

THE SHERIFF'S STAR



*Wishing you
safe and happy
Holidays*

From the desk of . . .

Gary Perkins, Executive Director
Florida Sheriffs Association



The holidays are a special time of giving *and* receiving. And while we wish you nothing but the best this season, we want to also remind you to take extra precaution.

While retailers work overtime to keep up with the demands of shoppers, our crime records indicate that scam artists and burglars are working overtime, too. Research shows that bad guys often take advantage of the frenzied pace of the holidays when we're more distracted – making us an easy target.

And you can bet that bad guys have their own holiday shopping lists. Unfortunately, it often involves already wrapped gifts displayed under a Christmas tree in an unoccupied dwelling (not theirs).

To help you have a safer and happier holiday, we've included a few tips to protect your home and yourself when out shopping.

With identity thefts at an all-time high, you should also be vigilant about protecting your credit card, driver's license and Social Security numbers, along with other identifiers. If you read the news in your local newspaper, it will come as no surprise to learn that identity theft is making criminals out of seemingly everyday people. Everyone from college students and waitresses to trusted roommates are trying to get in on the act.

Just recently, I read about a criminal who was targeting the identities of deceased physicians and attorneys. It seems he was using information he obtained from the newspaper obituaries to steal identities.

Targeting widows and widowers...now that's stooping about as low as you can go.

The good news is that the Florida Attorney General and Florida Department of Law Enforcement have teamed up to offer a website for those who may have had their identity stolen – as well as those who just want to know more about protecting themselves from this invasive and damaging crime.

Read more facts in our *Crime Trends* column, opposite this page.

Make sure your charity is a worthy one

Since it's the end of the year, and many of our readers will be eyeing last-minute tax deductions, we also urge you to be extra cautious in selecting worthy charities to support. It's not good enough just to be "non profit" anymore, as many case studies will tell you. As little as 30 percent of fundraising dollars go to support the purpose for which they were raised by many not-for-profit organizations.

I'm proud to tell you that our record here is stellar: More than 70 percent of donations to FSA actually go to programs that benefit law enforcement in Florida. Our administrative costs have always been kept to a minimum.

You can make sure your dollars go farther by searching the name of your intended organization in the Gift Giver's Guide, accessible online at www.800helpfla.com, or requesting the Guide by calling 1-800-HELP-FLA.

Of course, our favorite charity around here is the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches. In fact, this is a good time to consider major gifts to the FSYR.

To celebrate its upcoming 50th anniversary, the Youth Ranches announced the Sheriffs Endowment Challenge. The goal is to build the Endowment Fund to \$50 million by 2007.

All 67 Sheriffs are supporting the effort and will be out seeking support in their home counties. Find out more information at their website: www.youthranches.org

Again, our family at the Florida Sheriffs Association wish you and yours a very happy and safe holiday season.

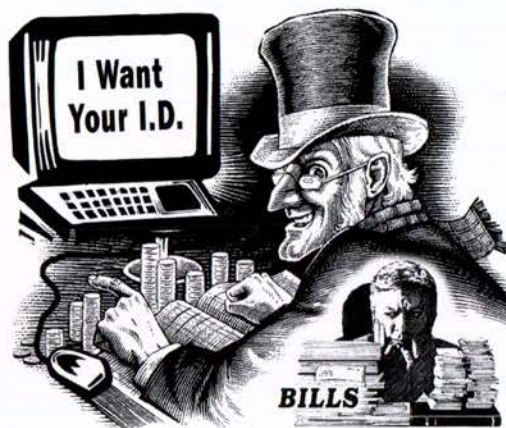

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Attorney General, FDLE Launch Identity Theft Website

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Florida law-enforcement agencies now have a new tool to help the victims of identity theft, thanks to the work of Attorney General Charlie Crist and Florida Department of Law Enforcement Commissioner Guy Tunnell. In mid-October, the Attorney General and FDLE teamed up to launch Florida's new "Identity Theft Resource and Response Center," the state's official portal for identity theft information. The online center, located at www.myfloridalegal.com/identitytheft, features an Identity Theft Victim Kit, a step-by-step resource guide for Floridians who have been victimized. The kit outlines specific actions an individual can take to respond to identity theft and directs victims to key resources offered through Florida state agencies.

"Identity theft is a rapidly growing crime that is victimizing millions of individuals across the country, turning their lives upside-down," says Crist. "This site gives citizens a place to go. It's a one-stop shop that very clearly and simply lets victims



know who to call and what to do when they discover that their identity has been stolen."

