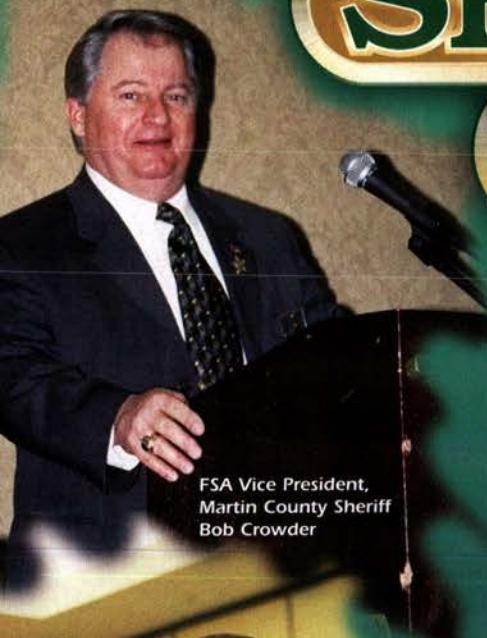
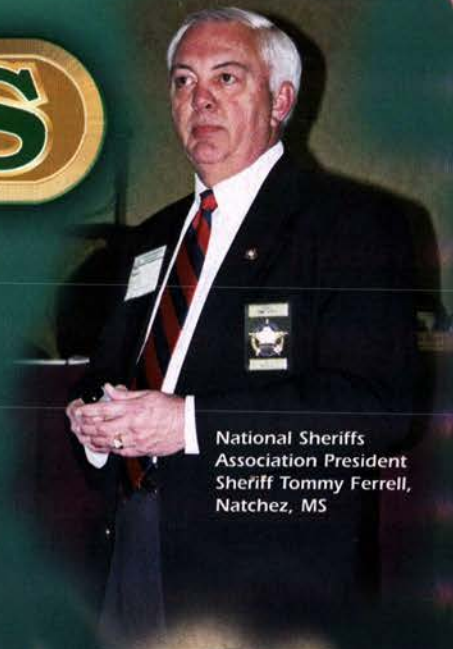


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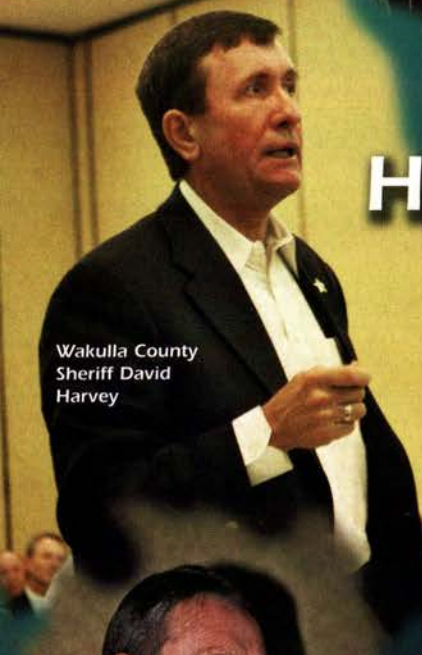
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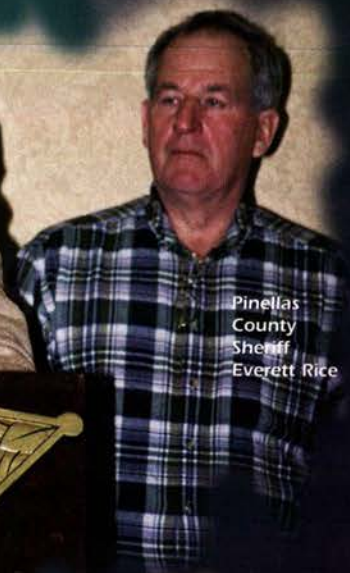
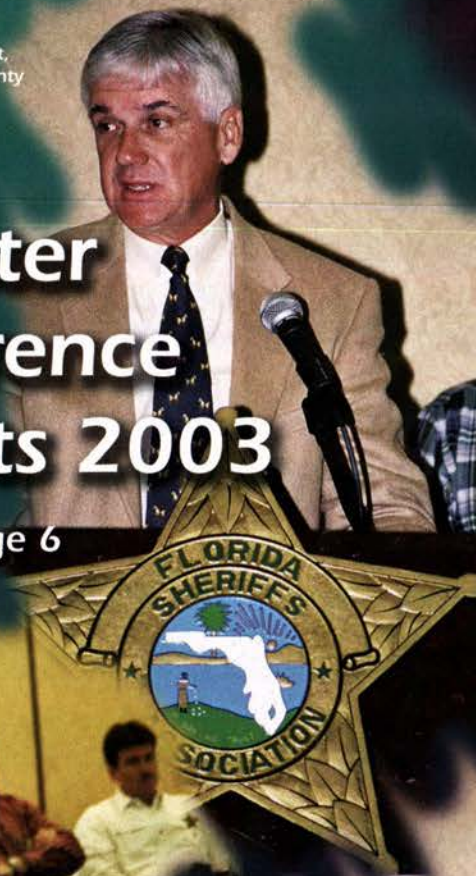
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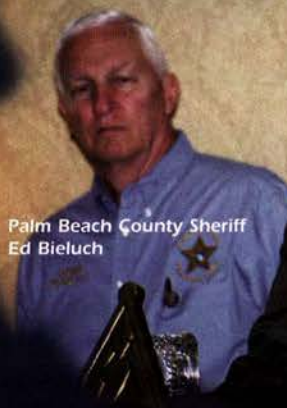
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## From the desk of . . .

Gary Perkins, Executive Director  
Florida Sheriffs Association



**E**very Sheriffs' conference serves to remind me of the important role that Sheriffs play not only in the security of their own counties, but in the security of the state.

Our two-day agenda is packed with issues that are brought before the group in order to inform, draw support and gain the opinion of lawmen.

Sometimes the speakers are lawmakers, pledging their commitment to criminal justice and public safety. Very often it's officials from other law-enforcement entities seeking out the Sheriffs to build partnerships for the greater good. And, of course, Sheriffs themselves are frequent speakers – there to share what's going on in their respective counties or to report on developments of combined county task forces and committees.

The high level of networking that occurs at these gatherings has helped build a foundation for the security we enjoy as a state today.

For example, because of the connectedness of Sheriffs, Gov. Jeb Bush chose seven Sheriffs to lead the Regional Domestic Security Task Force. And it's through the work of this group that Florida has become a model for the nation on how states should formulate and carry out their individual domestic security plans.

Yes, the Florida Sheriffs Association serves as a forum to bring all law enforcement together – and helps forge an open line of communication that can only serve to improve the safety of all citizens.

Of course, it doesn't go unnoticed that our Honorary and Business Members play a critical role in providing these opportunities. If it wasn't for you, there wouldn't even be a Florida Sheriffs Association – at least not at this level. So thank you to those who have been long time supporters of the Florida Sheriffs Association – and thank you to those who have just recently joined in our effort following our most recent membership campaign.

*Numbers up – fraudulent claims, too*  
Following our spring membership drive, I'm happy to report that while the economy and the

war have affected virtually every segment of the U.S., it has not eroded support for the Florida Sheriffs Association. Citizens and business leaders recognize that our mission – and, more importantly, our results – deserve their support. We've been around a long time (more than a century), and we're very clear on our objectives.

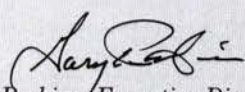
Though "me too" organizations may be starting up in an effort to capitalize on the hard work that generations of Sheriffs have done, I'm confident that the majority of citizens will not fall for their sometimes fraudulent or misleading tactics.

We are committed to exposing organizations that employ high-pressure telemarketing campaigns suggesting an affiliation with the Florida Sheriffs Association.

If you, or someone you know, receives a phone call from a person who represents an organization that "sounds like" the Florida Sheriffs Association, please know that it is **not us**. FSA continues our pledge not to use telemarketing in our membership drives.

