffs to tap those services and to support the center through forfeiture funds, if possible.



Martin County Sheriff Bob Crowder, Chairman of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, provided an update on programs and funding. Several "look alike" youth programs have cropped up with similar names and the Youth Ranches have lost estate gifts from regular donors because of it, including one valued at \$100,000. On a more positive note, one couple transferred General Electric stock valued at \$1.2 million.



Linda Gregory, left, and Alice Petree were brought together through the death of Gregory's husband, Gene. A deputy, Gene was killed by Petree's brother who was mentally ill. The two women explained the dangers that the mentally ill pose to citizens and law enforcement. Petree said she and her family had tried to intervene to get help for her brother, but their hands were tied. The women are seeking expanded services for the mentally ill and added training for law enforcement.



Alachua County Sheriff Steve Oelrich expressed his concern to fellow Sheriffs about Juvenile Justice billing the counties for Juvenile Assessment Centers. He told Department of Juvenile Justice Secretary Bill Bankhead, "You may say it's a county expense, but it will be a Sheriff's expense." Sheriff Oelrich agreed to serve on a committee to be a liaison between FSA and Juvenile Justice.



Pinellas County Sheriff Everett Rice told his fellow Sheriffs that the Florida Sheriffs Task Force is continuing to carry out its mission with Mutual Aid programs and the School Safety Hotline. The latest focus of Task Force training is on Weapons of Mass Destruction and Terrorism Preparedness.

Alachua County Sheriff's Capt. Leon Caffey echoed the need to continue fully funding the Juvenile Assessment Centers. Deputies can take kids picked up in the middle of the night to the JACs, which handle the follow up including contacting parents or guardians. Prior to the JACs, deputies often found themselves acting as babysitters, as a lot of time is wasted keeping children who haven't committed a serious crime in custody.



Manatee County Sheriff Charlie Wells was one of many Sheriffs who participated in a discussion opposing cut backs in Department of Juvenile Justice programs. The shift of cost back on the counties "will hit the Sheriffs between the eyes," he said. Many Sheriffs expressed their concern that budget cutbacks will mean increased juvenile crime.

Wakulla County Sheriff David Harvey (far right) was named "Sheriff of the Year" by Keep America Beautiful. Pictured here, he receives a plaque from Shane McIntosh, executive director of Keep Florida Beautiful, and Marj Jacques, executive director of Keep Wakulla Beautiful.



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Mid-Winter Conference Highlights



Marion County Sheriff Ed Dean took the lead on an issue that is having an impact on many counties with interstates. It seems cargo thefts are on the rise. The Florida Sheriffs supported formation of the Cargo Theft Task Force, a multi-law-enforcement effort to address it. Thefts increased from 255 to 376 in one year. The average loss per theft was \$126,350. Sheriff Dean says they are projecting a 31% increase this year. The top six counties affected: Orange, Hillsborough, Broward, Marion, Dade and Brevard.



Sherry Friedlander, founder of "A Child Is Missing," told the Sheriffs that the first two hours of the search for a missing child is critical. Her agency started a rapid response system to alert neighbors when a child is discovered missing. She offered several case studies of children who were recovered through their efforts. The program is active in 36 Florida counties.



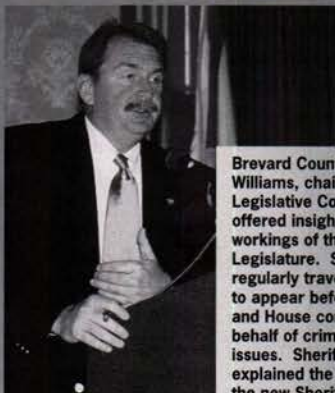
Jerry Willard, a Youth Ranch alum, was the 22nd boy to come to the Boys Ranch in 1960. His mother committed suicide when he was eight years old and his father was an abusive alcoholic. At age 11, Willard went to live with his grandmother, who helped him get accepted to the Boys Ranch through efforts by her local Sheriff. Willard went on to serve in the U.S. Airforce, is married with children and has worked for Pitney Bowes for the last 30 years.



St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office Sgt. Barbara Smith told the Sheriffs that the Florida Sheriffs' Explorer Association has helped influence young people to choose careers as military pilots, 9-1-1 operators, coast guard, forensic scientists and military police, among others. "Exploring makes a difference," she said.



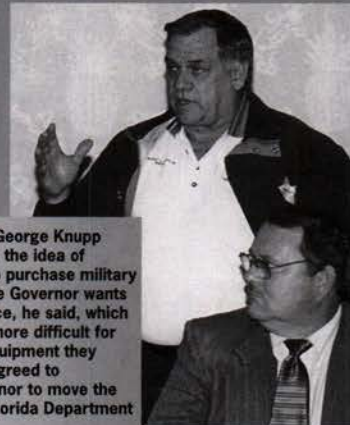
Martin County Sheriff Bob Crowder, treasurer of FSA, also serves as chairman of FSA's workers' compensation committee. He told the Sheriffs they are saving hundreds of thousands of dollars in claims by using the Hunt Insurance Group Workers' Comp programs.



Brevard County Sheriff Phil Williams, chairman of FSA's Legislative Committee, offered insights into the workings of the Florida Legislature. Sheriffs regularly travel to Tallahassee to appear before the Senate and House committees on behalf of criminal justice issues. Sheriff Williams explained the importance of the new Sheriffs continuing this tradition.



Susan Kyzer, executive director of the Commission of Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation, urged the Sheriffs who are new to the office with agencies that aren't yet accredited to seek accreditation.