Victims can also find help over the telephone by calling the Attorney General's Fraud Hotline at 1-866-9-NO-SCAM.

One component of the Victim Kit is FDLE's process to issue "Compromised Identity Certificates" to victims whose names or personal identifiers appear in a criminal record for a crime they did not commit. "On a daily basis, we're getting calls from citizens who have been denied employment, refused housing, or even turned down for child adoption," Tunnell said. "Their lives have been adversely impacted, and it's our job to work with our law-enforcement partners to resolve the situation and help avoid further hardship."

Identity theft victims who suspect that their criminal record information has been compromised must complete a Compromised Identity Claim Form,

which includes a fingerprint card. Victims must be fingerprinted by a law-enforcement agency, and, to ensure the integrity of the prints, the Claim Forms must be submitted directly to FDLE in an official agency envelope.

Through a fingerprint comparison of state criminal history files, FDLE can then determine what, if any, criminal history records exist for the identity theft victim and then work with local law-enforcement agencies to attempt to clear any fraudulent data discovered from the criminal history files.

Certificates will only be issued to victims whose personal identifiers have been used in a criminal record that does not belong to them. Law Enforcement personnel, as well as civilian employers, or landlords, etc., may verify the authenticity of a Compromised Identity Certificate by contacting FDLE's Quality Control Section at (850) 410-8880.

FDLE and the Attorney General will partner again to host identity theft public seminars throughout Florida. The seminars will be held in conjunction with "Capitol for a Day" and will cover identity theft prevention information, as well as tips for victims for restoring their good names. Victim advocates from the Attorney General's office and FDLE special agents will present the seminars. ✱

For more information, visit the new Identity Theft Resource and Response Center Website at: www.myfloridalegal.com/identitytheft, or call 1-866-9-NO-SCAM (1-866-966-7226).

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"Police Santa" Filling Kris Kringle's Shoes

Last December, 60 children who had been affected by illness, crime or other unhappy circumstances, woke up Christmas morning to a dream come true. Gifts from their wish list were waiting under the tree, thanks to a new nonprofit organization called Officer Kris Kringle.

Founded in 2002 by Bryan Selzer, a Deputy with the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, Officer Kris Kringle is a nonprofit charity program supported by Sheriffs Deputies that helps to create a memorable Christmas for children who have suffered much pain in their short lives.

Selzer, president and founder of Officer Kris Kringle, Inc., says he is determined to make his nonprofit a nationally recognized police founded charity. But in the meantime, he wants to deliver on the wishes of 200 children in the Jacksonville area this Christmas.

By 2005, he hopes to up that number to 500 children.

Changing lives – one at a time

The father of one child, Selzer says he believes that those blessed need to share with those less fortunate. He says he also believes that law-enforcement officers should take an active part in the community they are serving.

His organization, Officer Kris Kringle, targets underprivileged children who are either very ill, homeless, or



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victims of violent crimes.

The group works closely with the Sulzbacher Center for the Homeless and Baptist Children's Hospital.

Jacksonville Victims Services Center provides the group with names of youngsters who have been victims of violent crimes including sexual abuse and neglect.

Children who may have had a negative encounter with law enforcement are also considered for the program. This may involve domestic violence cases, where the child witnessed both parents being arrested, or where an officer had to make a death notification of the child's parent.

Once qualified, the child makes a wish list of things he or she would like for Christmas. Officer Kris Kringle, of course, is in charge of making that wish come true.

A large percentage of the donations for purchases come from law-enforcement personnel and other city employees through Jacksonville's payroll deduction program. Duval County and the city of Jacksonville are part of a merged city/county government.

Private organizations are also encouraged to donate services, money and gifts.

Special deliveries and special people

Toys are delivered to each child by uniformed police officers, to show the children that police officers *do* care.

Last year, some of the children had an opportunity to meet "Officer Kris Kringle," also called "The Police Santa," in person.

In addition to distributing gifts, the program seeks to distribute Child Identification Kits, which include fingerprints of a child, an updated photo, information that will help in identity, such as height, weight, birthmarks, etc., hair to use as a DNA sample and a sample missing child poster to be used in emergencies.

Selzer says the kit is small enough to fit in the glove compartment of an automobile, for use by law enforcement.