In fact, we encourage you to e-mail or call us if you have been contacted by a caller suggesting affiliation with the Florida Sheriffs Association, or otherwise using harassing, rude or threatening language. Please try to get as much information as possible – including the phone number they're calling from – and report it to: [information@flsheriffs.org](mailto:information@flsheriffs.org) or use the phone numbers on the next page to contact us.

Together, we can continue to make a difference by holding these profit-seeking ventures accountable and preventing others from being victimized. Honest work and noble efforts will prevail.

  
Gary Perkins, Executive Director



## Beware: This Letter Looks Official – But It's Not

With tax season still on everyone's mind – as well as the fear that a letter from the IRS can create in even the most honest of citizens – con artists have concocted a new scam to pull on an unsuspecting public.

The Internal Revenue Service has warned of a fraudulent scheme that uses fictitious bank correspondence and IRS forms to trick taxpayers into disclosing their personal and banking data. The information is then used to steal the taxpayer's identity, credit and money.

This is how the scam works. The official-looking letter states that the bank must update its records to pinpoint customers who are exempt from the withholding tax on interest paid on their bank accounts. The mailing includes what looks like an offi-

cial Internal Revenue Service form, called Form W-9095, which asks for your personal information. In fact, the letter actually mentions the name of your bank.

### *Seems legit*

Legally, banks must report interest to the IRS, and taxpayers must include it as income, so it would seem that this "bank" correspondence is actually legitimate.

There's also an urgency to the appeal. The letter tells recipients they must fax the completed form to a specific number within seven days or lose the reporting and withholding exemption, resulting in withholding of 31 percent on the account's interest.

Once faxed, of course, the scam artists use the information to impersonate the taxpayer and gain access to their finances.

One of the phony forms is labeled W-9095, "Application Form for Certificate Status/Ownership for Withholding Tax." Besides the usual personal data used to prove identity, it even requests your passport number and mother's maiden name. It also requests financial data, such as bank account numbers, passwords and PIN numbers that can be used to gain access to the accounts.

The fictitious W-9095 appears to be an attempt to mimic the genuine IRS Form W-9, "Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification." The only personal information a genuine W-9 requests is the name, address and Social Security number or employer identification number of the taxpayer.

If you receive such correspondence, contact your bank and immediately report the letter to officials. Call the Treasury Inspector General Tax Administration's hot line at 800-366-4484, or fax a complaint to 202-927-7018. You may also write to: TIGTA, P.O. Box 589, Ben Franklin Station, Washington, D.C. 20044-0589. The TIGTA's web site is located at [www.ustreas.gov/tigta](http://www.ustreas.gov/tigta).

A copy of the scam letter and phony W-9095 may be found on the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency's Web site at [www.occ.treas.gov](http://www.occ.treas.gov).

Remember, giving away private information can lead to a financial mess after someone steals your money and your good name and damages your credit record. *This information provided compliments of the Leon County Sheriff's Office 911 E-Alert e-mail newsletter, powered by communitymailer.com*



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# Cooperation and Communication Are Key During Crisis

By Deputy Larry King  
Public Information Officer  
Lee County Sheriff's Office

**P**ublic Information Officers (PIOs) wear many hats in Florida's law enforcement agencies. We communicate the daily events of our organizations to the media, plan and implement events to inform and educate our communities and represent the Sheriff at public functions.

While our day-to-day duties are important to the operation of our respective departments, perhaps the most vital role of a PIO is communication with the media and the public during a crisis. When there is a jail escape, a violent crime in the community or a major road closure due to an accident, the public needs accurate and timely information. It is vital that the information comes from a central source – to avoid confusion during an already stressful time.

Many times, though, the crisis crosses agency lines and requires cooperation between a multitude of public safety entities. In this case, it is crucial that PIOs are in constant communication with their organization's decision-makers and with each other to ensure that a clear, unified message is delivered.

## *Putting theory into action*

On the afternoon of Friday, December 6, 2002, an incident occurred in Lee County that would test our public information skills. At 3:41 p.m., our 9-1-1 center began receiving a flood of calls reporting a plane crash in a large housing development. The plane careened off two residences and shredded into thousands of pieces,



Dusk falls on the accident scene...two people who were on the plane, and their family pet, died. Miraculously, no other deaths or injuries occurred, in spite of the crash occurring in a residential community.

almost geographically in the center of a golf course community.

The largest remnant of the aircraft, the tail section, came to rest on the only access road. Emergency first-responders – from fire, Emergency Medical Services and the Sheriff's Office – eventually learned that, miraculously, the only fatalities were the husband, wife and family pet traveling aboard the twin-engine plane.

As with any high-profile incident, the news frenzy began within minutes of the first dispatches of emergency personnel. The PIOs quickly assembled both on scene and by cellular phone to coordinate activity. A media staging area was designated and the preliminary information, restrictions and planned updates were relayed.

Thanks to prior meetings, participation in mock crisis scenarios and a commitment to accurate dissemination of information, the combined efforts of the PIOs was very successful. It was also reassuring to know if the situation would have

been prolonged or become an even larger incident, other law enforcement PIOs in our region were willing to respond to provide assistance or relief.

These relationships have developed, not just because of the nature of our work, but as a direct benefit of an association with a long established organization, the Florida Law Enforcement Public Information Officers Association (FLE-PIOA). This organization provides training and networking opportunities for PIOs across the state. It is open to all government and law enforcement PIOs and spokespersons and has now opened membership to Fire and EMS PIOs as well.

FLEPIOA hosts a training conference each year featuring national and local experts in crisis communications and community and media relations. The conference provides valuable preparation for PIOs before crises occur, as well as networking sessions to aid in getting to know other spokespersons in our area and statewide.





Following the twin-engine plane crash in Lee County, the largest remnant of the aircraft, the tail section, came to rest on the only access road to the golf course community.



An aerial view of the crash site shows a swath between the first and second residences that were damaged in the fatal crash.

Having access to a network of colleagues from across law enforcement, government and Fire/EMS agencies is an invaluable resource to the members of FLEPIOA. Even before this incident, the Lee County Sheriff's Office valued the FLEPIOA and the local group of PIOs. These members provide a balanced perspective on many critical incidents and situations,

whether actually working on-scene together or in anticipation of an incident.

As for FLEPIOA training, the quality and content is second to none. It's timely, comprehensive and vital to staying on the cutting edge of media relations. In times of crisis, the added communication and knowledge gained will assure a more successful outcome.

*The next annual FLEPIOA training conference is scheduled for May 6-9 in Longboat Key. For more information about the organization or conference, visit the group's web site at [www.flepia.org](http://www.flepia.org). Lee County's Deputy Larry King, Public Information Officer, can be reached via e-mail: [lking@sheriffleefl.org](mailto:lking@sheriffleefl.org)*

## Media Combines with FDLE to Capture Felons

By Sharon L. Gogerty, Public Information Officer  
FDLE Jacksonville

An effort to capture fugitives in the Jacksonville area is paying off.

First Coast Fugitives is a partnership between the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, law enforcement agencies, the *Florida Times-Union* newspaper and the public.

It involves compiling a list of outstanding felons – those “Most Wanted” – which are posted on the Times-Union Web site ([www.jacksonville.com](http://www.jacksonville.com)). In addition, the newspaper features a fugitive in the Monday edition of the newspaper. The public is asked to assist in locating the wanted individuals.

The program has generated numerous tips from the public through anonymous e-mails and phone calls. Law enforcement has made several arrests. In one case, a fugitive was posted on-line and that same day, agencies received five tips. The suspect was subsequently arrested.

Two other success stories came from the fugitives themselves. Both learned about their status when they were profiled in the *Times-Union* Monday FCF feature article. They looked on the FCF Web site and saw their profiles there as well. As a result, the fugitives called authorities and agreed

to turn themselves in.

Fugitives are submitted to FDLE by participating law enforcement agencies in the five-county area that also has a large amount of *Times-Union* subscribers. Information includes a physical description of the fugitive, a synopsis of the crime and a direct contact number and e-mail address for the detective and agency submitting the information. Tips from the public are then routed directly to the agency via that e-mail or contact phone number.