Lake County Sheriff George Knupp (standing) introduced the idea of Sheriffs being able to purchase military surplus property. The Governor wants to privatize the service, he said, which would make it even more difficult for Sheriffs to get the equipment they need. The Sheriffs agreed to encourage the Governor to move the program under the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.



Bob Thurgaland (left) and his son, Todd, were among the 106 vendors showing off their wares to Sheriffs, including Suwannee County Sheriff Al Williams. The Thurgalands produced fundraising videos for the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches and the Florida Sheriffs Association.



Detective Beverly Norcum, who oversees the Florida Sheriffs Task Force School Safety Hotline, told the Sheriffs there are now 22 counties online. Law enforcement recognizes that in most school shootings, fellow students were aware of a threat and didn't take action. The hotline allows kids, parents and teachers to call in tips anonymously.



Union County Sheriff Jerry Whitehead took advantage of an exhibit by "Life Scan," which offers a work site wellness program for law enforcement. The ultra-sound imaging system demonstrated at the conference can identify cancerous growths. Tina Loscalzo is the ultra sound technician pictured.

Letters to The Editor

Editor:

Just received my first issue of your magazine (January/February 2001 *Sheriff's Star*), and want to offer my compliments on a great job. I don't know where I could have found such a complete guide to the state government. As winter residents of Florida, my wife and I enjoy the beauty of your great state, and the great job your Sheriffs and deputies do. Law enforcement is not an easy job!

Thanks again for a great job.

CRT, via e-mail

Editor:

I have championed an item for years to anyone I thought might listen — the last being the American Automobile Association (AAA). I've received no results or even feedback so it appears unimportant to those I've contacted so far.

I'm a senior and have been on the highways for years without too much incident. What I am observing, though, is that most people do not know to walk on the left side facing traffic. This lack of knowledge might be corrected by a simple addition to existing highway information signs. Perhaps some very short and simple wording could be added: "walk on left" or "pedestrians left." It would take up very little space and would be read by thousands passing by. Then, perhaps when they become a pedestrian, they would remember it to their advantage.

I do not know if you have any influence to push this passion of mine or if you can forward to an appropriate person or agency. You certainly have my permission to do so if that means anything. Let's save a few more lives with some good old common horse sense and I think this is.

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Editor responds: As a avid runner — very often on public streets without

sidewalks — I can definitely relate to your point. I've done my best to educate those new to the road about the importance of "defensive running," i.e., never take it for granted that a car will see you and will move over. By facing traffic, I am better able to react. And, yet, I've seen many pedestrians (and even fellow runners) ignoring this critical safety precaution. The challenge is: Who owns the roads? That is, whoever is in charge of the road — local, state or federal governments — would be the ones responsible for erecting such a sign. It's a tall order, but an idea worth tossing out for discussion. Any politicians listening?

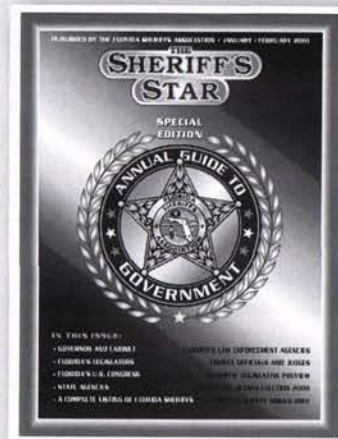
Editor:

I just wanted to commend you on the most recent issue of the *Sheriff's Star*. The "Guide to Government" is probably one of the best organized and comprehensive I have seen, and will certainly serve as a useful tool for me. This issue alone is worth my annual membership! I was also pleased to read that our Bay County Sheriff is the immediate past president of the Florida Sheriff's Association. Few people around here realize Guy Tunnell has served the Association in that capacity and he's not the kind of "guy" that would boast about it. This community is very proud of our Sheriff and the outstanding quality of his organization.

A member of the Secret Service recently commented on the professionalism of our Sheriff's office during the visit of President George W. Bush.

Please keep up the good work you and your organization do in support of Florida law enforcement, and for your efforts to keep the public informed.

T.N., Panama City, Florida



January/February 2001 issue

CORRECTIONS

In our January/February edition, a reader brought to our attention that a telephone number had changed. The National Burglar and Fire Alarm Association offers a free brochure titled, "Safe and Sound: Your Guide to Home Security." The correct number to call for a copy is: 301-585-1855.

Also, in the "Guide to Government," an incorrect address was listed for State Rep. David Simmons (District 37). His legislative office is: 393 Center Pointe Circle, Suite 1427, Altamonte Springs, FL 32701-3444. The address we published was his law firm. Our apologies.

HAVE A COMMENT?

If you would like to send a comment, please write:

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While we are not able to publish every letter, or answer them personally, we will do our best to get your comments represented in these pages. Please write legibly. We reserve the right to edit for space considerations. For privacy reasons, we will only publish the initials and city or county of the writer unless authorization is given.

Artist Sandy Proctor, right, works with his assistant, Amanda Mahan to prepare the sculptures with clay, prior to shipping to a foundry in Enterprise, Oregon. At the foundry, the pieces will follow a 15-step process before being shipped back to the artist and installed at the FSA headquarters in Tallahassee.



Florida Sheriffs Law Enforcement Memorial Takes Shape

By: Julie S. Bettinger

The Florida Sheriffs' Law Enforcement Memorial is one step closer to being a reality. Following fundraising, in which members generously donated 75% of costs of the project, the life-size sculpted bronze statues and memorial wall are now under construction. We hope to have the Memorial completed by the fall.

