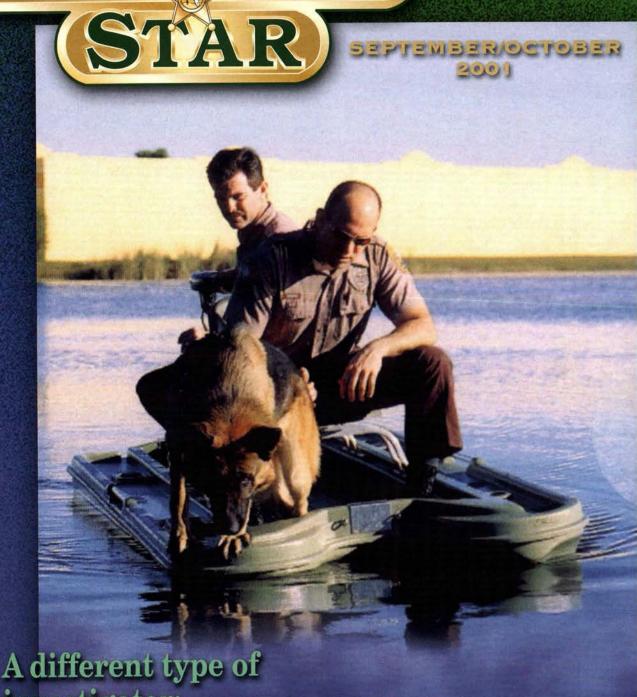


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J. M. "Buddy" Phillips, Executive Director Florida Sheriffs Association

o say it's been a difficult early fall is an understatement. Being in the law enforcement business, the September 11th terrorist attack had a particularly heavy impact on us here at FSA.

Our board of directors were meeting in Ocala when we first received news of planes crashing into the World Trade Center. As we ended the meeting for the Sheriffs to return to their home counties, each of us were glued to the radio to learn as much as we could about the tragedy and assess how it might affect our state.

This promises to be a continued difficult time for the Sheriffs, as many of our deputies and support staff also serve in the military reserves. At a time when security in the state will be at an all time high, we will be losing officers who must go fight battles outside of the country. I can only repeat what I have heard over and over again from our leaders: Pray for our nation.

Rest assured that FSA is doing its part in supporting the 67 Sheriffs offices with continued training and resources. As a loyal member of FSA, please know that you are contributing directly to this effort. And we thank you for your continued support.

Passing of a legend

Another sad moment in recent months was the passing of a long time Sheriff, Don Genung, who died of cancer on September 13th at the age 84.

Sheriff Genung served Pinellas County from 1958 until his retirement in 1975. He was the longest serving Pinellas County Sheriff, since it became independent from Hillsborough County in 1912. Among other distinctions, he was past president of the Florida Sheriffs Association, a Colonel in the Air Force Reserve and was elected to the National Police Hall of Fame. He even received a presidential appointment in his

lifetime. President John F. Kennedy appointed him to the President's Council on Juvenile Delinquency and Youth Crime. In 1967, he received the J. Edgar Hoover Award for Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer in the nation.

Sheriff Genung will forever be memorialized as one of the founding fathers of the Florida Sheriffs Boys' Ranch, as he dedicated his entire life and career to helping the youth of Pinellas County and the state of Florida.

He left behind quite a legacy, one of which began when he hired Everett Rice as a deputy sheriff in October 1967. Now Pinellas County Sheriff, Everett Rice recalls Sheriff Genung as a mentor and personal friend.

He will be sorely missed.

Memorial update

As a small housekeeping detail, I wanted to let you know that when we published the list of law enforcement memorial contributors in our July/August *Sheriff's Star*, we failed to mention that this was not a complete list. Because of the volume, we are spreading the lists between magazines. We appreciate all who continue to support this project and will do our best to recognize you.

We will publish more names in the next issue, so stay tuned.

J. M. "Buddy" Phillips Executive Director

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CRIME TRENDS

Operation Riverwalk Makes a Clean Start



By: Paige Patterson-Hughes Public Information Officer Florida Department of Law Enforcement

There are two sides to South Florida's Miami River. On one side, tugboats and freighters, pleasure craft and other vessels can be seen cruising up and down this 5.5-mile long waterway. The river, which meets Biscayne Bay, also serves as one of South Florida's main navigation routes for shippers and boaters, bringing business and commerce to Miami-Dade County and the state.

But there is a darker side to this important river. The Miami River has developed an unwanted reputation as an offloading site for traffickers importing cocaine and marijuana from the Caribbean.

In fiscal year 2000, the U.S.

Customs Service seized more than 7,200 pounds of cocaine, mounting short-term, periodic enforcement blitzes on the Miami River. But, it became clear that more resources were needed.

Traffickers have become quite clever in their methods, stashing cocaine in bilge pumps, oxygen containers, hidden walls, engine rooms and other places. The amount of drugs making its way into Florida, for destinations throughout the United States, is staggering.

At the urging of Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, a multi-agency task force was formed in early 2001, under the name, "Operation Riverwalk." More than 25 law-enforcement agencies – including the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Broward County Sheriff's Office and Miami-Dade Police Department – are now working to combat drug trafficking, money laundering

and related crime that is plaguing the river and other South Florida ports.

The effort started with searches of all freighters and other vessels headed for the Miami River. Suspicious vessels were towed to a location on the river for a more thorough search. Investigators look for more than just drugs and drug proceeds – they also look for illegal aliens, pollution violations, unsafe conditions and contraband, including non-indigenous animals and plants.