For more information about Officer Kris Kringle, or to make donations, write to: Officer Bryan Selzer, Officer Kris Kringle, 11111-70 San Jose Boulevard, Ste. 175, Jacksonville, FL 32223, e-mail: info@officerkriskringle.com, Or visit the website: www.officerkriskringle.com

Santa's Mailbag



From the Kids

Dear Officer Kris Kringle:

Thanks for a gift that I really wanted. I'm thankful for this because my Mom is the only person that buys things for us, since my Dad is dead.

Yeah, my family needs help the majority of the time, that's why I thank you for this gift.

M.J.

Dear Officer Kris Kringle:

Thank you for the bike and toys.

You helped us have a much better Christmas. We really appreciate the presents.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Love,
R.W.

Dear Officer Kris Kringle:

Thank you for bringing a smile to my face at Christmas time.

Thank you.
L.L.

From Moms:

Dear Officer Kris Kringle:

I would like to thank you for my children's gifts for Christmas. When (Victim's Services) called and told me that my family was one of the families picked to receive gifts, I cried. A few

days before that I had told my kids that I couldn't get them much this year.

I thanked God also that we were picked and whatever they have, they will greatly appreciate it, just as I do.

Thank you.
A.M.

Dear Officer Kris Kringle:

I would love to extend my thankfulness for the gifts that you have given my children.

It is so nice to know that someone still cares about the innocent victims in this society today.

Again, thank you very much.
M.P. and family



Unsung Heroes: Crossing Guard Retires After 40 Years of Service

When most people think of Sheriffs' Offices, they think of front-line deputies, SWAT Teams and other emergency-oriented activities. But Florida Sheriffs are responsible for everything from jail administration to serving warrants and even assisting children as school crossing guards.

School crossing guards?

Yes, that's right. And, in a lot of cases, we're talking about long-term employees here. They're truly unsung heroes.

In Putnam County, this past September, one School Crossing Guard retired after 40 years of service.

Putnam County Sheriff Taylor Douglas hosted a luncheon in honor of Verbena Bryant, who has protected generations of school children.

Bryant has been a familiar face to drivers for the last four decades, covering two schools in the Palatka area – Jenkins Middle School and James A. Long Elementary. She has crossed lit-



Sheriff Douglas said that Bryant's service spanned generations. "She's seen many of (the children) become grown-ups and have their own kids," whom she assisted on their way to school.

erally thousands of children, and has been a mentor to many.

Recognizing the retirement of 77-year old Verbena Bryant, Putnam County Sheriff Taylor Douglas said, "She missed very few days – everybody is in awe." No matter what the weather – raining, cold and miserable or 100 degrees – she was out there working for the safety of children. He noted that there were never any accidents at her intersections, either.

"Verbena has looked after all of those children for 40 years and coun-

seled them when needed as if they were her own," says Sheriff Douglas. "She has been a trusted and reliable member of the Sheriff's Office and we will all miss her."

Bryant holds the record in Putnam County for years of service in the school crossing unit. Beginning in 1963, Bryant also worked for two years at the old county jail as a matron,

supervising female inmates. Bryant worked the 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. shift and then escorted children as a crossing guard.

The Putnam County Sheriff's Office has 18 school crossing guards assigned to various schools around the county. School crossing guards have a demanding job, requiring a lot of patience with children and motorists.

"It takes a lot of dedication for a crossing guard to split up their day, having to report for duty in the mornings and then return in the afternoon," says Sheriff Douglas. "They are a valuable asset to our children and community." ❁

3 Three Brothers, Three Badges And a Remarkable Resemblance

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Volusia County Sheriff's Deputy Yackel drives home after a long day patrolling the streets of Deltona, while another Deputy Yackel starts his shift at a Deltona grocery store answering a suspicious person call. Just a few miles north, yet another Deputy Yackel weaves his patrol car through the dirt roads of rural DeLeon Springs.

Without the benefit of cloning, it would seem to be an amazing feat to have three deputies who share a unique name working on behalf of the same law enforcement agency fighting crime.

In this case, it's the next best thing to cloning: The three Yackels are brothers; two are identical twins and all three have a long history of working together.

Gregg, Craig and Brad joined the Sheriff's Office together in 2001. But they have a long history of sticking together through other career moves, following a childhood that included frequent moves throughout Europe with a military father.

The Yackel brothers, from left, twins Craig and Gregg and their brother, Brad, have followed similar careers, including culinary arts, truck driving and – now – as Deputies for the Volusia County Sheriff's Office. Kurt Yackel, their father, says of twins Gregg (pictured at right) and Craig, "I'm their father and even I have trouble telling the twins apart by sight."