A minimum of 20 fugitives are featured weekly and the page received more than a quarter-million page views within the first three months of launch.

Many of the fugitives are wanted for multiple felony offenses, including habitual offenders and sexual predators and offenders.

FDLE's Jacksonville Regional Director Ken Tucker sees the partnership as an example of what community members, the media and law enforcement can accomplish when they combine their individual strengths. “Law enforcement identifies felons, the media shares specific information about those felons and a means of contact to the public, and concerned citizens get involved to make their community a safer place to live,” he said. “That's a strong combination for a powerful crime fighting team.”

Access the Web page through the Times-Union at [www.jacksonville.com](http://www.jacksonville.com) or direct: <http://firstcoastfugitives.com>.



The 2003 Mid-Winter Conference was held January 26-29 at the Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort & Spa. The gathering served as a hotbed of law-enforcement activity, including updates on special task forces, such as the Regional Domestic Security Task Force, which is charged with securing the state of Florida in the event of a terrorism attack. On these pages, we've presented a recap of what some of the key players who led discussions on important topics during the conference had to say.

# Winter Conference Highlights 2003

FSA Vice President, Martin County Sheriff Bob Crowder, provided an update on Workers' Compensation, along with the Hunt Insurance Group Self Insurance Fund report.

National Sheriffs Association President Sheriff Tommy Ferrell from Natchez, Mississippi, was a special guest at this year's Mid-Winter Conference. He said the NSA is now 21,000 strong, with 3,088 member Sheriffs.

Florida Department of Corrections Victim Assistance Program Administrator Mark Lazarus brought greetings from the new DOC Secretary Jim Crosby, who wasn't able to make it to the conference. Lazarus provided background on Florida VINE - a statewide victim notification program for victims of crime when an offender is released.

Florida Highway Patrol Director Col. Chris Knight was credited with being "the most cooperative and responsive" of the FHP has had in 10 years." He said a reorganization of FHP is taking more people out of administrative positions and putting them in uniform on the roads.

FSA President, Alachua County Sheriff Steve Oelrich, kept the Sheriffs' meetings on schedule and assured a lively pace during discussions throughout the conference. He said, "The best part of my job is that I get to work with heroes every day."

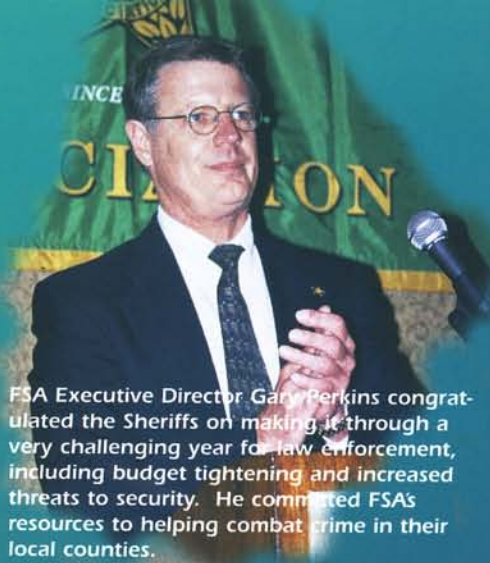
Wakulla County Sheriff David Harvey makes a point about the state and county emergency management functions during these challenging times.

Seminole County Sheriff Don Eslinger, chair of the FSA Legislative Committee, said Baker Act Reform would be the top legislative priority for Sheriffs. He urged the Sheriffs to enthusiastically answer the call when urged to visit the Capitol and help educate lawmakers.

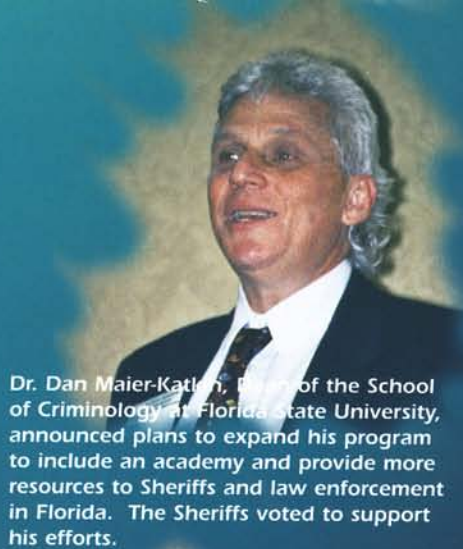




Orange County Sheriff's Office Capt. Ricky Ricks will be heading up FSA's Florida Statewide Task Force, a resource for Sheriffs when they need to borrow resources and manpower from other Sheriffs.



FSA Executive Director Gary Perkins congratulated the Sheriffs on making it through a very challenging year for law enforcement, including budget tightening and increased threats to security. He committed FSA's resources to helping combat crime in their local counties.



Dr. Dan Maier-Katlin, Dean of the School of Criminology at Florida State University, announced plans to expand his program to include an academy and provide more resources to Sheriffs and law enforcement in Florida. The Sheriffs voted to support his efforts.



Orange County Sheriff Kevin Beary chairs the Florida Statewide Task Force and is also one of the Sheriffs chairing the Regional Domestic Security Task Force.



Casey Julian, with the American Heart Association, also addressed the Sheriffs. She spoke about the importance of having auto electric defibrillators. Although the Mid-Winter Conference doesn't always have the same attendance as summer, this year's event drew a record number of Sheriffs and 128 exhibitors.



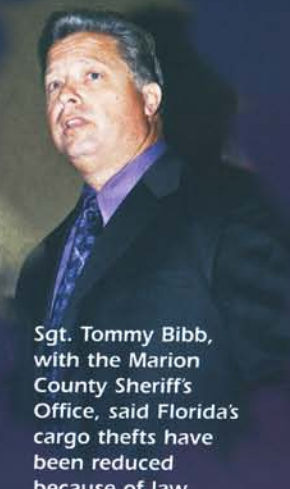
Okaloosa County Sheriff Charlie Morris was the host Sheriff of the Mid-Winter Conference. His staff was available 24/7 to assist Sheriffs with anything they might need, including staying connected with their home counties while attending the conference.



Traditionally, Hunt Insurance Group provides awards to Sheriffs with "No 'at fault'" records. Nine Sheriffs qualified and seven accepted awards at the conference.



Marion County Sheriff Ed Dean led a discussion on the Cargo Theft Task Force. He said cargo theft had become the crime of choice for former drug cartels because it's just as profitable and not as risky. "You may not be affected today," he told his fellow Sheriffs, "but you will be."



Sgt. Tommy Bibb, with the Marion County Sheriff's Office, said Florida's cargo thefts have been reduced because of law enforcement efforts, but statistics show they have moved elsewhere - nearby states have reported an increase.



### Add Safety to Your Home Improvement Plan

While you're still in the mood for spring fix-up around the house, why not consider making a few improvements that will not only better secure your home against thieves but also better protect your family?

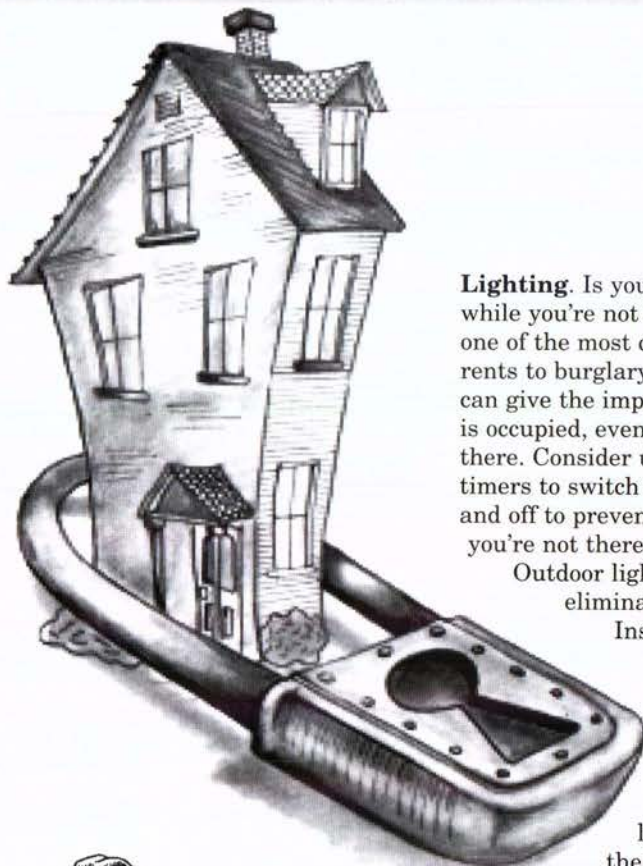
The National Crime Prevention Council maintains that making your home safer from crime doesn't always mean just installing an alarm system. Effective home security starts with properly secured doors and windows, as well as visible and well-lighted entryways.