Early results show the task force's objective is working. Shortly after formation, authorities made several drug seizures from freighters on the Miami River including nearly 400 pounds of cocaine.

As suspected, fewer freighters started traveling along the river and seizures declined. However, more drug seizures were occurring along Florida's Treasure Coast to the north, indicating that traffickers were changing their importation routes. In one case, more than 1,300 pounds of cocaine was seized in Boynton Beach in Palm Beach County.

Rest assured, as the drug traffickers change their approach, investigators will change with them-aggressively following the trends and routes of the drug trade.

Florida's efforts on the Miami River and other waterways is expected to serve as a model for the rest of the country for identifying and combating the drug problem affecting our nation. It's estimated that nearly 70 percent of Florida's crime is drug related. With a strong and determined partnership, Florida and its law enforcement and investigative resources can have a tremendous impact on this problem, beginning with its port of entry.

For more information, visit the FDLE website: www.fdle.state.fl.us



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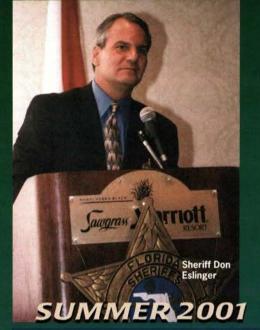
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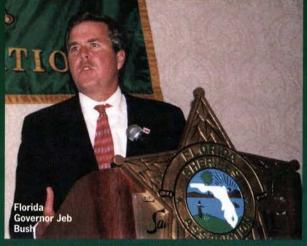
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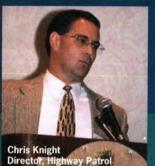


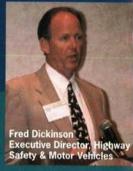


Outgoing FSA president, Seminole County Sheriff Don Eslinger, presided over the 87th annual summer conference, introducing VIPs such as Florida Governor Jeb Bush and Secretary of State, Katherine Harris. Gov. Bush complimented the Sheriffs, saying they have been both "astute politicians and good cops." especially in their work to promote legislation which he credited with reducing crime. He also predicted Florida would lead the nation in tackling identity theft and told the Sheriffs they are "changing the way things work at warp speed,"

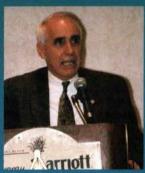
Conference Highlights

The 88th Annual FSA Summer Conference was held at the Marriott Sawgrass resort in St. Johns County, July 22-25. It was a time for Florida Sheriffs to recognize their own and to be recognized by political leaders of our state. In The Sheriff's Star tradition, we wanted to bring you highlights through a photo essay.

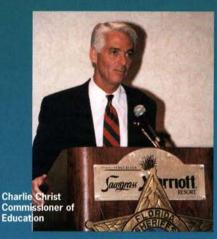




Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles Executive Director Fred Dickinson introduced his new Director of Highway Patrol, Chris Knight, to the Sheriffs. Col. Knight is a 20-year veteran of the Florida Highway Patrol, which works closely with Sheriffs offices and other law enforcement agencies. Knight made a commitment to continue to provide support to Sheriffs as needed and to have his officers honor the boundaries of patrol within each jurisdiction.



Hillsborough County Sheriff Cal Henderson, FSA's new president

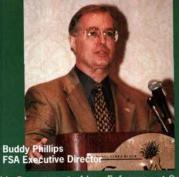




The Florida Sheriffs installed their new president, Hillsborough County Sheriff Cal Henderson, and honored many state leaders with awards during the conference. Governor Bush received recognition for supporting legislation that restored retirement benefits to law enforcement officers. Commissioner of Education, Charlie Christ, who is one of the few Honorary Sheriffs in the state, recalled his days in the Senate when he spearheaded legislation including Stop Turning Out Prisoners (STOP), and re-instituted roadside work programs, earning him the nickname, "Chain Gang Charlie." A surprise guest at the conference was George Preston Bush, whom the Governor seemed delighted to have "traveling with his old man.

Gov. Jeb ar Bush's son. **Preston Bush**

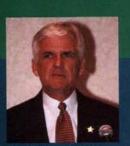




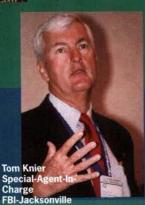




Florida Department of Law Enforcement Commissioner, Tim Moore, spent a great deal of time with the Florida Sheriffs updating them on new programs. Florida still leads the nation on investigations aided and linked through the DNA Database. As a result of adding burglary to the list of offenses, FDLE received an additional 45,000 hits. Another innovative program that Palm Beach County Sheriff's Sgt. Mike York talked about was Rapid Deployment to Critical Incident. This is a result of the Columbine incident.



Sheriff Steve Oelrich Alachua County





David L. Shern, Ph.D. University of South Florida Mental Health Institute



Sheriff Ed Dean Marion County



With two days of business meetings, numerous Sheriffs took to the podium to report progress on crime fighting initiatives and correctional issues. One area that has become of grave concern is dealing with the mentally ill in detention facilities. David L. Stern, Ph.D., from the University of South Florida's Florida Mental Health Institute, said 80% of children in the juvenile justice system have mental health problem and as many as 15% in jails have mental disorders.



Seminole County Sheriff Don Eslinger and Hillsborough County Sheriff Cal Henderson

The Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches gave a glowing report of progress with the Youth Ranches programs. Sheriffs were also brought up to date on an initiative in the Florida Prisons which works much like Crime Stoppers. Inmates are viewing videos and actually contributing to solving crimes, it seems. Department of Corrections Inspector General Fred Schuknecht brought a message from Corrections Secretary Michael Moore saying he planned to be a strong partner in better law enforcement in the state.