W. Stanley ("Sandy") Proctor is the gifted artist creating the six sculpted bronze figures and bench. Included are: A female figure with a folded flag in her lap, depicting the wife of a fallen deputy; a female child next to her; a Deputy Sheriff, seated on the other side of the woman, representing the fallen deputy's partners; and three standing figures – the Sheriff at the center and a female and male deputy on either side.

Time intensity, talent and attention to detail are the secrets

You only need to spend a few minutes in Proctor's Tallahassee studio to understand the highly technical nature of a sculpted bronze. In addition to the artist's time spent in conceptualizing the piece, then carefully



Once he has accepted a commission to create a bronze sculpture, Artist Sandy Proctor, right, studies human models and photographs them in position. He sketches a conceptual of the completed piece prior to beginning work.

selecting figures that might be good models, Proctor also sketches the concept for approval. He'll choose live models that best depict the image he had in mind and carefully measure their body parts. Next, Proctor carves styrofoam in the shape of the models' bodies and glues pieces together in place. Then, he covers the styrofoam with clay.

Proctor is extremely conscientious about a statue's features and works tediously to capture the facial details and other unique elements of the body – even down to how this particular person stands or the way the person's hands seem the most natural.

Recalling that law enforcement officers in mourning will place a black ribbon over their badges, Proctor made sure each of the deputies pictured had this detail.

Proctor used a male who used to be in the military as a model for one of the deputies in the memorial. He's stocky because he is also a body builder. When it came to the statue's stance, Proctor says he referred back to the photographs of his model to determine "how a military man would stand," especially how his hands would rest naturally at his side.

To look realistic, hands are molded in wax. At times, real shoes and clothing pieces will also be used and molded. "I use cloth because I'm just real interested in seeing how cloth folds to the body," Proctor says. He adds that it's important to pay careful attention to how cloth will drape and fold around pressure points of a real body.

Stepping back for observation

Once the bodies are made, Proctor looks to see how they are relating to each other. With the law enforcement memorial he says he determined that the trunk seemed too long on one of the bodies, so he sliced it in half and removed a portion. "The final judge is your eye, but the measurements keep me going in the right direction," he says.

Once completed, the clay molds are sent to a foundry in Enterprise, Oregon. From there, the figures follow a highly complicated 15 steps taking place over a period of months. Included among them: lost wax process, molding, wax casting, wax chasing, investing, burn-out, casting, break out, metal chasing, sand blasting, liver patina and oxidation process, ferric patina, wax brushing, crating and shipping.

After these steps, Proctor will receive the Law Enforcement Memorial pieces and install them at the Florida Sheriffs Association headquarters.

An accomplished artist at our back door

Prior to concentrating in bronze sculptures, Sandy Proctor was an accomplished painter and stone carver whose work has been displayed at the British Museum of Natural History, the Smithsonian and other national and international museums.

He has installed numerous publicly and privately commissioned monumental bronzes, including works at the National Jewish Center Hospital in Colorado, the Living Desert Museum in California, the Florida



Pictured here are the models, most covered in clay, which are to be cut into pieces and shipped to the foundry. Proctor sculpts the bodies from styrofoam, and molds the hands from wax. He often uses real clothing, as he says he is interested in seeing how the material folds to the body.

Association of Broadcasters and two public libraries.

Proctor's most recent project was a World War II Veterans Memorial for the city of Farmers Branch, Texas. Other significant pieces are located at the White House and the Polk Museum of Art in Lakeland, Florida.

Proctor says because of the huge Live Oak tree and serene backdrop, the Florida Sheriffs Law Enforcement Memorial setting is bound to be one of the most attractive sites in the U.S.

A more fitting tribute we could not pay to our fallen officers.

If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation to support FSA's Law Enforcement Memorial, the Sheriffs have designated several levels of giving: \$15 for "Memorial Friends," \$25 for "Memorial Benefactors," \$50 for "Memorial Patrons," and \$100 or more for "Memorial Star Underwriters." Patrons and Star Underwriters will have their names published in a future edition of The Sheriff's Star magazine. For members who are interested in making larger donations, we can make arrangements to recognize them in a special way, as well. Send checks payable to the Florida Sheriffs Association with a note stating that it is for the Law Enforcement Memorial. Mail to: P.O. Box 12519, Tallahassee, FL 32317. Or, call us: 1-800-877-2168.

Crime Prevention Tip



Getting help in an emergency is as simple as dialing 9-1-1

By Lt. Paul Phillips
*Past District 2 Director
Florida Crime Prevention
Association*

The three digit telephone number 9-1-1, designated as the nationwide "Universal Emergency Number," is known by all as the fast and easy way to access emergency service providers. But do you know who actually made the first call for help on a telephone? It was on March 10, 1876, when the very first telephone call in history was made by Alexander Graham Bell to Thomas A. Watson. Both men were in separate rooms and were about to test Bell's new transmitter. Watson heard Bell's voice saying, "Mr. Watson, come here. I want to see you!" Bell was calling Watson to help him after spilling battery acid on his clothes. Thus, the first recorded telephone call in history was also the first telephone call for emergency services.

9-1-1 historians tell us the ability to dial a single telephone number to report emergencies was first utilized in Great Britain in 1937. Citizens simply dialed "9-9-9" in order to reach a central operator who would route the call to law enforcement, fire or medical services as needed. European countries soon developed similar systems. In Sweden, the caller dials a more complicated "80000" number; Denmark adopted "0-0-0," while Belgium used "9-0-0" for emergencies.

The National Emergency Number Association or (NENA)

indicates that in the United States, the first catalyst for a nationwide emergency telephone number was in 1957, when the National Association of Fire Chiefs recommended use of a single number for reporting fires. But, according to NENA sources, the idea did not really get off the ground until 10 years later. In 1967, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) met with the American Telephone and Telegraph Company (AT&T) to find a way to develop a universal emergency number. AT&T is credited for establishing the digits 9-1-1 as the emergency code for the U.S.