Use this checklist, based upon the NCP's recommendations, to help "lock crime out of your home."

**Exterior Doors.** Are they durable and is the entryway well lit? All exterior doors should be either metal or solid wood. For added security, choose stronger door hinges for the inside of the door with non-removable or hidden pins. Every entry door should also be well lit and feature a wide-angle door viewer (peephole), so you can see who is outside without opening the door.

**Locks.** Have you followed law enforcement's recommendations on choosing and installing locks? Use quality, keyed knobs in addition to deadbolts. Choose a deadbolt that extends at least one inch when in the locked position, to resist ramming and kicking. Hardened steel inserts will prevent the bolt from being sawed off and a reinforced strike plate with extra-long mounting screws will anchor the lock more effectively.

Choose double-cylinder deadbolts (keys on both sides) for doors with glass within 40 inches of the lock, but never leave the key in it. This way an intruder cannot break the glass and unlock the door by reaching through.



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**Sliding Glass Doors.** Will your current locking system prevent easy removal? To improve security on existing sliding glass doors, install keyed locking devices that secure the door to the frame. You can also adjust the track clearances on the doors so they can't be pushed out of their tracks – or put a piece of wood or metal bar in the track of the closed door to prevent the door from opening, even if the lock is compromised.

**Windows.** Are your double-hung windows keyed? Most standard double-hung windows have thumb turn locks between the two window panels. These can be pried open or opened through a broken pane. Consider installing keyed locking devices to prevent the window from being raised from the outside, but make sure all occupants know where to find a key in case of emergency.

**Lighting.** Is your house lit at night while you're not home? Lighting is one of the most cost-effective deterrents to burglary. Indoor lighting can give the impression that a home is occupied, even when you're not there. Consider using automatic timers to switch interior lights on and off to prevent advertising that you're not there.

Outdoor lighting can be used to eliminate hiding places.

Install exterior lighting near porches, rear and side doorways, garage doors and other points of entry. Aim some lights away from the house so you can see if anyone is approaching, or install motion-sensing lights.

Make sure bulbs are out of easy reach, so they can't be easily removed or broken.

**Shrubs and Landscaping.** Does your landscaping provide maximum visibility to and from your home? Trim shrubbery that could easily conceal criminal activity near doors and windows, especially. Provide light on areas with dense shrubs and trees, and cut back tree limbs that could help thieves climb into windows. While yard fencing is a good deterrent, make sure it's a design that doesn't offer criminals a good place to hide from the street.

*Please note that some jurisdictions limit the type of safety features you can add to your home or dwelling, so when in doubt, be sure to ask law enforcement about the specific rules for your area. For more information, visit the National Crime Prevention Council's Web site, [www.ncpc.org](http://www.ncpc.org).*

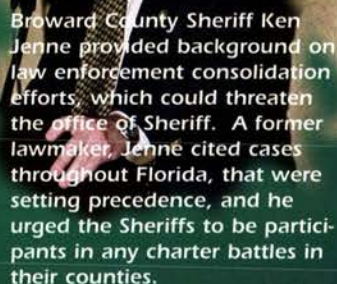




Pete Williams was introduced as the new Statewide Prosecutor. He provided information on crimes that crossed jurisdictions, including Internet fraud.



The Hunt Insurance Group has been affiliated with Florida Sheriffs since 1945, and John Hunt, Jr., is a perennial at the FSA conferences, providing updates to the Sheriffs on the Self Insurance Fund and other liability matters.



Broward County Sheriff Ken Jenne provided background on law enforcement consolidation efforts, which could threaten the office of Sheriff. A former lawmaker, Jenne cited cases throughout Florida, that were setting precedence, and he urged the Sheriffs to be participants in any charter battles in their counties.



Two Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches youths attended the conference to thank the Sheriffs for providing them with a future. Roger (speaking) said "it's so great to have people who love and care about you." Ramsey (in background) said since coming to the Ranch, he has turned his life around. He told the Sheriffs, "I know if it weren't for you guys, I wouldn't be here."

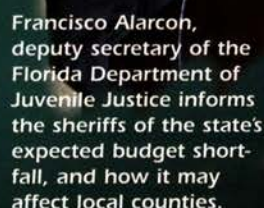
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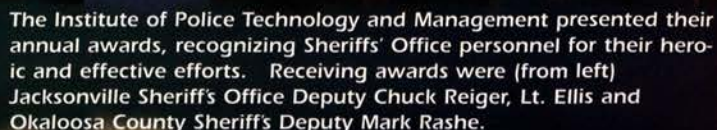
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Bay County Sheriff Guy Tunnell honored "the oldest living Sheriff," Charlie Abbott, during FSA's banquet. He said Sheriff Abbott, who is now 92, was Sheriff in the 1960s and served 40 years.



Francisco Alarcon, deputy secretary of the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice informs the sheriffs of the state's expected budget shortfall, and how it may affect local counties.



The Institute of Police Technology and Management presented their annual awards, recognizing Sheriffs' Office personnel for their heroic and effective efforts. Receiving awards were (from left) Jacksonville Sheriff's Office Deputy Chuck Reiger, Lt. Ellis and Okaloosa County Sheriff's Deputy Mark Rashe.



James Yearty with Peak Performance Solutions, tells Martin County Sheriff Bob Crowder about their latest product - a software program that improves communication between Sheriffs' Offices and citizens.



FDLE Commissioner Tim Moore said that as of January, his agency had located 75 percent of the 375 kids missing from the Department of Children & Family Services rolls. He also assured the Sheriffs that despite cutbacks, the Governor's budget didn't take a penny away from law enforcement, but instead resulted in an additional \$7 million investment.



The Sheriffs' wives and families are also invited to the conference, and they are kept busy while the Sheriffs are in meetings. Pictured here is Bradford County Sheriff Bob Milner and his wife, Carol.



## Letters to The Editor

Editor:

Was surprised that your article "Sound Off About Telemarketing Practices," in the November/December 2002 The Sheriff's Star, didn't mention Florida's "No Sales Solicitation Calls." This program passed into law and became effective October 1, 1990. It has teeth and worked well for me.

Keep up the good work. God Bless

RAC, Titusville

Editor responds:

*I'm glad you mentioned this service. Actually, we had several articles about telemarketing in that particular issue and the one on page 14 about charitable solicitations by phone includes the "No Call List" information. In case other readers missed it, call 1-800-HELPFLA (800-435-7352) or visit the Division of Consumer Services web site at: [www.800helpfla.com](http://www.800helpfla.com) to get on this list. There's a small fee, but it's worth it. I personally have taken advantage of the service and found it has cut down significantly on unwanted calls.*

Editor:

Why doesn't Florida have a tinted glass law like many other states have? These dark windows put our law enforcement officers at great risk.

I look forward to your reply.

Regards, WG

Tom Berlinger, FSA's Director of Law Enforcement, responds:

*The short answer is, "we do."*

*Florida Chapter 316.2953 governs the tinting percentage limits on a vehicle's side windows.*

*Chapter 315.2954 governs windows located behind the driver.*

*Chapter 316.29545 provides exclusions for certain medical conditions and law enforcement vehicles.*

*Chapter 316.2956 sets forth the penalties for violation of this statute.*

*But, unfortunately, for a law-enforcement officer to make a case that will stand up in court, he or she must have certified and calibrated light meters to*

*measure the amount of light that is allowed to pass through the window.*

*Most police agencies do not possess such devices, or if they do, they are scattered far and wide throughout their agency and are never handy when they are needed.*

*As a 30-year law-enforcement officer myself, that's not the answer I would like to give you. But, it's the truth.*

Editor:

As you know there are many senior citizens living in Florida. The new type of headlights that have come out in recent years are blinding Seniors and other citizens. These lights are too bright and present a safety hazard. Are there any law enforcement agencies that have expressed concern over these new type of headlights?