Shared childhood dream and careers

"We were always interested in law enforcement, but we didn't know how to get into the field," says Craig. "Most of our childhood was spent in Western Europe and in Berlin, Germany, before the wall was torn down. To get into law enforcement there, you have to either know someone who will get you in, or you have to serve in the military. We didn't know if that was how it worked here in the United States."

The Yackel family returned to the states during the boys' teen years, and they finished high school in Satellite Beach, Florida. Twins Gregg and Craig graduated first and weren't sure what they wanted to do for a career. Craig credits their mother with prodding them into their first career field.

"She told us we were going to school somewhere no matter what," says Craig. "She told us, 'You like to eat and you like to cook, so why not do something with that?'"

The twins took Mom's advice and went to the Florida Culinary Institute. They attained their associate degrees in culinary arts, and when Brad graduated high school, he decided to join his brothers in the field. Brad attended the institute for the basic program, while Gregg and Craig returned there to get advanced degrees in food and beverage management.

Armed with this new training, the trio found employment at Disney. They worked there for about two years in the kitchen of the Grand Floridian Resort. They've cooked for a few memorable guests there, including Bill



Gates, wrestling icon Hulk Hogan and a Saudi Arabian princess who brought along her own china to use. Long hours on the "hot line," as the kitchen is called, took its toll, and the brothers lost interest.

"There wasn't much money in the field," says Craig, "and no real advancement opportunity. The job was boring, but we still had to pay the bills."

Hitting the road with new training

A late night television commercial about truck driving training offered the twins a ticket off the hot line. They jumped at the chance to attend the three-week school and thus satisfy a wanderlust that had been eating at them.

"We've seen most of Western Europe, but we hadn't seen much of the United States, so this was a great chance to see the country," says Gregg.

Meanwhile, Brad and their father, Kurt Yackel, talked about working as a truck driving team, too. Kurt and Brad were both tired of their jobs at the time, and as a result, there were four Yackels on the road doing long hauls of cargo such as medical supplies, car parts and produce.

"We've seen every state except North Dakota, Hawaii and Alaska," says Craig.

However, like the cooking job before it, trucking got stale after about two years. All three brothers agreed that it became just another job; they had gotten everything out of the job they wanted. Meanwhile, Kurt grew anxious to be around for the youngest of the Yackel family, Nicholas, while he was still in high school.

"He missed being there for the football games, and didn't want to miss any more events in Nicholas' life," says Brad.

Craig and Gregg opted to return to cooking, while Brad got a job working for the security company Brinks, where he learned the steps to becoming certified in law enforcement.

In November 2000 they completed their courses and – amazingly – all landed jobs at the Volusia County Sheriff's Office. The three brothers enthusiastically agree that they've finally settled into a profession that fulfills their career ambitions.

Kurt Yackel says, "I had tears in my eyes when the Sheriff pinned on their badges and commented on this being the first time he ever had three people from the same family working as deputies. I just don't have words to express how proud I am of them. It's quite an achievement. I know they'll go far."

Craig is confident that his days of job-hopping are over. "I like the job way too much to change now," he says. "You never know what's going to happen on this job."

Weapons and war memorabilia

Their parallel career paths aren't the only things the brothers have in common. They're all certified divers, with Gregg and Brad serving on the Sheriff's Office's dive team. They all collect firearms, especially the models that replicate the powder-firing weapons of centuries past. But perhaps the most interesting hobby that keeps the brothers occupied is participating in civil war re-enactments. They have the uniforms, weapons and miscellaneous equipment to fight on either side of the war.

"It doesn't matter if we are Yankees or rebels," says Gregg. "It's just fun to be out there participating. The great thing about being on the northern side is having all the same uniforms and marching uniformly with the American flag flowing by you. On the other hand, there's nothing like being on the southern side when the command to charge is given and everyone lets loose with the famous rebel yell."

It might seem odd that the three men have done everything together from jobs to hobbies, but Craig suggests it was the many moves with the Air Force that reinforced their bond; it's difficult to retain outside friendships when you're on the move.

Looks keep residents guessing

Kurt says in spite of their shared interests and looks, each has his own individual personalities, but he admits, "I'm their father and even I have trouble telling the twins apart by sight."

And Brad looks a lot like his twin brothers. This leads to occasional confusion when the men are dealing with the public. More than once a Yackel has been told, "I've dealt with you before," when the person actually had dealt with one of the other brothers.

One obvious difference is that Brad is married with two children, while the twins are bachelors. Beyond that, though, even the brothers have to give the matter some thought before coming up with differences. Eventually, they're able to identify Craig's reluctance to participate in the dive team.