Roger Bouchard President, Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches



Fred Schuknecht Inspector General Florida Department of Corrections



(L to R) Frank Messersmith, FSA governmental consultant; Orange County Sheriff Kevin Beary; Brevard County Sheriff Phil Williams; Tom Berlinger, FSA Director of Operational Services; Clay County Sheriff Scott Lancaster; Citrus County Sheriff Jeff Dawsy; Seminole County Sheriff Don Eslinger.

Members of the FSA Legislative "Calvary" received recognition from the Florida Sheriffs for their part in helping restore the Florida Retirement System Special Risk benefits to law enforcement, correctional officers and firefighters and for their work on other important crime-fighting legislation.



(L to R) Orange County Sheriff Kevin Beary, FSA Director of Operational Services, Tom Berlinger and FSA governmental consultant, Frank Messersmith.

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Conference

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Orange County Sheriff's Office Investigator Sandy Seton and Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office Detective William Streator presented information on the FDLE Stolen Property Automated Recovery System (SPARS).

Peter R. Brown Construction, Inc.



Lisa Gibson State Operations Coordinator Fight Crime: Invest in Kids



Detective Beverly Norcum Florida Sheriffs Task Force School Safety Hotline



Stacey Hillman Pennies to Protect Police Dogs

Several visitors spoke to the Sheriffs, including 11-year-old Stacey Hillman, who said her latest need for the Pennies to Protect Police Dogs' mission was a vehicle for her aunt to transport her around the state.



Todd Dennison, Keefe Supply Company Seminole County Sheriff Don Eslinger Ken Ross, Keefe Supply Company



Terry Pinnix, Aramark Correctional Services Seminole County Sheriff Don Eslinger Rich Adams, Aramark Correctional Services

Holmes County Sheriff Dennis Lee and John Steward, Executive Vice President, Peter R. Brown Construction, Inc.

More than 100 exhibitors took center stage during breaks of the regular business meetings. Ken Greves, the inventor of STOP Sticks, was introducing his new product, Reflective Traffic Sticks. Peter R. Brown Construction also had a booth to show their work on 27 county jails in Florida. Holmes County Sheriff Dennis Lee is one of the company's latest customers. He is currently housing 50 inmates a day in neighboring Washington County jail and expects to save thousands of dollars a month eliminating transportation, alone.



Charlotte County Sheriff Bill Clement and Ken Greves, Reflective Traffic Sticks



(L to R) Discussing Accurint online investigation services are: Bob Cummings, assistant commissioner of FDLE; Pete Lanier, Accurint; St. Johns County Sheriff Neil Perry and Bill Shrewsbury, Accurint



Alachua County Sheriff Steve Oelrich and Jerry Peludat, Armor Holdings

Seminole County Deputy Adopts Law Enforcement Memorial Project

By Steve Olson, Seminole County Sheriff's Public Information Officer

T's supposed to be his day off, but Todd Moderson finds himself behind a desk at the Seminole County Sheriff's Office. He's relentlessly working the telephone: Are the polo shirts in? Are the uniform pins done? How are the donations coming along?

There are questions, questions and more questions. Moderson is a Seminole County Deputy who – by choice – has thrust himself into the role of salesman, planner and point man of a major undertaking: He's trying to get a public park built that will serve as a memorial to law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty. It's his mission; his passion. Failure is out of the question.

The date was July 8, 1998. Seminole County Deputy Eugene Gregory was on his way to investigate a complaint between a landlord and tenant. Gregory patrolled the Town of Geneva and its surrounding area. He was well known and respected in the community. People had nicknamed him "Stetson," because he always wore his Stetson-style uniform hat. It was his trademark. Sometimes Gregory came off as a tough guy. But those who knew Gene could see that behind the rough exterior and image he portrayed, no one had ever been more dedicated, kind or generous. He was a mentor to many.

"Gene was very amiable but also nononsense," says Seminole County Sheriff Don Eslinger. "He cared about people, about quality of life issues." On July 8, 1998, Deputy Sheriff Gene Gregory made the ultimate sacrifice. Moments after arriving on the scene, he was shot and killed by the man who was having the dispute with his landlord.

A lot of the residents in Geneva considered Gene a personal friend and took his passing as a personal loss. Since his untimely death, the Geneva community has been asking for a memorial to a man they deeply respected.

In January 2000, Deputy Moderson

Seminole County
Sheriff's Deputy
Eugene "Stetson"
Gregory, killed in the line of duty, and the park's namesake.

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Law Enforcement Memorial
Pin, which is available for \$5.00.
Contact Seminole County Sheriff's Deputy Todd
Moderson, project manager, at 407-977-6381.
You may also e-mail Deputy Moderson at:
genegregory.memorial@seminolesheriff.org

was patrolling the Geneva area when an idea occurred to him. It was an opportunity to turn a community problem into an amenity. Some 20 acres of privately held, but undeveloped land along Lake Harney on the St. Johns River had become a hotbed of criminal activity. Neighbors were complaining of beer parties, drugs, litter and criminal mischief. Moderson thought a park at the site would enhance the community. He soon learned from Deputy Gregory's family that he, too, had identified the same problems at the site. Gregory had also envisioned a park being developed at the property. He had even researched property owner information and gathered maps.

Finding the coincidence ironic, Moderson decided if a park could be built, it would bear the name "Eugene 'Stetson' Gregory," for his dedication to the community, what he stood for, and the sacrifice he made.