AT, Naples

Editor responds:

*We are not aware of any law-enforcement authorities being upset about the new headlights.*

*We have heard that there's a movement afoot on the part of some elderly drivers who are complaining that their eyes can't tolerate them. And there's word that AARP and possibly the American Automobile Association may also be researching the problem.*

*But there's nothing official that we're aware of (yet).*

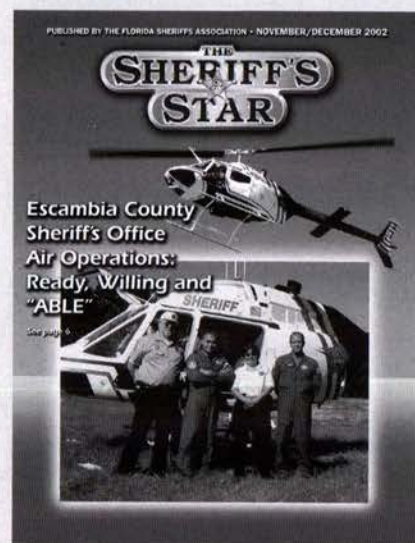
Editor:

I read with great interest, the December article on "telemarketing practices," and having been constantly annoyed by these pests, I would like to make some comments.

First, I do not consider them "legitimate." They are intruding on my telephone privacy. The telephone was installed at my cost for my convenience and protection, and any interference with my right to call 911 or my doctor is certainly wrong and illegal.

Living in Florida for the past 30 years, I have annually been called by a person soliciting donations for a group calling themselves the Florida Association of State Troopers, and when I dared to question their legitimacy, I received some pretty rude responses.

I once read in a newspaper that they operate from a "bucket shop," and 80 percent of the donations go to the telemarketers! At one time for about a year, I answered solicitor calls with a statement,



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*"this phone was installed for my convenience, not yours," and I would then hang up.*

Keep up your good work.

DB, Beverly Hills, FL

Editor responds:

*Interesting you should bring this up. We continue to receive phone calls from individuals who are complaining about receiving calls, and because of at least one organization with a similar sounding name, they think it's the Florida Sheriffs Association. In some cases, the solicitor even hints that they're affiliated with FSA.*

### 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.



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#### Editor's Note:

On our November/December "Letters" page, we asked readers if they had any solutions to the problem of uninsured motorists. We received a fairly lengthy reply from a gentleman (RLD) in Pensacola. He says he inquired about the problem as a result of an accident and came up with several solutions. He wrote to his (then) state representative, Jerry Maygarden. In the letter to FSA, he writes, "In this electronic age, I see no excuse for allowing this bureaucratic nightmare to continue, in which law abiding citizens pay, in premium costs, for the risk caused by the uninsured."

In his research, RLD learned that two of the principal reasons why uninsured motorists can drive for months without sanction is because:

1 – Insurers wait an average of six to seven months before electronically notifying (the state) that an insured's policy has been terminated

2 – Accident reports involving uninsured motorists are currently entered into (the state's) database an average of three to four months after the accident.

The official RLD spoke to at the Bureau of Financial Responsibility, estimated that there were more than one million uninsured motorists on Florida's roads.

RLD suggested four solutions:

1 – Provide law enforcement 24-hour access to the databases of driver's licenses and vehicle registrations. This would permit investigating officers to instantly determine the driver and/or vehicle's known insured status at the time of an accident. Uninsured parties could then be cited at the time of the accident.

2 – Sanction those insurance companies doing business in Florida that fail to electronically report insurance terminations within 10 days of cancellation. Make the insured bear the bur-

den of providing the Bureau with evidence of new insurance.

3 – All principal operators of vehicles registered in a person's name are listed on that insurance policy. If all insurers in Florida did this, then all licenses tied to a specific canceled policy could be suspended until proof of insurance is submitted.

4 – Insurance companies can issue a "named, non owner policy" for persons who do not own a vehicle. If all insurers can do this, then the requirements for proof of insurance could be extended to those who obtain an operator's license, to ensure that those who do not own a vehicle and are not listed as an operator on another's policy are covered and liable, in the event that they are operating a vehicle that is not insured.

The state can recover all or part of the costs of administering a revised program through fees to remove suspensions upon submission of proof of insurance.

RLD ends saying, "I'm convinced that our legislators have the ability to improve the current situation. I hope they have the will."

Now here's one more letter about uninsured motorists...

#### Editor:

When you go to the motor vehicle bureau to get your plates renewed, you must show proof of insurance. If the insurance is only for six months, they could give them a sticker for six months only, and if any one wants to cancel his insurance, he or she must show proof to the insurance company that the plates were turned in. This would eliminate a lot of uninsured drivers from the road. What do you think about that?

E.L.

#### TO OUR READERS:

Because of an editing error in the January/February 2003 "Annual Guide to Government," the biography of Congresswoman Katherine Harris' predecessor appears instead of hers for District 13. We deeply regret the error and apologize to Congresswoman Harris and her constituents.

### Florida's U.S. Representative 13th District

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## Joyce McCary named FSA Correctional Officer of the Year



From left, Leon County Sheriff Larry Campbell, Larry and Joyce McCary and FSA President Alachua County Sheriff Steve Oelrich.

*By Tom Berlinger  
FSA Director of Law Enforcement  
and Jail Management Services*

In 57 of the 67 counties in Florida, the elected Sheriff oversees and manages his respective county jail. In the remaining 10, the Board of County Commissioners either manages the jail as a county department, or contracts with a private company to manage it for them.

Each year for over a decade, the Florida Sheriffs Association has issued a "call for nominations" for FSA Correctional Officer of the Year from all 57 Sheriffs who manage their county jail.

At a recent statewide meeting of the Florida Sheriffs Association held in Destin, Correctional Deputy Joyce A. McCary of Leon County was named the 2002 FSA Correctional Officer of the Year.

McCary was chosen not only because she epitomizes what any Sheriff would want in a correctional officer, but because she is also a dedicated and outstanding member of her community.

Joyce McCary was born just a few miles over the state line in Donaldsonville, Georgia. Her family lived in Dothan, Alabama, until she was a junior in high

school, when they moved to the small north Florida community of Chattahoochee. She graduated from Chattahoochee High School and attended Chipola Junior College in Marianna.

In 1985, McCary graduated from the basic academy for correctional officers and initially went to work for Apalachee Correctional Institute (ACI), a state prison located near Marianna.

After four years at ACI, McCary joined the staff of the Gadsden County Jail and was promoted to the rank of sergeant within two years. While at Gadsden, McCary took the initiative to attend the law enforcement academy on her own time, and earned dual-certification as both a correctional officer and law-enforcement officer.

In 1991, Officer McCary joined the staff of the Leon County Sheriff's Office, where she remains today. Since joining the LCSO staff, she has been assigned to an inmate housing unit, case management and the inmate intake and release section.

Today, McCary is assigned to the Medical Security



Unit. Her duties include being responsible for the security of the jail's medical staff and for transporting inmates outside the facility for medical appointments. Officer McCary is often called upon to serve as acting supervisor of the unit, and she has been recognized for her outstanding performance on a consistent basis by her peers and by her supervisors. On two separate occasions McCary has, through her careful observation, detected medical conditions in two inmates that were so grave, her peers later credited her with saving the lives of both.

Aside from her stellar work and dedication to her profession, Officer Joyce McCary is so much more, and that is the side of her that put her "over the top" in the eyes of the committee that screened for this year's award.

In the nomination submitted by Leon County Sheriff Larry Campbell, Officer McCary's virtues were listed and praised.