Regardless of what special interests the Yackel brothers pursue while Sheriff's Deputies, Kurt is very much aware of the danger they all face every day. He rode with Gregg on patrol once and was amazed by the calm confidence Gregg showed when pulling people over or zipping through traffic on the way to a call.

"I know I couldn't do it," says Kurt. "It hit me when I was watching him walk up to a car he had pulled over that I have three sons out here doing this. Whenever I get a call late at night, I dread that it might be about one of them, and I hope nothing has happened."

The Yackels' separate shifts keep them from getting together too often these days, but they do try to juggle their time to see each other when they can. As for their past careers, the brothers have no desire to return to the hot line or the long stretches of highway.

They've finally settled into a career that satisfies: Deputy Sheriff. ♣

Legal Wheels: Can You Ride That Thing on the Road?

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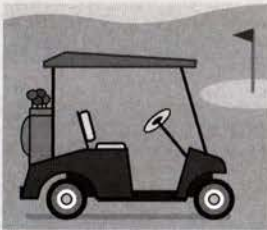
Mopeds, go-peds, electric scooters, golf carts, bicycles... some parents purchase these items for children who are not yet old enough to drive.

Which brings us to the question: Where and by whom may these vehicles be operated?

Let's try to set the record straight:

- **Rules of the Public Roads.** You must be at least 16 years old and have a valid driver's license to operate any motorized vehicle on public roads. That means a 15-year-old is not allowed to operate a go-ped, moped, or similar vehicle on the roads.

- **Golf Carts.** Local cities and counties may designate certain roads for use by golf carts. If that is done, the road must have appropriate signs posted.



The minimum age to operate a golf cart on such a road is 14... no license required. This is applicable only for golf carts – not mopeds, go-peds or other vehicles.

- **Bikes.** Bicycles may use bicycle paths, sidewalks or roads. On the road, bicyclists must drive on the right side of



the road with other traffic (do not ride facing oncoming cars), and must obey all traffic laws. On sidewalks, bicyclists must yield to pedestrians, and must sound a horn or bell before overtaking and passing a pedestrian. Bicyclists under age 16 are required to wear helmets.

- **Sharing the Walkways.** On the subject of sidewalks and bicycle paths, mopeds, go-peds and other motorized vehicles are not allowed. Quoting the law: "No person shall drive any vehicle other than by human power upon a bicycle path, sidewalk, or sidewalk area..." There is, however, one exception: "electric personal mobility devices" are allowed on sidewalks.

- **Human Transporters.**

Electric personal mobility devices are a new critter in the law. They are described as, "Any self-balancing, two-nontandem-wheeled device, designed to carry only one person, with an electric propulsion system with average power of 750 watts (1 horsepower), the maximum speed of which, on a paved level surface when powered solely by such a propulsion system while



being ridden by an operator who weighs 170 pounds, is less than 20 miles per hour." With that mouthful, it sounds to me like the Legislature had in mind the Segway Human Transporter. The rules for it are very similar to those for bicycles. If you have one, you may operate it on sidewalks, bicycle paths, or roads where the speed limit is 25 or less. No license is required; riders under 16 must wear a helmet.

- **Mopeds.** There's apparently some contradictory language in the law. Riders under 16 are



required to wear a helmet, and nobody under 16 may rent a moped. The problem is, where is

someone under 16 going to ride a moped? If you're using the motor, you need a driver's license to operate it on the road, and it's not allowed on sidewalks or bicycle paths at all.

- **Go-peds, also known as motorized scooters.** The law does not mention any helmet requirement... but, again, if you're using the motor, they're not legal on sidewalks or bike paths... and you need a driver's license to operate them on the road. ♣

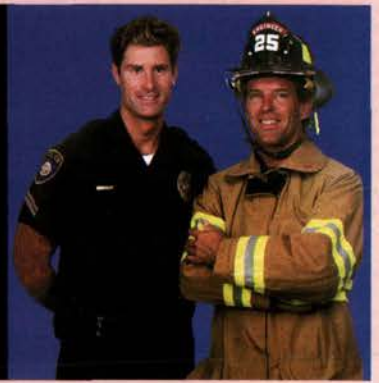
Send your crime prevention and personal safety questions to Rick Hord, c/o Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office, 1250 Eglin Parkway, Shalimar, FL 32357-1234, or via e-mail: rhord@sheriff-okaloosa.org.