Moderson then began to get down to work to make the idea a reality. He researched and contacted the owners of the property, who said they would donate the land, if Seminole County would build the park. Moderson then spoke to Seminole County Sheriff Don Eslinger, who eagerly embraced the idea. The two were able to get the proposal heard by County Commissioners, who supported it. Unfortunately, with the economic downturn, they determined they couldn't fund the construction and maintenance at this time.

Deputy Moderson and Sheriff Eslinger determined that the park would have to be built through private money and in-

kind donations of material and labor.

The two have since approached

The two have since approached businesses and citizens and received commitments for money, materials and labor. They are also speaking to community groups trying to win support and even added a page to the Sheriff's Office web site (www.seminolesher-

iff.org/lememorial) to inform the public of the plans. All seven police departments in Seminole County have been brought in as partners and trust accounts have been opened at two local banks.

The group has even designed a law enforcement memorial pin and t-shirts to sell for fundraising. The goal: to raise \$300,000 - and, amazingly, they are halfway there.

As for Deputy Moderson, it's not uncommon these days to see him on his off-duty time walking around with his arms loaded down with architectural plans, folders crammed with information and a phone to his ear. His low-key demeanor masks the passion beneath. He knows in his heart the park will be built as a timeless tribute to those who gave their lives. It's now just a matter of time, money and persistence.

Gene Gregory would be pleased.

If you would like to help build this park as a tribute to law enforcement, contact Deputy Todd Moderson, project manager, at 407-977-6381. You may also e-mail Deputy Moderson at genegregory.memorial@seminolesheriff.org Memorial pins are also available for \$5.00. All proceeds go toward building the park.



FSA's 2001 Deputy Sheriff of the Year: Jonathan Potter

FSA President Don Eslinger (left) joins Brevard County Sheriff Phil Williams in congratulating the 2001 FSA Deputy Sheriff of the Year, Jonathan Potter. Deputy Potter's wife, Paula, is also employed at the Brevard County Sheriffs's Office as a telecommunications officer.

ach year for the last decade, the Florida Sheriffs Association has invited Sheriffs from Pensacola to Key West to nominate the individual they feel should be named the FSA Deputy Sheriff of the Year.

Deputy Sheriffs have been nominated for a number of different reasons. We've had nominees who were honored for a lifetime of meritorious service; some who excelled in various kinds of detective work, or technical excellence; one female detective who went undercover for months to gain the confidence of a suspected murderer, then arrest him; and there were, yet others, who took courageous action without regard for their own personal safety.

The person chosen as the 2001 FSA Deputy Sheriff of the Year is Deputy Jonathan Potter of Brevard County.

Jonathan Potter was born in Lanark, Scotland. He and his family immigrated to the United States in 1981, initially settling in Lawrence, Massachusetts.

Potter graduated from high school in 1987. Two years later, while attending Salem College, he became a citizen of the United States.

In 1994, Potter and his wife, Paula, moved to Palm Bay, Florida. A year later, Potter graduated from the Brevard Community College Police Academy, and shortly thereafter, he started his career with the Brevard County Sheriff's Office.

A consistent and industrious worker, Deputy Potter has been named Brevard's Deputy Sheriff of the Month on at least five separate occasions. In each instance, these honors were given to him for outstanding performance in highprofile cases involving an arrest.

In 1999, Potter received the Brevard S.O. Meritorious Service Award for saving the life of a woman who was kidnapped by her estranged boyfriend. For that life-saving deed, he was later named as Brevard County's Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer of the Year by V.F.W. Post 10131.

Deputy Potter's greatest test, though, came on the morning of November 19, 2000.

At about 2:00 a.m., Brevard County's 9-1-1 Center received a call from a hysterical female who reported that her estranged boyfriend was shooting through her front door. As a known danger before this incident, a court had already issued an injunction for protection against the boyfriend that ordered him to stay away from her and her home.

And the suspect in this shooting was no stranger to Deputy Potter. In fact, Potter had arrested the subject for domestic violence against the same woman about two weeks earlier.

Within two minutes of being dispatched, Deputy Potter arrived at the scene.

Seconds later, Deputy Terry Bartnik and Sgt. Gregory Shea arrived on scene as well. They found that the front door of the woman's residence contained several bullet holes, confirming the original report. Now, though, the front door to the woman's apartment was also smashed

open and ajar.

Armed with the knowledge that an armed suspect was inside with the woman, the three deputies felt that they had to immediately enter the apartment to rescue her.

Upon their entry into the apartment, Deputy Potter encountered the suspect face-to-face. He was attempting to drag the victim from the bedroom to the living room. When he saw Deputy Potter, the suspect fired his .44 caliber handgun at the back of the woman's head. The bullet traveled through her right ear, without killing her, and struck Deputy Potter in the right forearm.

Although wounded by a large caliber bullet, Potter and the others returned fire as the victim fell clear of the suspect. The suspect dropped and died almost instantly as a

result of the wounds.

When the shooting stopped and the suspect lay dead, Potter told the other deputies to not worry about his injury, but to go ahead and care for the woman until the ambulance arrived.

Paula Potter, Jon's wife, is also employed at the Brevard County Sheriffs's Office as a telecommunications officer. As fate would have it, Paula was on duty in the dispatch center on the night of the shooting. She managed to stay calm until she was told that the drama was over and her husband was injured, but otherwise OK.

As the FSA Deputy Sheriff of the Year, Potter was recently awarded a handsome plaque and a check for \$1,000 at the Annual Statewide Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association held in Ponte Vedra Beach.