Finally, on February 16, 1968, Sen. Rankin Fite completed the first 9-1-1 call made in the United States in Haleyville, Alabama. The Haleyville 9-1-1 system is still in operation today.

Basic 9-1-1

At first, basic 9-1-1 could only provide voice communications to a predetermined emergency response agency – usually either a police department or sheriff's office. Even at this very basic level of service, dialing three digits and being connected to an emergency service provider was a vast improvement and saved precious time.

According to nationwide statistics, it can take up to 2-1/2 minutes to find your telephone directory and another 30 seconds to locate the correct number. In an emergency, 3 minutes is a very long time and can mean the difference between life and death.

However, basic 9-1-1 only provided

the connection. It did not provide emergency service personnel with vital information about the nature of the emergency, the caller, their location or how to recall them in the event the call was disconnected. If the caller was unable to speak clearly, could not provide correct information, or was generally in a state of panic, emergency service personnel were helpless.

E9-1-1

Advancements in telecommunications and electronics soon enabled the development of Enhanced 9-1-1 technology. E9-1-1 not only reveals the caller's location and telephone number, it also has built-in features for selective routing and transfer of calls to multiple emergency response jurisdictions. Computer display screens instantly provide vital information; the caller's location, telephone number, etc. as soon as the call is answered. The caller does not need to speak a word in order for emergency service personnel to have basic response information. In many jurisdictions, E9-1-1 is connected to mapping software, which provides detailed directions to the caller's location.

E9-1-1 call takers may still ask for confirmation of the address and telephone number in addition to the nature of the emergency. Callers may also be asked to remain on the line while emergency response vehicles are en route.

Wireless E9-1-1

The Cellular Telephone Industry Association (CTIA) estimates that nearly 46,000 Americans become wireless subscribers daily. As our society becomes increasingly wireless, more and more subscribers are dialing 9-1-1.

NENA estimates that, of the 150 million calls that were made last year, nearly a third were made from wireless telephone users. They esti-

mate that by 2005, the majority of 9-1-1 calls will be from wireless callers.

Wireless telephones have toll-free access to 9-1-1, but 9-1-1 call takers do not yet enjoy the same automated identifiers provided by standard "hardwired" telephones. In other words, a 9-1-1 call from a cellular phone is basic 9-1-1 service.

The FCC is currently working in conjunction with wireless carriers, equipment manufacturers, public safety officials and others to develop and deploy E9-1-1 in the cellular arena. A FCC news release last September stated, "The Commission's E9-1-1 rules are intended to improve the reliability of wireless 9-1-1 services by requiring wireless carriers to provide to emergency dispatchers information on the location from which a wireless call is being made." They have targeted December 31, 2002 to have 100 percent of all new digital handsets capable of providing "Automatic Location Identification" (ALI) to emergency dispatchers.

Working together is critical during an emergency

Remember, your ability to work with the 9-1-1 emergency operator and other individuals during an emergency can be critical to the outcome of the emergency

By working together, you become a powerful combined force at tackling the emergency – a much greater force than if only one person is involved. That's TEAMWORK.

The Office of Emergency Management at the Leon County Sheriff's Office in Tallahassee offers the following 9-1-1 guidelines:

- Fully cooperate with emergency services and the 9-1-1 operator.
- Do exactly as they say
- Speak clearly and distinctly
- Never hang up on 9-1-1 unless you are told to do so

The 9-1-1 operator will ask for the following information before giving

you direction:

- Location of the emergency
- Type of emergency (law enforcement, fire, medical)
- What is happening (is it a crime in progress, fire, traffic crash, etc.)

NENA estimates that at the end of the 20th century, nearly 93% of the population of the United States was covered by some type of 9-1-1 service. Ninety-five percent of that coverage was Enhanced 9-1-1.

We're quite sure that Alexander Graham Bell had no idea that his first telephonic call for help would evolve to what modern society has come to know as 9-1-1.

Lt. Paul Phillips is a Florida Crime Prevention Practitioner with the Leon County Sheriff's Office in Tallahassee, Florida. Visit the LCSO web site at: <http://lcs.leonfl.org> and the Florida Crime Prevention Association site at: <http://www.floridacrimeprevention.org>

Update: Sheriff-Initiated School Safety Hotline Now in 22 Counties

Following the recent shootings and other tragedies in our schools, law enforcement learned that fellow students had been aware of a threat, but were either too intimidated to take action or underestimated the viability of the threat.

A program started by the Florida Sheriffs Task Force is helping to combat this problem. The Task Force has tied more than 22 school districts to the "School Safety Hotline," a toll-free number for students, teachers and citizens to call to report drugs, guns, weapons, violence and other criminal activities in our schools. Funded by the Florida Legislature through the Florida Department of Education, the hotline launched in 1999. The toll-free phone number is now active in: Baker, Citrus,

Collier, Dixie, Duvall, Gilchrist, Gulf, Hardee, Hendry, Hernando, Holmes, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, St. Johns, Taylor, Wakulla and Washington counties.

When a call comes into the 24-hour hotline, the information is forwarded to the appropriate school and law-enforcement agency. The case is investigated and proper action follows.

There's only one telephone number to remember, statewide, so if children relocate with their families to another county they won't have to learn a new number. Tell your kids, grandchildren and neighbors about the School Safety Hotline: 1-877-723-2728 (or 1-877-7BE BRAVE).