The Flagler County Sheriff's Office captured an "armed and dangerous" registered sex offender recently after residents were alerted through a new CodeRED emergency communications system.

Through the system, the Sheriff's Office was able to make 5,000 calls to Flagler County residents in a just a few minutes, alerting them that the offender was on the loose in the area. Victor Tyrone Sparrow was wanted for armed robbery with a firearm and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

Sparrow knocked on the door at the home of residents who had received the CodeRED phone calls at 6:05 p.m. and 8:48 p.m. The couple called the police, who arrested him within minutes.

CodeRED is a patented, real-time Internet-based message delivery system from Emergency Communications Network (ECN) that can make more than 60,000 recorded phone calls per hour into a geographic area based on the specifics of the situation. CodeRED was designed to provide immediate access to timely information, including weather emergencies, local criminal activity and homeland security issues. Most recently, CodeRED was called into service in several mid-Atlantic states to alert



Armed and Dangerous Sex Offender Captured in Flagler County Through "CodeRED" System

residents before and after Hurricane Isabel struck.

The Fort Lauderdale-based non-profit agency A Child is Missing (ACIM) utilizes the CodeRED calling system to help find missing children and seniors, and also

issues sexual predator alerts. ACIM, which stands ready 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, has received more than 4,900 calls for assistance from law-enforcement agencies across the country and has made more than 2.9 million calls to residents. Hundreds of communities across the country utilize the CodeRED system, either as direct customers or through their local law-enforcement agencies' involvement with A Child is Missing.

Flagler County has used the CodeRED system for the past nine months. "Sheriff Manfre gave us the chance to prove CodeRED in a critical situation — and it worked," said David DiGiacomo, executive director of ECN. "Communication is what keeps communities safe, and today Flagler County residents are safer because of the CodeRED communication system. That's our goal." ❀

No. 1 at Fighting Gangs: It's OCSO

The Florida Gang Investigator's Association picked the Orange County Sheriff's Office Gang Enforcement Unit as the No. 1 gang unit in the state during its annual training conference held this past October.

The unit was formed in 1990 in response to signs of fledgling gang activity that was beginning to take place in Orange County. Since its inception, the unit has been successful in identifying 59 active street gangs, 48 "pending" street gangs, and documenting approximately 2,000 gang members or associates of gangs.



The unit provided assistance to a number of other units inside and outside of the Sheriff's Office that directly led to the eradication of three separate gang sets, the arrests of approximately 220 gang members, the service of 13 gang-related search warrants, and two cold case homicides being solved.

The Orange County Sheriff's Office Gang Enforcement Unit also serves as the training hub for the southeast region of the Gang Resistance Education and Training Program (GREAT). Agents assigned to the Gang Unit have conducted GREAT presentations in seven states throughout the nation.

Congratulations to Orange County Sheriff Kevin Beary and his Gang Enforcement Unit. ❀

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY



Holidays are supposed to be a happy time. Unfortunately, though, crime statistics indicate the holidays are when people are most vulnerable to burglary, theft and other crimes.

The following tips, brought to you by the National Crime Prevention Council and Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, will help assure you and your family enjoy a safe and secure holiday season.

PROTECT YOUR HOME

- New purchases and gifts that accompany the holiday season can make your home a target for burglars. Be sure doors and windows are locked. Also, make sure wrapped gifts and other valuables are not in plain view from outside.
- Once the gifts are unwrapped, don't put empty boxes advertising the new purchases in plain view at the trashcan. Instead, deposit them into the trash or recycle bin – or use a community dumpster.
- Take special precaution when answering the door to delivery people

or those who claim to be collecting for charity. Many con artists take advantage of holiday generosity by going door-to-door. Ask for identification and get specifics to how and where the donations will be spent/used. Ask for identification before opening your home to delivery people.

- If you have a home security system, but have gotten out of the habit of setting it, the holidays are a good time to re-commit to using the alarm. Many people who have become victims of crime said they have a system, but just didn't use it at the time.
- Planning to travel? Protect your home by making it appear occupied. Use timers to turn lights, televisions and sound systems off and on. Stop regular deliveries, such as mail, newspapers or water. Have a trusted friend place your trash outside and pick the containers up again.
- When traveling by car, make sure you have a roadside emergency kit, including blankets, flares, first aid kit, tire change kit

and flashlight. In addition, have your car serviced and tires checked before leaving.

- Most important, when attending holiday parties, be sure to designate a non-drinking driver. If you are hosting a holiday gathering remember not to let intoxicated guests drive home.