Earlier in the summer, Deputy Potter was named Deputy Sheriff of the Year by the National Sheriffs Association during their conference held in Fort Lauderdale.

To Deputy Potter, congratulations for being chosen as the year's best from over 3,000 Sheriff's offices located across the country. Keep up the great work.

Runners-up for 2001 Deputy Sheriff of the Year

Deputy Robert Parker Lake County

Deputy Robert Parker is known as a "model" law-enforcement officer. The incident that earned him a finalist award, though, occurred in February 2000, while he was working a truancy detail.

On that day, Parker was the first responder to a crash

involving several vehicles. Upon his arrival, Parker observed one vehicle overturned and another vehicle fully involved in flames. After calling for Clermont Police, the fire department and EMS, Parker grabbed his fire extinguisher and ran to the vehicle that was on fire.

As he approached the vehicle, Deputy Parker was horrified to discover a young boy (about two years old) screaming from the back seat of the burning car. Parker tried to squelch the fire with his fire extinguisher, but to no avail. He then leaned into the vehicle and tried to grab the child, but was unsuccessful.

Deputy Parker quickly ran to his cruiser and retrieved a fire blanket from the trunk, then leaned into the burning car and wrapped the blanket around the head and shoulder area of the baby to keep the baby from burning further. He stayed with the child until help arrived to extinguish the flames and cut him from the vehicle. Parker's fast action saved the child's life.

Parker sustained minor first-degree burns on both arms and a laceration to the inside of his left arm, along with smoke inhalation.

Deputy Gary Price and Deputy Terry Eller Lee County

On August 4, 2000, Deputies Gary Price and Terry Eller responded to a home in North Fort Myers to serve an arrest warrant for domestic violence. Upon arrival, they received permission to search the residence. They had reason to believe that the suspect was in the house, but did not immediately locate him there.

Deputy Eller hoisted Deputy Price into the attic where Price located the suspect hiding under the attic insulation. Price ordered the suspect to come out. But, in a flash, the suspect responded by jumping out from his hiding spot and taking aim at Deputy Price with a small caliber handgun. The suspect began firing, striking the deputy in the leg and the foot, before the deputy could return fire.

Deputy Price made it out of the attic only to discover that during the course of the gun battle, Deputy Eller also suffered a gunshot wound to his back. Though injured, both deputies maintained their composure and secured the attic to prevent the suspect's escape.

Not realizing the suspect was dead, they worked with other deputies to secure the perimeter. And though he was injured and bleeding, Deputy Eller began evacuating nearby residences. Eller and Price were eventually taken by ambulance to Lee Memorial Hospital for treatment of their gunshot wounds.

Crime Prevention Tip



Don't Be Spooked by Upcoming Holidays

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

With the recent terrorist attacks, many have expressed a concern about their vulnerability to crime. While it pays to have a healthy dose of caution, there's no need to forego the usual pleasures – such as those that come with the holidays.

We've compiled some extra tips that will give you a little more peace of mind as you make travel plans, go on holiday shopping excursions and spend time with family members.

Though holidays are supposed to be happy days, don't allow the spirit of giving to lull you into giving burglars, muggers and pickpockets a better chance to do their dirty work. Crooks love the holiday season as much as everyone else — mainly because it's an opportune time for crime. There are several simple precautions you can take to keep the "grinch" from your door.

Holiday Safety Plan

Here are three simple words about safety: plan, plan, plan. Plan early, plan intelligently and practice your plan. Planning is *vital!*

Forget the myths about criminals looking like criminals, lurking in the shadows and hiding underneath your bed. Know this: Criminals look like you or me, and they strike whenever and wherever opportunity allows. If we remove or reduce that opportunity, we deter crime.

A stranger at the door. Criminals sometime pose as couriers delivering gifts or go door-to-door seeking fictitious charitable donations. Be on guard before opening your door to any uninvited guest, even if they look official.

Don't get mauled at the mall. Your personal safety plan should include being alert to your surroundings. Plan to park in a well-lighted space and close your windows, hide packages and lock the doors.

Don't carry cash. Here's how to foil pickpockets and purse snatchers. Use a debit card, or credit card whenever possible. Remember, bank checks in the wrong hands reveal too much personal information that can and will be used against you!

Shopping with kids? Teach kids to find a store clerk or security guard if you get separated. Let them know 9-1-1 calls on a pay phone are free and it's okay to dial the emergency number if they can't find you. Small children should be able to recite basic personal identifiers: parent's name, home address, telephone number, etc.

Out for the evening? Make your house appear occupied. Don't signal burglars that you're out by leaving the porch light on only when you leave home. Occasionally, leave it on while you're home, too. Don't leave gifts on display, and close the blinds or drapes.

If you're driving. Check out the family vehicle before you hit the road to make sure it's running properly. Always travel with doors and windows locked. Let someone know the route you plan to travel and when you plan to leave and expect to arrive at your destination.

If you breakdown. Pull the car off the road, turn on the flashers and remain locked inside until law-enforcement help arrives. Utilize motorist call boxes along interstate routes or cell phone services such as *FHP, 9-1-1 or "0" for operator.

As you travel. Make any stops in secure rest areas or locations. Don't take medication that is prone to making you overly relaxed or drowsy. Don't drink and drive – plan to arrive alive.