For more information about bringing the School Safety Hotline to your county, contact Detective Beverly Norcum, 727-464-6133, or email: bnorcum@hotmail.com



Detective Beverly Norcum oversees the Florida Sheriffs Task Force School Safety Hotline.



Patrick Johnson Named FSA's Correctional Officer of the Year 2000

by Tom Berlinger
Director of Operational Services
Florida Sheriffs Association

Each year, the Florida Sheriffs Association requests nominations from Florida Sheriffs for Correctional Officers who have demonstrated an unusual amount of dedication to their job. It may be related to one particular incident, but very often is a reflection of this person's attitude on the job every day. The winner is announced at the FSA Mid-Winter Conference.

We are honored to announce that on January 23, Jacksonville Sheriff's Office Correctional Officer Patrick Dale Johnson was named the winner for calendar year 2000.

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office Patrick Johnson, left, was named FSA's Correctional Officer of the Year. He accepted an award from Sheriff Nat Glover (right) and FSA President, Seminole County Sheriff Don Eslinger. A juvenile inmate once described Officer Johnson for a newcomer, "That's Officer PJ over there," he said. "He is a straight-up guy. You can tell him anything and he will take care of the problem. If he says he's gonna do it, he will...and if he says no, you might as well just give it up..."

Tackling corrections' toughest challenges

Officer Johnson has been employed in the Corrections Division at the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office for nearly eight years. After being hired in the summer of 1993, Johnson has worked in a variety of operational positions within their massive county jail system. But, he has found his niche working in the high-stress and high-liability posts – supervising the sections of the jail that house their juvenile offenders and other high-security inmates, most often including the seriously mentally ill.

While other jail personnel across the state lean toward avoiding assignment to these particular housing areas, Officer Johnson has worked exclusively in these areas for the past several years and seems to thrive in the most difficult of environments.

Johnson's supervisors report that he always does more

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Power Lifting Deputy is a Role Model for Students

Kevin Doll
Public Information Officer
Pasco County Sheriff's Office

Any single accomplishment by Pasco County Sheriff's Deputy Lt. Michael Ferrantelli would probably impress the high-school students in his audience when he gives motivational speeches. Among them:

- He has set 26 national or world drug-free power lifting records in five different federations
- He currently holds 15 such records in the squat, bench and dead lift events
- He is dual-certified as both a corrections and law enforcement Deputy
- In 1999, he was the first Pasco County Sheriff's Office Deputy, and the 169th in the nation, to be designated a certified jail manager by the American Jail Association.

Ferrantelli currently oversees the inmate housing area at the New Port Richey detention center, but he makes guest appearances at local high schools.

During his speaking engagements, Ferrantelli displays to students the results of his hard work by showing them a video montage of his record-breaking power lifts and – then – by giving a power lifting demonstration.

Building on the basics

The 5'6" 230-pound Ferrantelli started out as a bodybuilder in 1982 and moved into power lifting in 1986. A New York native, he has been competing ever since he picked up a weight bar.

After joining the Pasco County Sheriff's Office in 1985, Ferrantelli has moved up through the ranks and gained experience from the numerous units where he has been assigned. He has been a patrol Deputy, a property crimes detective and has been involved in the care and custody of inmates for the last 10 years.

Although Ferrantelli often speaks to experienced weight lifters and professional athletes about the correct and safe methods of lifting weights, he is especially motivated when he speaks with young and beginning athletes at area schools. He not only speaks about the importance of strictly following the proper regimen for safety and results, but of more important matters such as



Pasco County Sheriff's Deputy Lt. Michael Ferrantelli gives motivational speeches to high school students in an effort to steer them away from drugs and crime. "Five of the guys I grew up with are now in prison for murder," he told a recent group. "I saw the way they were heading in life and I decided that I didn't want to go down that road."



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remaining committed to your goals, staying drug-free and making the right choices in life.

"Five of the guys I grew up with are now in prison for murder," Ferrantelli recently told a physical fitness class at a local Pasco County high school. "I saw the way they were heading in life and I decided that I didn't want to go down that road." Instead, he focused on bodybuilding to increase his self-esteem and eventually made the transition to power lifting.

A powerful message

Ferrantelli believes it is important to impress upon students the reasons for refraining from using recreational drugs, and also performance-enhancing drugs, which can cause life-threatening health problems. Every power lifting competition he attends is sponsored by drug-free federations, and for every power lifting record he currently holds he has been tested as a drug-free participant.

Ferrantelli emphasizes to students that anything worth achieving in life takes time and effort to accomplish.

"I could tell you about a number of bodybuilders and power lifters who use steroids," he tells students. "I call them 'shooting stars' because they come from nowhere and are briefly in the spotlight. But they don't stick around too long because using

such performance drugs takes its toll on the human body and many such athletes end up having strokes or heart attacks."

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It's A Brave New World In Jefferson County Law Enforcement

By: Lazaro Aleman
Editor, Monticello News

A Jefferson County Deputy has been called to a domestic dispute in a remote part of the county. A male confronts him at the door and tries to brush off his questions. As the Deputy continues his line of questioning, the man gets belligerent and begins shouting, threatening the deputy. The situation continues to escalate, and it's clear the man is out of control and possibly on drugs.

Backup is on its way, but the Deputy must continue to assess the situation. "Does he have a weapon?" he wonders. "Will I be able to physically restrain him if he attacks?"

Until recently, a Deputy with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office had few options in such circumstances. They could draw their weapon or grapple with the individual – either way, increasing the likelihood that injury would result or that lethal force would ultimately be required.