In recent years, she regularly participates in the American Heart Association's "Heart Walk," and she also sets aside extra time to collect side donations for them as well.

In fact, she was responsible for a substantial portion of the amount collected on behalf of the entire Leon County Corrections Division this year.

McCary was also nominated in 2001 by the citizens that make up the Leon County Sheriff's Office Citizen's Academy Alumni Association as the "Outstanding Member of the Leon County Sheriff's Office."

She is a regular volunteer with the Big Bend Special Olympics, the United Way of Leon County and various programs sponsored by the American Cancer Society.

McCary serves on the Habitat for Humanity family selection committee in Tallahassee, is a fund raiser and hostess for Mothers In Crisis, Inc. – a program for single moms and their kids – and she assists with fund raising for the John G. Riley Center and Museum of African-American History and Culture.

Through her care and concern for her community, McCary is:

- *a friend and nurturer of those sick with cancer and heart disease*
- *a mentor to single moms*
- *a provider of shelter to the homeless*
- *a person who is loved by her friends and co-workers*
- *and a person who is respected by the inmates in her charge*

Joyce McCary has been a model of dedication and professionalism for the past 17 years in her chosen field of corrections. She always has a smile, a can-do attitude, and now she has one more entry into her dossier: she is the 2002 Florida Sheriffs Association's Correctional Officer of the Year.

McCary was awarded a handsome plaque and a check for \$1,000 for her efforts.

## Sergeant Carlos Vega is Named Finalist

Sergeant Carlos Vega of the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office was named as a finalist for the 2002 FSA Correctional Officer of the Year award. In the nomination, Hillsborough County Sheriff Cal Henderson wrote, "During his 23-year-career with the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, Sergeant Carlos Vega has maintained high personal standards and service above and beyond the call of duty."

Sheriff Henderson reported that although Sgt. Vega works in a jail, that the personal standards he consistently displays "could read like a customer service manual written for a Fortune 500 company."

Vega's daily standards include:

- *Be courteous to both "internal" as well as "external" customers for the company*
- *Know all the facts prior to delivering information about the company*
- *Resolve to find a solution to the problem as it relates to the company*
- *Be energetic when conducting business for the company*
- *Never forget that you are a representative of the company*
- *When given the opportunity, go the extra mile for others and the company*

As the shift supervisor in a dynamic and fast-paced information center, Vega performs his duties with pride in self, and with a sense of enthusiasm not often seen among people who work in a difficult work setting.

"He manages multiple tasks under pressure with grace, and his ability to maintain self-control under trying circumstances is his signature trademark," noted Sheriff Henderson. "At the same time, Sgt. Vega is never too busy to take a moment to listen to the ideas of a co-worker or teach a new recruit the importance of procedures."

For his untiring efforts, Sgt. Vega was awarded a plaque recognizing him as a finalist for FSA's 2002 Correctional Officer of the Year.



# FSA Continues to Maintain Strong Ties to Lawmakers

Who do lawmakers turn to when they've got pressing criminal justice and public safety issues pending? Very often, it's the Sheriffs in their districts. The 67 Sheriffs of Florida maintain healthy working relationships with the state politicians representing their areas, and also with their counterparts throughout the state through visits to the Capitol – especially during the legislative season.

The Sheriffs have enjoyed a particularly good relationship with the leadership of both the Senate and the House for a number of years. The year's Florida House of Representatives' Speaker, Johnnie Byrd, pledged his commitment to listening to the concerns of Florida's top lawmen. He sent the following communication that we thought we'd share with our readers.

Dear Sheriffs:

I want to take this opportunity to let you know that all of your elected officials in Tallahassee appreciate the hard work and dedication of Florida's 67 Sheriffs and their staffs. Crime has dropped dramatically in Florida, and our neighborhoods are safer. Over the past eight years, many positive changes have been made in the criminal justice system, and now criminals serve 78.8 percent of their sentences. But there is more work to be done, and as your Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives, I am committed to serving the needs of the law enforcement community.

The Legislature is working hard to assure that Florida's Sheriffs have access to affordable staff

training, have the tools needed to keep streets safe, and have the intergovernmental cooperation to play their part in the war on terror. All 67 Sheriffs can be assured they have strong allies in the House.

I am proud of the way Floridians, and all Americans, have rebounded from the 9/11 terrorist attacks on the Twin Towers and the Pentagon, and from the Anthrax attacks that hit first in South Florida.

Our nation's leadership and law enforcement have made great strides in the war on terror, but more needs to be done.

That is why I formed the House Coordinating Committee on Public Security. The committee will oversee the implementation of Florida's domestic security initiatives enacted after the 9/11 attacks. The committee will have the authority to require, receive, and review reports from any state or local agency; such as the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Division of Emergency Management and Department of Health. This should help all law enforcement as a whole more effectively combat terror.

This committee will also review the coordination of local, state, and federal legislative security efforts and may make legislative recommendations, including the review

of funding initiatives and priorities, necessary to assist in coordinating security initiatives with other government agencies. With this in mind, I also encourage Florida's Sheriffs and their staffs to e-mail me at [SpeakerByrd@MyFloridaHouse.com](mailto:SpeakerByrd@MyFloridaHouse.com) and share their views or ideas on how the Legislature can help coordinate law enforcement efforts in combating terror.

In the 1980s, we faced similar threats during the Cold War and from rogue nations such as Libya. Many intellectual skeptics and political naysayers said America's finest hours had past; however, President Ronald Reagan said that it was morning in America.

President Reagan saw the sun as rising in America and said that the golden years lie ahead. He changed the way Americans looked at ourselves as a nation and made us proud again. President Reagan's optimistic vision for the future holds true today. It is morning in America and our golden years do lie ahead. This vision will help us build a safer Florida, a stronger America and a terror free world. Again, thank you for serving our communities. On behalf of the people of Florida I thank you for providing quality law enforcement and keeping us safe. You truly are making Florida a safer place to live, raise our families, and retire. It is an honor and a privilege to serve as your Speaker.



Rep. Johnnie Byrd  
Speaker of the  
Florida House of  
Representatives

## Flagler County S. O. Goes to Mobile Data Terminals

The Flagler County Sheriff's Office has installed mobile data units in patrol cars, which will make crime-fighting efforts easier for deputies.

Flagler County SO used \$234,375 in funds supplied by COPS MORE Federal Grant to purchase the units. The money is earmarked for technology projects that will help officers do their job more efficiently.

Flagler County Sheriff Jim Manfre says the new technology is a proactive approach to law enforcement that will result in a reduction of crime throughout the county, as deputies are better able to communicate with each other and track crime trends.

With the upgrade, the road patrol deputy will be able to file incident reports electronically and those reports can then be retrieved by deputies patrolling other areas as well as county law enforcement personnel, who can use the information to compare incidents for follow up investigations.

Less time spent on paperwork and travel to file reports will mean Flagler County deputies will have more time to spend in their communities – meeting residents and discussing concerns in their area.



# Levy County Jail Wins Accreditation

Only 23 jails in the state of Florida enjoy the designation of being accredited through the Florida Corrections Accreditation Commission. The Levy County Jail, operated by the Levy County Sheriff's Office, was the most recent to attain accreditation – and it is also the smallest of the jails accredited in Florida.

Though it took more than a year, Levy County Sheriff Johnny Smith says he believed that accreditation would bring greater accountability and standards of operations.

Participation in the accreditation process is voluntary, and all facilities pursuing the designation follow the same basic path toward the goal, no matter what the size or resources.

In pursuing accreditation, Sheriff Smith signed a contract agreeing to complete the process within two years and pay applicable accreditation fees. Next, the Sheriff's Office jail staff performed a self-assessment to determine their levels of compliance. When completed, a trained FCAC assessor conducted an on-site assessment. Their findings were then submitted to the Florida Corrections Accreditation Commission for review.

After determining that the Levy County Jail passed standards, the commission granted accreditation, which lasts for three years. Facilities may apply for re-accreditation at the end of the three-year term.