Staying in a hotel/motel Secure lodging is especially important to travelers. Start practicing good security habits the moment you pull into the hotel property. Be especially alert for potential theft or attack while unloading luggage. During check-in, don't broadcast your room number for all to hear. After you enter your room, but before you unpack, make sure the windows and doors of your new home work properly. If they don't, ask to be moved to another room. Once safely in your room, use the same precautions you use at home concerning opening the door to strangers, keeping doors and windows locked, and leaving lights and radios on while you're out. Secure valuables by utilizing motel safes or safety deposit boxes. Know the location of fire or emergency exits.

A few words about Halloween

Parents and neighborhood groups can organize Halloween parties that can be great fun. Costume contest, hay rides, games, prizes, scary movies, music and stories are just a few ideas to keep kids safe and supervised for an evening. Participate in other family oriented Halloween events organized by church, civic and other groups, such as "haunted houses" and festivals sponsored by a mall, school or library.

For the most part, safety precautions are just plain common sense. The trouble is, around the holidays we think about everything *except* safety and security. If you practice good personal safety habits daily, you reach a point where you don't have to think about it all the time. It becomes second nature to you. Be happy this holiday season – Be safe!

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Letters to The Editor

To our readers:

The Florida Sheriffs Association would like to thank all of our members who wrote and e-mailed following the Terrorist Attack of September 11th. Yes, patriotism and prayer are at an all-time high. It is gratifying to law enforcement officers, firefighters and other emergency workers to have America recognizing the work they do and praying on their behalf.

Each of us have probably witnessed the tender moments brought to us through television and print - a child placing a flower next to the photo of a police officer who was lost while trying to save victims in the World Trace Center; tears from a firefighter, mourning the loss of his co-worker and friend.

May we all remember the good that God intends to come out of this horrendous and cowardly act of violence. And may He continue to protect the men and women who proudly serve and protect our communities and our country.

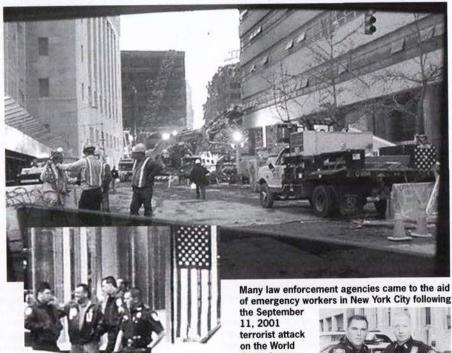
Julie S. Bettinger, editor

Editor:

Re: the article on cargo thefts in the state ("Weekend Bandits: Florida law enforcement unites to battle cargo theft," The Sheriff's Star, May/June 2001), I am wondering why electronics cannot be used on a trailer to prevent it from being stolen. A motion detector sending a signal to a unit held by the driver could let him know that the trailer is being moved. He could then notify the law enforcement that his trailer at a given location is being stolen.

Large reflection numbers painted on the top of the trailer could be seen at night from above, also. A spotlight shining up could be seen for miles. The cost compared to the loss of cargo would be small.

HC. Pembroke Pines



Editor responds:

Thank you for your wise insights. You definitely have some good ideas on this particular issue and I'm sure the authorities are exhausting technology-related solutions similar to the ones you mention.

From what I understand, the difficulty lies in the coordination of such an effort within the trucking industry. As you know, trucking companies are all privately owned and the equipment on each vehicle varies dramatically. Some rigs are stateof-the-art, while others might qualify for antique status. That's why Florida's Statewide Cargo Theft Task Force, led by the Florida Sheriffs, has been attending trucking industry meetings and working within their trade association to come up with such solutions.

We appreciate our readers keeping their thinking caps on, though, and maybe if we keep the dialogue going, together we can come up with ideas that can put an end to the huge losses hitting our state and U.S. businesses. Thank you for writing.

Trade Center. FSA's president, Seminole County Sheriff Don Eslinger, sent a delegation of seven officers to assist. As they directed traffic to relieve NYPD



officers, and the Seminole County K-9 unit identified human remains in the rubble, the deputies were able to capture pieces of the destruction and chaos on camera. Photo above, Deputy Chris Torina, who grew up in New York City (left) shares a somber moment with Officer Kevin Diamond, of New York's Mid-Town Precinct.

HAVE A COMMENT?

If you would like to send a comment, please write: Editor, The Sheriff's Star Magazine, P.O. Box 12519, Tallahassee, FL 32317-2519, or e-mail: jbettinger@flsheriffs.org. 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.

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Deputy Ronald Mesaras

PALM BEACH COUNTY – Presented by Palm Beach County Undersheriff Kenneth Eggleston (left) to Deputy Ronald Mesaras and Deputy David Walsh. Both deputies have been employed in law enforcement for more than 40 years.



Deputy David Walsh

Special Recognition from FSA



The Florida Sheriffs Association regularly recognizes its Honorary Members and Youth Ranches Honor Roll in the back pages of *The Sheriff's Star*. Occasionally we find a need to honor those above and beyond those designations. In recent months, we have made some important presentations we wanted to share with our readers.



legislation. Senator Burt (left) is a perennial figure at the Sheriffs' conference and is a tireless advocate for public safety in Florida. FSA President Sheriff Don

Eslinger appears right.



Martin County Sheriff's Office Col. Marvin "Mickey" Mann (left) accepted congratulations from his Sheriff, Robert Crowder. Mann has been a member of the Florida Sheriffs Association for more than 40 years. Col. Mann has worked for the West Palm Beach Police Department, where he served as Assistant Police Chief, then the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office and (most recently) the Martin County Sheriff's Office. He has been in law enforcement 41 years.