Not any more. Now deputies have a third option at their disposal: a type of zap gun that administers 50,000 volts of electrical charge and renders an aggressor helpless and harmless, until officers are able to subdue them.

We're talking Taser Guns – battery-operated, non-lethal weapons that debilitate an assailant by administering a jolt of electricity from up to 21 feet away. Developed by Jack Cover in the 1960s and named after his childhood adventure hero, Tom Swift (the acronym stands for Thomas A. Swift Electrical Rifle), the Taser is reportedly becoming the non-lethal weapon of choice with law-enforcement departments across the country.

How it works

The pistol-shaped weapon pinpoints its target with a red laser before firing a pair of barbed probes attached to long thin wires. Once the probes strike the target or the target's clothing (the current can penetrate up to 2-1/2 inches of fabric), the wires



Deputies Rick Dollar (left) and George "Bubba" Stinson, Jr., of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, fire their Taser guns at a simulated target during their day long training on use of the weapon. The Taser is a non-lethal weapon that can debilitate an assailant by administering a jolt of electricity from up to 21 feet away.



Sheriff Fortune

transmit a low-level electrical current that causes muscles to constrict and fail. The result is an instant, but temporary, paralysis that tests have shown to produce no negative side effects.

"This is safer than aspirin," says Russ Stender, an instructor with the Jacksonville-based DGG Taser Company, which sells the guns. Jefferson County Sheriff's Office purchased 11 of the guns for about \$400 a unit.

Stender explains the technology behind the gun. "The current matches the same impulses as the body and takes control of the body by overriding the central nervous system," he says. "It selectively grabs control of the muscles without stopping the heart. Five years of studies have proven it can't affect the heart."

The weapon's proven safety and effectiveness give it a psychological advantage, says Stender. Despite frequent media and fictional portrayals of trigger-happy cops, Stender holds that the typical officer is reluctant to use lethal force, except in extreme circumstances. "The last thing an officer wants to do is take someone's life," he says. As a result, Stender says, officers often hesitate in critical situations, almost ensuring an escalation of the aggression. But with the Taser, officers need not hesitate.

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a distance, and reduce officer and suspect injuries," he says

Stender explains that traditional, non-lethal weapons – such as pepper spray and stun guns – require close proximity to be effective. This not only puts the officer at greater risk, but if the aggressor is able to withstand the pain, either because of drugs, mental state, or will power – that person may then pose an even greater danger.

"If you can focus through the pain, you're still a threat and the situation can escalate into the use of lethal force," Stender says. "The Taser will hopefully eliminate the need for excessive force."

Deputies get zapped

As part of the daylong training in the use of the weapons, Deputies with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office were offered an "opportunity" to experience the Taser's effect. (Needless to say, the deputies weren't falling over one another to participate in the exercise.) Each deputy, in turn, was handed a baton and told to "attack" the instructor. In each simulation, after receiving the jolt, the Deputy dropped the baton and

crumbled to the ground.

Once the five-second jolt ceased, the shocked deputies were able to stand – albeit with a little assistance – and resume normal activities. The deputies reported feeling no aftereffects. But they could barely describe the experience, other than to say they didn't care to repeat it!

Sheriff Ken Fortune, who purchased the weapons in an effort to reduce injuries to deputies and suspects, says the guns have already made a difference. Although used only once so far to subdue an aggressive jail inmate, Fortune says the very fact the deputies carry the weapons acts as a deterrent to potential aggressive behavior. He cites the example of several repeat offenders well known for their tendency to resist arrest violently. Faced with the possibility of getting zapped, Fortune says these same individuals now submit peacefully to officers.

Stender perhaps best summarizes the value of the Taser, from an officer's point of view. He quotes a policeman who reportedly said, "Better a few moments of discomfort than a lifetime of regret."

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than is expected or required of him. He uses his interpersonal skills to manage the most difficult and challenging inmates they house, and does it all in a most exceptional manner.

Since joining the jail staff in Jacksonville, Johnson has taken the initiative to learn as much as he can about special needs inmates. He attended specialized training in an effort to learn the best techniques for dealing with the mentally ill, and he was an active member of the weekly security committee that makes decisions on housing and restrictions for these inmates.

Johnson figured out early in his relatively short career that his actions can make a difference in the lives of those he touches. He is a role model to juvenile inmates through his consistent fairness, compassion and personal behavior.

In fact, one of Johnson's supervisors recently overheard a juvenile inmate tell a newly admitted juvenile offender, "That's Officer PJ over there. He is a straight-up guy. You can tell him anything and he will take care of the problem. If he says he's gonna do it, he will...and if he says no, you might as well just give it up..."

Valuing and saving a life outside the jail cell

An incident occurred recently that draws a clear picture of Johnson's dedication to his fellow man.

On that day this past December, one of Johnson's subordinates came to him and reported that one of the inmates in his charge feared that his (the inmate's) girlfriend might have taken an overdose of pills. Instead of blowing it off like many others might do, Johnson investigated further and obtained the woman's telephone number from the inmate. Johnson

called the woman and spoke to her. She told him that she'd been drinking vodka all day, but had not taken any pills.

Most would have stopped there, but not Patrick Johnson.

Still feeling uncomfortable about the situation, Officer Johnson told the woman that he would call her back to check on her later in the day. About an hour later, Johnson tried to contact her again, but nobody answered the phone. Johnson immediately requested that a uniformed Deputy Sheriff be dispatched to her home.

A patrol sergeant later called Johnson to relay the outcome: He said after they knocked on the door and no one answered, the deputies forced entry. They discovered the woman unconscious in bed, with a cigarette smoldering and a space heater that was within minutes of setting her bed ablaze.