The recognized benefits from such a process include:

- improved management
- a defense against lawsuits



From left, Levy County Capt. Mike Johnson, Sgt. Betty Ann Watson, Sgt. Betty Lou Schultz, Sheriff Johnny Smith; Clay County Sheriff Scott Lancaster and Kim Bogart, Executive Director of the Florida Corrections Accreditation Commission.

- potential reduction in liability through adoption of sound operating practices
- demonstration of a "good faith" effort to improve conditions of confinement
- increased accountability
- enhanced public credibility for administrative and line staff
- a safer and more humane environment for personnel and inmates
- establishment of measurable criteria for upgrading programs, personnel and the physical plant

The overall purpose of FCAC is to improve the delivery of correctional services. All aspects of correctional operations are addressed through the standards, including Admission, Classification, Housing, Sanitation, Food Service, Personnel Issues, Fiscal Activities, Security, Training and Medical.

FSA congratulates Levy County Sheriff Johnny Smith and his Corrections staff for their notable achievement.

## Former Sheriff Melvin G. Colman, Innovator for Orange County SO, Dies

It is with great sadness that we report on the death of former Orange County Sheriff Melvin G. Colman.

The 23rd Sheriff of Orange County in its 151-year history, Sheriff Colman was credited with laying the foundation for the professionalism found at OCSO today.

A third generation lawenforcement officer, he started with the St. Petersburg Police Department – rising to the rank of Lieutenant before being appointed Chief of Police for the city of Winter Park. In December 1971, Florida Gov. Reubin Askew appointed him to fill the unexpired term of Orange County Sheriff David G. Starr.

Sheriff Colman was at the helm during the start of the tourist boom and continued through the population explosion. He reorganized the Office, updating facilities



and equipment, and he provided much-needed training for personnel.

The agency's Aviation Unit, SWAT Team, Bomb Squad, Victim Advocates, Media Relations Office, TAC team and Community Policing Divisions can all trace their roots back to the Colman administration.

During his tenure as Sheriff, the agency's budget increased from \$3.2 million to \$20 million, and the number of employees grew from 300 to 900. A new Sheriff's Operations Center and County Jail were also constructed, and his innovations were recognized nationally. Officials from other law-enforcement agencies visited Orange County to learn from his example.

Sheriff Colman left office in January 1981. He died in December 2002. Our sincere condolences to his family.



# Aviation Unit's Wade Hatcher is One "Racy" Deputy Sheriff

By: Mark Weinberg  
Public Information Officer  
St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office

Sgt. Wade Hatcher is a man in a hurry.

When he's not flying helicopters to crime scenes or medical emergencies as supervisor of the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office's Aviation Unit, he's racing his 1981 Chevrolet Monte Carlo stock car on the law enforcement and firefighter circuit as part of 911 Racing.

Sgt. Hatcher began his racing career in go-carts and graduated to stock cars in 1997; racing in what used to be called the Top Cop circuit throughout Florida. Now, it's known as 911 Racing.

In all, he's competed in about 50 races, competing in eight to 10 per year on quarter-mile or half-mile tracks. The races are from six to 15 miles long.

At the August race, Chief Deputy Garry R. Wilson drove the pace car and Hatcher finished third. "I won the next weekend in Bronson," he says.

Hatcher has acquired a host of sponsors for his car, and he represents St. Lucie County Sheriff Ken J. Mascara and the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office wherever he competes. Total Performance Auto and Truck in Fort Pierce is home base for Wade's racing car, where business owner Gregg Lafferty serves as chief mechanic.

Prize money from the 911 Racing circuit goes to vari-



Sgt. Wade Hatcher is pictured here at the New Smyrna Speedway last August with his father, St. Lucie County Chief Building Official Bill Hatcher. The elder Hatcher "helps with the chassis work," according to his son.

ous children's charities. This year, the money goes to build a camp in the Orlando area for children with terminal illnesses in a project sponsored by the Richard Petty family.

Auto racing can be a serious business, and injuries are always a possibility. But fortunately Hatcher says his most serious injury was limited to "getting the wind knocked out of me" on the last lap of a race at Punta Gorda. It was still a fairly scary scenario, by most people's standards: He blew a tire and hit a wall.

This coming year will be Hatcher's most serious challenge, as he juggles the time-consuming duties of Aviation Unit supervisor and stock car racing. In other words, Sgt. Wade Hatcher, helicopter pilot and stock car racer, will indeed be a man in a hurry.

## Sheriff Crowder Named "E-Visionary"

Martin County Sheriff Robert L. Crowder recently received the first "E-Visionary" award by the Electric Vehicle Association of the Americas. The award recognizes individuals who evidence leadership and vision in helping to transition the transportation sector to the use of clean, efficient electric drive technologies.

Sheriff Crowder was chosen because of his forward thinking role in protecting the environment through the use of electric vehicles in the Martin County Sheriff's Office. Currently there are 13 Toyota Prius' and 4 Honda Civics in the MCSO fleet.



In accepting the award at a press conference held in Ft. Lauderdale last December, Sheriff Crowder first thanked his wife, Debbie, for taking him to an Earth Day celebration two years ago where he was first introduced to the hybrid vehicles. He said agencies like MCSO can save 60 percent in fuel costs, and reduce dependence on foreign oil.

Sheriff Crowder also issued a challenge to other law enforcement agencies nationally, and other car manufacturers, because it is "the right thing to do" for the environment and our economy.



## Award-Winning Book On Florida Sheriffs 1821-1945

The Florida Historical Society has awarded the 2002 James J. Horgan Award for "Outstanding Books on Florida History," to co-authors William Warren Rogers, Ph.D., and James M. Denham, Ph.D., for penning the book, *Florida Sheriffs: A History, 1821-1945*.

In presenting the award, University of Central Florida's Jose Fernandez, Ph.D., chair of the selection committee, said, "Bill Rogers and Mike Denham have provided an important look at an important element of county politics in Florida. They have focused their attention on county Sheriffs who were important political figures in Florida and who also operated on the frontlines of law enforcement. This is a major contribution to understanding the political dynamics of early Florida."

If you haven't already secured your copy of this **Award-Winning** book, don't miss this opportunity. Copies are available for \$29.50 each, plus shipping and tax. This edition will also make a great gift – so be sure to get extra copies!

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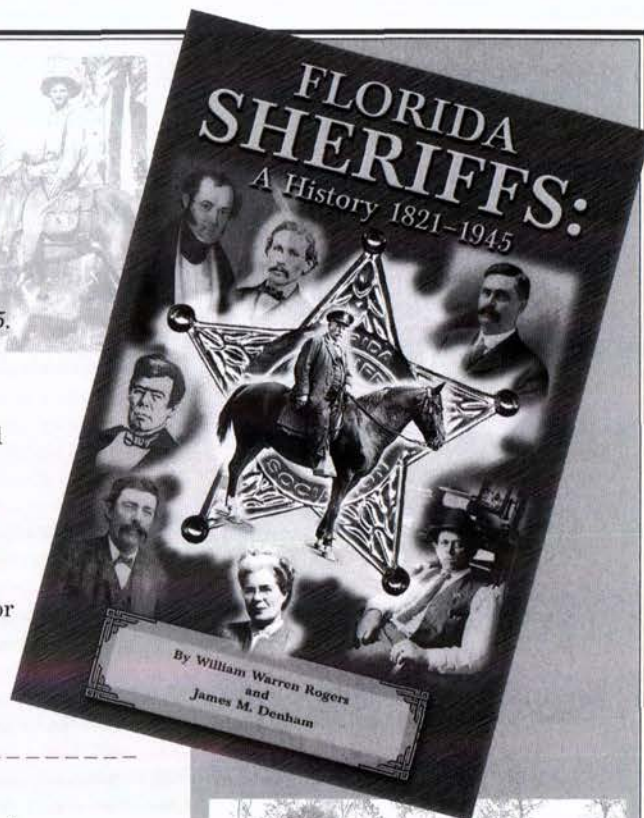
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Co-authors William Warren Rogers and James M. Denham have earned enviable reputations nationally for their ability to dig out little known historical facts and publish them in book form for others to enjoy. Both are professors of history, but more 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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# FLORIDA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION

## HONOR ROLL



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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**SARASOTA COUNTY** – Gold Business Member award presented by Sarasota County Sheriff Bill Balkwill (left) and FSYR Development Officer Bill Brown to Andrew Olwert of Unisource Administrators, Inc.