FSA Honorary Member, retired deputy Sgt. Roger A. Getford (left) has been busy recruiting members for the Florida Sheriffs. At last count he had brought 100 new members into the fold. Following comments from Lake County Sheriff George Knupp, FSA outgoing president, Seminole County Sheriff Don Eslinger presented Getford with a plaque.



GLADES COUNTY - On behalf of both the National Sheriffs Association and Florida Sheriffs Association, Glades County Sheriff Jim Rider (left) presents a plaque to John Wayne Huff of Brighton Reservation to recognize a generous donation to the organizations from the Seminole Tribe of Florida.

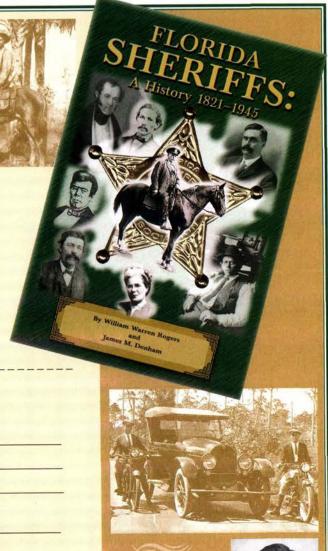
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Co-authors William Warren Rogers and James M. Denham have earned enviable reputations nationally for their ability to dig out little known historical facts and publish them in book form for others to enjoy. Both are professors of history, but more important they are talented storytellers. Their latest project, the history of the Florida Sheriffs, is the result of years of research. Don't miss this printed documentary of the chief law enforcers in our state.



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How they do it:

Human Remains Detector Dogs of South Florida

By Allen Lowy and Pat McAlhany

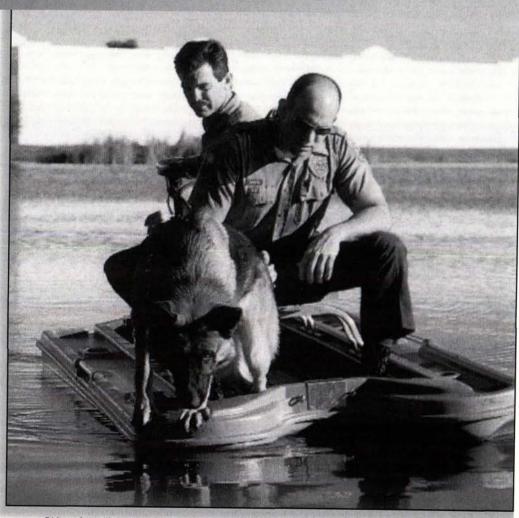
Plorida is known as the state with great tasting orange juice, beautiful sandy beaches, and the country's largest national park—The Everglades (which reveals the true meaning of the term God's Country).

But, Florida also has another side that tourism officials would just as soon you not know about crime - and the unique situations people create when committing those crimes. Thankfully, though, our state has a secret weapon to address these situations: K-9 units. Miami-Dade Police Department (MDPD), which is a consolidated city/county lawenforcement agency, is the largest police department in the southeastern United States and has one of the busiest K-9 units in the country.

For more than 25 years, the MDPD's K-9 teams have located explosives, illegal narcotics and – even– wanted persons. The teams have also assisted with the forfeiture of millions of dollars of currency and property. The number of requests received annually averages about 2,700.

Detecting human remains is a specialty

In 1995, MDPD became one of the first South Florida law-enforcement agencies to train and work dogs for detecting human remains. At the inception, one street patrol dog was cross-trained to include human remains and another was trained exclusively for this specialty.



Did you know that trained canines can even detect scents through water? Pictured here, officers Allen Lowy, in rear of the boat, and Mehran Sawal are assisting Sawal's dog, "Chico," as he checks for the scent of human remains on a South Florida waterway.

During the first years, work was sporadic, as the dogs were mostly used for major crime scenes consisting of high-profile homicides, aviation accidents, cars that crashed into waterways and missing person cases.

But, this law enforcement K-9 tool quickly became a proven asset, not only to the seasoned investigator but also to the uniformed officer on the street.

In the past, locating human remains was predominantly left up to the crime-scene and homicide investigators. Based on the information available, the search area would be defined.

Many tools, including shovels, rakes, metal detec-

tors, pry tools, drills, investigative hunches and the visual senses, were put to use depending on the circumstances. The last tool that any human remains investigation should employ is heavy equipment – and it quite possibly should not be used at all. The reason is that it has the potential to create havoc and destroy a crime scene. Because of the large volume the equipment is able to move, it can also create situations where the remains and any other evidence could be damaged, or missed altogether by investigators.

The tool of balance is the Human Remains Detector Dog. It's no secret that a dog's sense of smell is many times stronger than that of humans. What makes this most valuable is the fact that something hidden can be detected strictly from its odor. When a particular odor is present, a competent dog will indicate it.

How it works

To illustrate, picture a wall outside of a house. What do you see? A wall. You might be able to imagine the wood or metal studs, plumbing or electrical pipes and insulation underneath. But you would miss the fact that human remains are encased in that wall.

A K-9 sniffing along the wall, however, will most likely give an indication that human remains are within, and they can usually narrow the area where the odor is concentrated. This way, the wall can be dismantled with minimum destruction to the crime scene, and the remains recovered for further investigation.

In this very scenario, dogs have searched using minimal resources and minimal time. Without the dog, this search may take hours or days to complete and use lots of expensive resources.

Now, try to visualize that wall again and see the human remains – whether it be a body or pieces of it. Think about how the odor flows from it and settles in the seams and wall outlets. Unless the wall and seams are air tight, the odor *will* flow.