The deputies on the scene agreed: Johnson's willingness to go well above and beyond his regular duties saved this woman's life.

Jacksonville Sheriff Nat Glover says Johnson follows his instincts, displays sound judgement, uses common sense, has the ability to deal with all people in all circumstances, and is willing to go over and above the call of duty any time the situation allows for it.

All of these traits describe a correctional officer that every Sheriff would be proud to have on his staff. They all describe Correctional Officer Patrick Dale Johnson, and are the reasons he has been named as our year 2000 FSA Correctional Officer of the Year.

For his efforts, Johnson was presented with a handsome plaque and a check for \$1,000.

FLORIDA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION

HONOR ROLL



MARTIN COUNTY - 41 year Distinguished Service Award presented by Martin County Sheriff Bob Crowder (L) to Ray M. Cooke.



This honor roll gives special recognition to individuals who have demonstrated their commitment to progressive law enforcement by supporting the Florida Sheriffs Association as honorary members for 25 years or more. Many progressive business leaders are supporting the Florida Sheriffs Association and its anti-crime activities by enrolling as Business Members of the Association and becoming "partners against crime." The Florida Sheriffs recognizes those businesses that are making a difference in their communities. Gold members commit \$500 annually, Silver members \$250 and Bronze members \$50 annually.



SEMINOLE COUNTY - 25-year certificate presented by Seminole County Sheriff Don Eslinger (L) to Israel Santiago Montes.



SARASOTA COUNTY - 30-year certificate presented by retired Sarasota County Sheriff Geoffrey Monge to Dr. William Morgan and son.



PUTNAM COUNTY - 25-year certificate presented by Putnam County Sheriff Taylor Douglas (center) to Mr. & Mrs. Thomas E. Spofford.



PUTNAM COUNTY - 25-year certificate presented by Putnam County Sheriff Taylor Douglas (center) to (from left) Mr. & Mrs. Gary L. Armstrong, Edith Clark, and Mr. & Mrs. John C. Sillasen.



HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY - 25-year certificate presented by Hillsborough County Sheriff Cal Henderson (center) to Lamar Mathews and William C. Clark.



DIXIE COUNTY - 30-year certificate presented by retired Dixie County Sheriff Dewey Hatcher (R) to J.E. "Jim" Motes.



HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY - 30-year certificate presented by Hillsborough County Sheriff Cal Henderson (center) to Nancy Huerta and L.V. White.



SARASOTA COUNTY - 25-year certificate presented by retired Sarasota County Sheriff Geoffrey Monge to Anna Ruggiero.



Union County Sheriff Jerry Whitehead



Manatee County Sheriff Charlie Wells



Former Columbia County Sheriff Tom Trammell



Pinellas County Sheriff Everett Rice

FSA Lifetime Honorary Member plaques to former FSA presidents

CLEARWATER - At the FSA 2001 Mid-Winter conference, Florida Sheriffs Association president/Seminole County Sheriff Don Eslinger presented FSA Lifetime Honorary Member plaques to all former FSA presidents. Those present to receive the plaques were: Union County Sheriff Jerry Whitehead (1991-1992), former Columbia County Sheriff Tom Trammell (1993-1994), Manatee County Sheriff Charlie Wells (1994-1995), Pinellas County Sheriff Everett Rice (1997-1998) and immediate past president, Bay County Sheriff Guy Tunnell (1999-2000).



Bay County Sheriff Guy Tunnell



ORANGE COUNTY - Presented by Youth Ranch staff to Mr. and Mrs. Richard K. Schmidt.



HONOR ROLL

On these pages we give special recognition to generous supporters of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches who have qualified for Lifetime Honorary Memberships in the Florida Sheriffs Association by giving \$2,500 or more in cash or \$5,000 or more in non-cash gifts to the Youth Ranches. Each Lifetime Honorary Member receives a plaque, a lifetime identification card and lifetime subscriptions to *The Sheriff's Star* and *The Rancher*. Those whose gifts total over \$5,000 receive additional gold stars on their plaques - one for \$5,000, two for \$10,000, and so on, up to a maximum of five stars for gifts totaling over \$25,000.

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ORANGE COUNTY - Presented by Youth Ranch staff to Danyal and Christopher Holler.



HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY - Presented by Hillsborough County Sheriff Cal Henderson (center) to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pratt and Norma Hickey (right photo).



HERNANDO COUNTY - Presented by Hernando County Sheriff Richard B. Nugent to Paul and Beverly Neuhaan and Harry Shuler (right photo).



HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY - Presented by Youth Ranches Development Officers Bill Brown (far left), Michael Eurick (far right) and Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office Deputy "Sank" Montoute (second left) to SMC Corporation's Scott Sansbury, Steve Roddy (center).

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DIXIE COUNTY - Presented by retired Dixie County Sheriff Dewey Hatcher to Mary Squilla.



JEFFERSON COUNTY - (L to R) Presented by Jefferson County Sheriff Ken Fortune (far left) and Youth Ranches' Linda Crews to Gerald Hocking and Wayne Griffin.



JEFFERSON COUNTY - Presented by Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch Chairman and Martin County Sheriff Bob Crowder (left) to Jefferson County Sheriff Ken Fortune.



NASSAU COUNTY - Presented by Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch Chairman and Martin County Sheriff Bob Crowder (left) to Nassau County Sheriff Ray Geiger and his wife, Elizabeth Ann.

New Lifetime Honorary Members continued

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Mr. John L. Yowell



SARASOTA COUNTY - Presented by retired Sarasota County Sheriff Geoffrey Monge and Youth Ranches' Bill Brown (left) to Donald E. Piersol.