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# FLORIDA SHERIFFS YOUTH RANCHES

## HONOR ROLL



**GADSDEN COUNTY** – Presented by  
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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 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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Mr. & Mrs. Charles Palmer



George Hall

**ALACHUA COUNTY** – Presented by Alachua County Sheriff  
Steve Oelrich to Mike Poole of Poole Realty, Mr. & Mrs.  
Charles Palmer, George Hall and Michael Warren of AMJ, Inc.



Michael Warren



Mike Poole



Jan and Dan Condon



**LEON COUNTY** –  
Presented by FSYR  
Chairman Bradford  
County Sheriff Bob  
Milner to Tom  
Berlinger (left, on  
behalf of he and his  
wife, June) and Jan  
and Dan Condon.

Tom  
Berlinger





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 Mr. and Mrs. Shawn Johnson  
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 Dep. Raymond L. Kellerman  
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 Ms. Barbara Lense  
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Win Neudeck



Mike Edwards

**SUWANNEE COUNTY** - Presented by Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches President Roger Bouchard to Boys Ranch alum Mike Edwards and Win Neudeck.



**SUWANNEE COUNTY** - Presented by Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches President Roger Bouchard and Vice President of Program Bill Frye to FSyr Office Manager, Fran Melanson.



Tina Allen

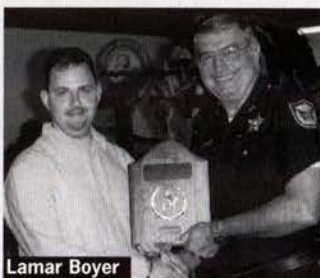


Ken Manuel

**SUWANNEE COUNTY** - Presented by Suwannee County Sheriff Al Williams to Tina Allen, Ken Manuel, Judith T. Cohen, Lamar Boyer of Farmer's Furniture, Katrina Johnson, Georgianne Capell and the Ron Falleck family (clockwise, from top left): Ron, Jr., Marcia, Ron Sr., Alexander and Victoria.



Judith T. Cohen



Lamar Boyer



Katrina Johnson



Georgianne Capell



**SUWANNEE COUNTY** - Presented by Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches President Roger Bouchard (left) and President-Emeritus Harry Weaver, to Gayle Weaver (daughter of Harry Weaver).



**SARASOTA COUNTY** - Presented by Sarasota County Sheriff William Balkwill to the Grand Lodge I.O.O.F. of Florida, Inc.



**VOLUSIA COUNTY** - Presented by Youth Ranches staff to David Horrigan.



Ron Falleck family





**COLLIER COUNTY** – Presented by Collier County Sheriff Don Hunter to Philip E. Schmidt.



**COLLIER COUNTY** – Presented by Collier County Sheriff's Office Chief of Operations Bill Stieff to William Rachles.



Donald Sabol



Judy Bennett

**CLAY COUNTY** – Presented by Clay County Sheriff Scott Lancaster (right) and FSyr Development Officer David Kritzmacher to Donald Sabol and Judy Bennett.



**VOLUSIA COUNTY** – Presented by FSyr Development Officer David Kritzmacher to Wilfred Yoos.



**SARASOTA COUNTY** – Presented by Sarasota County Sheriff Bill Balkwill (left) and FSyr Development Officer Bill Brown to Eunice Feininger.



**PALM BEACH COUNTY** – Presented by Palm Beach County Sheriff Ed Bieluch to Mr. & Mrs. Alfred David Neuweiler.



**LEVY COUNTY** – Presented by Levy County Sheriff Johnny M. Smith, Jr. to Arthur H. Nussel, Sr.



**GILCHRIST COUNTY** – Presented by Gilchrist County Sheriff David Turner to Mr. & Mrs. Charles T. Byram.



**GLADES COUNTY** – Presented by Glades County Sheriff Jim Rider to Ray W. Helfin.



William A. Oughterson



Karlin Daniel

**MARTIN COUNTY** – Presented by Martin County Sheriff Bob Crowder to Karlin Daniel and William A. Oughterson.



Lynette Vermillion



Robbie Hofher and Steve Silver



Carolyn Fender



Don Foster

**MARION COUNTY** – Presented by Marion County Sheriff Ed Dean to Lynette Vermillion on behalf of Florida Power Corporation, Robbie Hofher and Steve Silver of Sez Who Thoroughbreds, Carolyn Fender and Don Foster.



**COLUMBIA COUNTY** – Presented by Columbia County Sheriff Frank Owens (left) and Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches President Roger Bouchard (right) to Jerry and Luanne Blair



**OSCEOLA COUNTY** – Presented by Osceola County Sheriff Charlie Aycock to Thelma Williams.



**BROWARD COUNTY** – Presented by Youth Ranches staff to Katherine and Joseph Allen.



**FT. MYERS** – Presented by Youth Ranches Development Officer Bill Aust to Martha L. Dean.





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ESCAMBIA COUNTY - Presented by Escambia County Sheriff Ron McNesby to John Bovis and family.



MANATEE COUNTY - Presented by Manatee County Sheriff Charlie Wells (right) and FSYR Development Officer Bill Brown (left) to Tim Macri of Beef O'Brady's.

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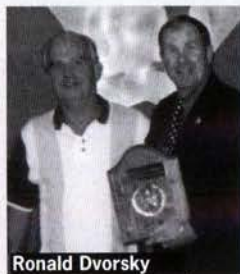
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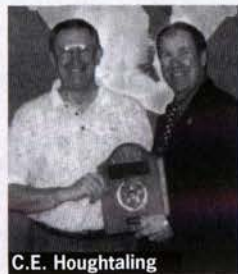




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**CITRUS COUNTY** – Presented by Citrus County Sheriff Jeff Dawsy (far right) to Maureen Samstag, Ronald Dvorsky, C.E. Houghtaling, David Seso, Mr. & Mrs. John Barnes, Mr. & Mrs. Winston Robinette, Mr. & Mrs. Louis Rollen, Aluah Cox, Mr. & Mrs. Henry Krane, Katherine Murphy and Sue Mudder on behalf of Dr. Cheryl McFarland.



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Mr. & Mrs. Henry Krane



Katherine Murphy



Sue Mudder



Cpl. Joseph G. "Gregg" Kastor



Mary M. Mills



Patrick Sora



Joe and Betty Sullivan



Don Garrison



Truman and Lynda Corr

**SUWANNEE COUNTY** – Presented by Suwannee County Sheriff Al Williams to Cpl. Joseph G. "Gregg" Kastor, Mary M. Mills, Patrick Sora, Joe and Betty Sullivan, Don Garrison, Truman and Lynda Corr and Jane Gray.



Jane Gray



Steve Appel



Roland Sosa



Deputy Brian Litz

**MARION COUNTY** – Presented by Marion County Sheriff Ed Dean to Steve Appel, Roland Sosa of Rispoli-Sosa Architecture, Inc. and Marion County Deputy Brian Litz.





FSA President, Alachua County Sheriff Steve Oelrich (left) and Florida Department of Children and Families Secretary Jerry Regier.



Florida Parole Commission Chairman Jimmie Henry (left) and Bay County Sheriff Guy Tunnell.

## FSA Photo Clips

The Florida Sheriffs Association Legislative Seafood Fest, held at the Tallahassee Antique Car Museum on March 25, provided some very worthwhile networking opportunities among the Sheriffs, state agency officials, lawmakers and those linked to the criminal justice system – including the Chiefs of Police and FDLE. We caught a few of the notables on film.



FDLE's Tom McInerney (left) and Florida Police Chiefs Association President Roy Arigo, Chief of the Coral Springs Police Department.



Madison County Sheriff Pete Bucher (left) shares a light moment with state attorney Jerry Blair, president of the Florida Prosecuting Attorney's Association (center) and Bradford County Sheriff Bob Milner.