BE SAFE WHILE SHOPPING

While out gift hunting, be sure to follow these safe-shopping tips:

- Do not carry large amounts of cash; pay with a check or credit card if possible.
- At malls and shopping plazas, park in well-lighted areas near sidewalks or walkways. Avoid parking near dumpsters, woods, large vans or trucks.
- Try to park in a garage with an attendant.
- Leave only your ignition key with valet services.
- Approach your parked car with key in hand. Look around and inside your car before getting in.
- Store packages in the trunk of your car so they are out of sight of would-be burglars. If you drive an SUV, don't forget to bring the cargo cover.
- Whenever possible, shop with someone else, as criminals are less likely to target two or more people. If you take your children shopping, teach them to go to a police officer or a store security guard if they get separated or get lost.
- Don't overburden yourself with packages, which can make it difficult to keep track of your purse or wallet, or prevent you from responding to a personal threat.
- Trust your instincts. If something makes you feel uneasy, get into the car quickly, lock the doors, and drive away.
- ATMs, self-serve gas stations, unpopulated intersections, highway exits or entry ramps are all prime locations for car-jacking incidents. Be aware of your surroundings at all times. ❀

Put a Star on Your Car!

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Overexposed:

Arrest of Newspaper Exec Nets High Profile Account

By: Kevin Doll
Public Information Officer
Pasco County Sheriff's Office

Many arrests made by law-enforcement officers receive coverage by local, state and sometimes national media outlets. However, one recent arrest by a Pasco Sheriff's Deputy was unusual for a number of reasons.

On August 21, 2003, Deputy Brandon Todd made a routine stop in Zephyrhills on a vehicle that had a non-working tag light. Upon checking the male driver's information, Deputy Todd discovered a seven-year-old outstanding warrant for non-payment of child support. He then made the only decision he could: He arrested the man for the outstanding warrant.

What Deputy Todd soon found out was that his arrestee was Dave Hasselman, editor of the local Zephyrhills newspaper. And, what the entire agency and the readership of the newspaper soon found out was how he was treated during his arrest and temporary incarceration in the Land O' Lakes Detention Center.

Hasselman wrote about his ordeal in a four-part series for his weekly newspaper column.

What every Florida Sheriff's

Deputy can learn from this incident is that you never know when your actions as a law enforcement or detention Deputy will become front-page news. It can either become a chance to receive unsolicited favorable publicity, or an unfortunate stain on an agency's reputation.

The story begins...

The night of the arrest, Deputy Brandon Todd, a PSO Deputy for three and a half years, was assisting other Pasco Deputies in cracking down on street-level drug dealers. Hasselman was returning home from working late at his office when he passed through the area of the operation. They both were about to meet for what would be not only Hasselman's first arrest, but also Todd's first arrest of a member of the news media – something most deputies never encounter.

As explained in Hasselman's first newspaper column about the incident, "The concept of giving respect in order to receive it in return is something that I have stressed consistently throughout my life. My attitude paid off as the officers in the company and especially Deputy Brandon Todd were nothing but cordial and professional to me. They did all they could to make me comfortable. They spoke with me as a human being and did all they could to accommodate me in contacting those who needed contacting."

Bear in mind Hasselman received this treatment *before* they knew of his profession.

Incarceration

Hasselman's next three columns detailed his stay at the Pasco County Sheriff's Office Land O' Lakes Detention Center. He wrote about the actions of his fellow inmates, his conversations with them and their interactions with the detention Deputies. He described the Deputies as having a serious nature but "... some were almost amiable and willing to pass a small amount of time in idle conversation or even a joke, but

overall the mood was one of extreme stoic demonstration ..." He was dismayed at how some inmates "... considered it a twisted badge of courage to force the officers to subdue them for some transgression." Hasselman did not pull any punches about the dreariness of his stay behind bars, which included "... a lack of sunlight, tasteless food, boredom, fear, (and a) lack of knowledge of progress in your case ..." His writing articulately expressed what most citizens luckily never need to experience: a stint in the county jail.

Conclusion

Hasselman currently waits for his case to work its way through the court system, and blames an erroneous warrant that led to his arrest. His final column reflected what he gained from his experience, at a cost that included his temporary loss of his freedom:

"... the main reason that I have written this long-winded account ... is to actually commend those that apprehended me and kept me captive. Each officer that I had come in contact with knew his or her job, performed it well and kept a professional demeanor about themselves at all times.