Certain conditions can enhance or retard the odor, though, which can make it difficult or even impossible for the dog to detect the remains.

Some of the factors that affect odor are:

- · Time since death
- · Method of death
- · Items used to mask the odor
- Hot/cold temperatures
- · Moist/dry environments
- · Size/amount of remains

The human factor

Odor is what makes or breaks the success of a human remains detector dog. It's the handler's responsibility to give the dog every opportunity to search as many areas as possible for detection. They must determine the search area and decide what type of search should be implemented. Safety is a main concern, along with preservation of forensic information.

It takes a great deal of education of both K-9 and handler to understand the conditions causing the odor and determine its location. Training, research and learning in this field is continuous. It takes the cooperation from a host of experts – mostly in fields not related to K-9 – to make human detection efforts successful. Many of these experts only know a dog has a tail and may bite. Medical examiners, anthropologists, entomologists, botanists, pathologists and other human remains detector dog handlers have played a role in the learning process. In-house resources are also invaluable, including the Homicide Unit, Crime Scene Investigation Unit, Marine Patrol and the Underwater Recovery Unit.

Work dogs have been, and always will be, one of the best tools in law enforcement. They are not miracle workers, but used properly and responsibly, they can help an investigation. Locating human remains or clearing an area with a good degree of certainty is important for an investigation to move to the next level. It is our responsibility as trainers and handlers to present capable K-9 teams to work in a responsible manner.

So the next time you are watching a K-9 perform, whether it is on television or in person, think about all the training that went into both the dog and the handler. Try to decipher how the odor is actually driving that K-9's behavior. This will give you even greater insight into what has been one of the most important jobs in solving crimes in South Florida: Human Remains Detection.

Editor's Note: Allen Lowy is a member of the Miami-Dade Police Department K-9 unit and is a certified State of Florida Patrol Dog instructor who conducts specialty training in narcotic, explosive and human remains detector dog work. Pat McAlhany is a former member of the MDPD K-9 Unit. To contact Officer Lowy, you may telephone him (305) 468-1290 or e-mail alowy@mdpd.com. For additional information, please visit www.crime-scene-investigator.net/csi-articles.html under the topic "human remains."

FLORIDA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION



OKALOOSA COUNTY – Gold Business Membership presented by Okaloosa County Sheriff Charlie Morris (R) to Larry Masino on behalf of Fort Walton Beach Bingo.

HONOR ROLL

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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.



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Richard Friskey

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Frank Hooper



Sharon Williams



Jack Reddick



Chaplain James Harvester



Gerard Hintze



HILLSBOROUGH – 30-year certificate presented by Hillsborough County Sheriff Cal Henderson to Sharon Williams, on behalf of her mother, Mrs. Frank Giberti, and 25-year certificates to Jack Reddick, Chaplain James Harvester and Gerard Hintze.



Dr. John L. Moore



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William Shedd



Mr. & Mrs. Virgil Huckaby



Mr. & Mrs. William Monaghan



Jim Price

CLAY COUNTY - 25-year certificate presented by Clay County Sheriff Scott Lancaster, right, and Youth Ranches Development Officer David Kritzmacher (left) to William Shedd, Mr. & Mrs. Virgil Huckaby, Mr. & Mrs. William Monaghan, and Jim Price.

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FLORIDA SHERIFFS YOUTH RANCHES



MARTIN COUNTY - Presented by Martin County Sheriff Robert Crowder to Glenn Macario.

HONOR ROLL

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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

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David Jacobs

BRADFORD COUNTY - Presented by Youth Ranches Chairman, Bradford County Sheriff Bob Milner, to David Jacobs, Nassau County Sheriff Ray Geiger and Tom Knier, of the FBI.



Tom Knier, FBI

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HARDEE COUNTY - Presented by Hardee County Sheriff Loran Cogburn to Mr. & Mrs. Elmer "Shug" Shackelford and Mrs. Bryant Coker.

MARION COUNTY - Presented by Marion County Sheriff Ed Dean to Burton Hawley, on behalf of him and his wife, and David Anich, Anich Industries, Inc., on behalf of him and his wife, Mary Helen.



John G. Russell, Jr.



Mr. & Mrs. Greg Young

CLAY COUNTY - Presented by Clay County Sheriff Scott Lancaster (right) and Youth Ranches Development Officer David Kritzmacher (left) to John G. Russell, Jr. and Mr. & Mrs. Greg Young.



ORANGE COUNTY - Presented by Orange County Sheriff Kevin Beary and Youth Ranches Development Officer, Sandy Phillips, to King Halikman, accepting on behalf of his son, Farlen Halikman.

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HARDEE COUNTY - 30-year certificate presented by Hardee County Sheriff Loran Cogburn (left) to James Johnson.



LEON COUNTY - 30-year certificate presented by Leon County Sheriff Larry Campbell (right) to William "Bill" Bigham, Jr.



BAY COUNTY - 25-year certificate presented by Bay County Sheriff Guy Tunnell (right) to Phillip E. Colcord.



BAY COUNTY - 30-year certificate presented by Bay County Sheriff Guy Tunnell (right) to Charles Jones.



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BELT BUCKLE 3 1/2 x 2 1/8" solid brass





CAPS - WHITE OR GREEN - with multi-colored embroidery including metallic gold thread, adjustable band



11oz. COFFEE MUGS - white color, with multi colored logo and green bands listing all 67 counties

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Honorary Member LAPEL PIN 7/8" die cast metal with 5 color enameled finish