SARASOTA COUNTY - Presented by retired Sarasota County Sheriff Geoffrey Monge and Youth Ranches' David Ulrich to John Hayes of the Kiwanis Club of Sarasota.



MADISON COUNTY - Presented by Madison County Sheriff's Deputy Charlie Dickey to Virginia Cherry.



MARTIN COUNTY - Presented by Martin County Sheriff Bob Crowder (L) to Arthur J. Van Suetendael, III.



ORANGE COUNTY - Presented by Youth Ranch staff to Jay Eichelberger.



MADISON COUNTY - Presented by retired Madison County Sheriff Joe Peavy (R) to Mr. & Mrs. Tom Graham and Mr. & Mrs. Bob Smith (right photo).



PINELLAS COUNTY - Presented by Pinellas County Sheriff Everett Rice (left) and Youth Ranches' Terry Gregg (far right) to Pinellas County Sheriff's Office Deputy Dean LaChance.



ST. JOHNS COUNTY - Presented by St. Johns County Sheriff Neil Perry (R) to Mr. & Mrs. M. Fitzsimmons.



ORANGE COUNTY - Presented by Orange County Sheriff Kevin Beary and Youth Ranch Development Officer Sandy Phillips to Herb Gilliard.



MADISON COUNTY - Presented by Madison County Sheriff's Office Deputy Derek Barrs to Lee Gordon of Gordon Ford Tractor.



PINELLAS COUNTY - Presented by Pinellas County Sheriff Everett Rice (left) and Youth Ranches' Terry Gregg (far right) to Pinellas County Sheriff's Office Deputy Dean LaChance.



ST. JOHNS COUNTY - Presented by St. Johns County Sheriff Neil Perry (R) to Gus Craig (Craig's Funeral Home).



Sandy Tullners



M.S. Wallace

MARTIN COUNTY - Presented by Martin County Sheriff Bob Crowder to M.S. Wallace and Sandy Tullners.



BOYS RANCH - Presented by Youth Ranches Senior Development Officer Bill Brown (L) and Vice President of Financial Development Bill Yurick (R) to David Yurick, Youth Ranches Development Officer.



ST. JOHNS COUNTY - Presented by St. Johns County Sheriff Neil Perry (R) to Gus Craig (Craig's Funeral Home).

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Power Lifting Deputy Is A Role Model for Students

Ferrantelli uses a montage of video clips during his speaking engagement that display many of his record-breaking power lifting accomplishments – including one that nearly cost him his life. Copied from a “Real TV” episode, the amateur video shows in shocking detail what can happen when safety measures are not explicitly followed. Shot at a 1997 meet as he tried for a world-record bench press of 570 pounds, the video elicits gasps from students as they watch Ferrantelli’s hands slip from the bar and the full force of the weight come crashing down on his chest.

“First of all, it was my fault for dropping the weight,” he says, “and it was partly the fault of the spotters whose job it was to prevent such an accident from occurring.”

Ferrantelli’s chest area swelled about six inches due to the injury, but amazingly he did not break any bones or suffer any internal organ damage. He was not able to train for about three months, but he eventually went on to bench press 580 pounds, an unofficial and personal record.

Details revealed in live demonstrations

During his bench-press demonstrations at schools, Ferrantelli meticulously details every part of his routine, explaining the safety reasons for why he wears the specific

clothes and equipment, why he stretches before every training session, and why he religiously follows his regimen. In a series of lifts, he gradually increases the amount of weights, both a safety and strength procedure, stopping with a final press of 455 pounds.

An example of some of the wisdom Ferrantelli imparts to the students he meets is the intensity of their training regimen. He explained that athletes should only lift about 80 percent of their limit during their all-season training, or the majority of their training throughout the year. They should only increase that before the more intensive period before a competition or when they attempt to best their own record. This allows the muscles in the body to rebuild before moving on to more strenuous levels.

“Although your car might go 120 miles an hour, if you drive it that fast all the time, you will blow it up,” he says. “Your body is the same. If you train at your body’s limit every day, you’re doing more harm than good, and that’s when injuries occur.”

Ferrantelli will soon enter that intensive period again as he trains for the 2001 Pan American Games scheduled for West Palm Beach in April. This will be the fifth major drug-free competition he has entered, and he will compete in the bench press event. Ferrantelli has competed in four different world power lifting championships, sponsored by three different federations, and has broken records and received medals in each of them.

If his past successes are any indication, he may very well bring home another medal in this prestigious world competition and add yet another accomplishment for students to both marvel at, and, hopefully learn from.



Ferrantelli giving a power lifting demonstration.

FSA photo clips

Bay County Sheriff Guy Tunnell (center) was recently the guest of honor at a celebrity roast which benefitted Junior Achievement of Bay County. The event raised \$24,000 for Junior Achievement, which stresses to students in grades K-12 the importance of education and teaches them fundamentals of business. Sheriff Tunnell endured the jokes for a good cause, and he regularly participates in events benefitting children.



Newly elected Charlotte County Sheriff William E. Clement didn't waste any time getting involved with youth programs. He hosted a group of boys from the Sarasota Sheriff's Youth Ranch at the Southwest Florida Airshow this past March. Sheriff Clement is pictured at center. The other adults pictured are (from left), Charlotte County Sheriff's Office Lt. Pete Sbarbori CCSO; Glenn Deer and Joel White, Youth Ranch chaperones. Sheriff Clement held a picnic for the boys at the Sheriff's hangar located at the Charlotte County Airport in Punta Gorda, which meant they had some of the best seats in the house. According to the youth, the highlight of the show, by far, was the US Navy Blue Angels flight team.