"Their training ... is impeccable and from corporal to colonel there was no incompetence shown. Sheriff Bob White and his staff should be commended for their work."

As positive as Hasselman's columns were in describing the agency and its members during his ordeal, it could just as easily been a bashing in ink had he felt his experience warranted it. An old public relations axiom is to perform your duties as if you are being videotaped for the evening news or your actions will be described in the top story of the next day's newspaper.

For this incident, the Pasco Sheriff's Office and its deputies passed the test. ♣



Deputy Brandon Todd

Hanging Tough: Sheriffs' Explorers Get a Taste of Boot Camp

By: Sgt. Barbara Smith
St. Lucie County Sheriff's
Office Explorer Post 400

As the buses arrived at the Florida Elks Club in Marion County this past October, approximately 200 teenagers were greeted by a seemingly friendly, "How ya doin'?" from one of their adult hosts.

A much more stern command quickly followed, "Get out of that bus!"

As reality began sinking in and the youths rushed to get off the bus, they heard, "Get down and give me 20 pushups!" and before they had even finished, "Roll over, raise your feet to six inches...I said six inches!"

Well, what else did they expect from Sheriffs' Explorers Boot Camp?

After getting through registration and receiving their ration of three T-shirts, name tag and bottle of water, the teens were told they had 10 minutes to get their bags in their rooms, a T-shirt on and back into formation.

Hump, two three four, hump!

As you can probably imagine, Explorers never walk; they always run.

When this group raced back to formation, they fell in: sitting on the floor, legs crossed, looking straight ahead, hands on knees, not talking and never – we mean *never* – looking at an instructor, unless given permission.

Once the group was divided into two groups each of Marines and Army, the rules were explained and drilling started. Shouts of, "Attention! Right face, left face!" were followed by, "Did I tell you to

look at me? Get down and give me 25 pushups!" Followed – again – by, "Roll over, raise your feet to six inches...I said six inches!"

During the team-building exercises, it was Marines against Army. The Explorers started off sitting in patrol cars. When tagged, they opened the door, grabbed two, five-gallon gasoline jugs, ran under a fence, walked on a 30-foot log, dropped the jugs, crawled in a 20-yard sand pit, stepped quickly through eight rings, crawled under another fence, dragged a 75 pound punching bag 15 yards, and tagged the next person.

Then the fun started all over

again.

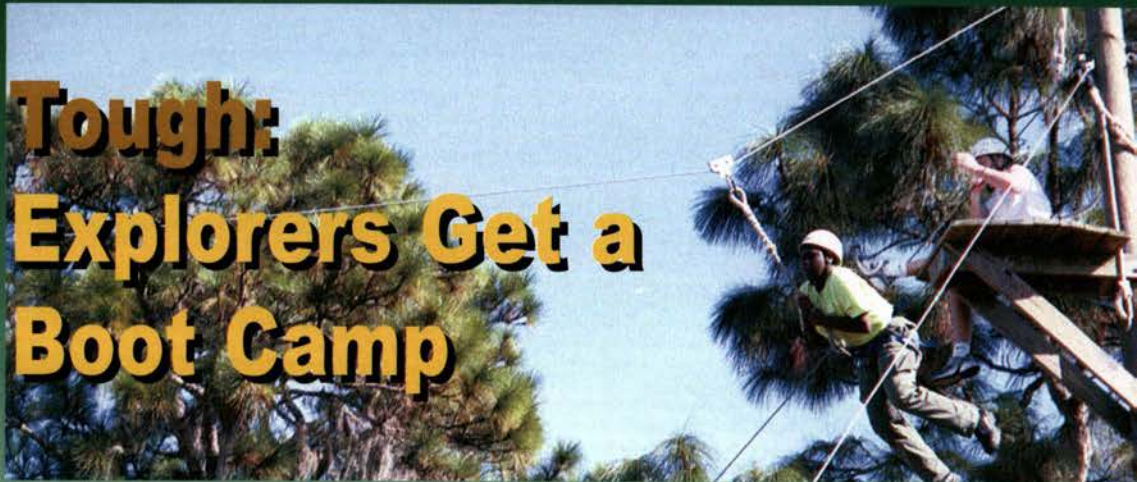
Once the instructors determined the youths had enough, they were called back into formation and dismissed for dinner.

This, too, was Boot Camp style. The Explorers had to form a line without talking. Once they had their food, they stood in front of their chairs and waited for their fellow Explorers. Then the command came, "Sit. Adjust. Eat!"

After dinner, more drilling until midnight. Then it was lights out.

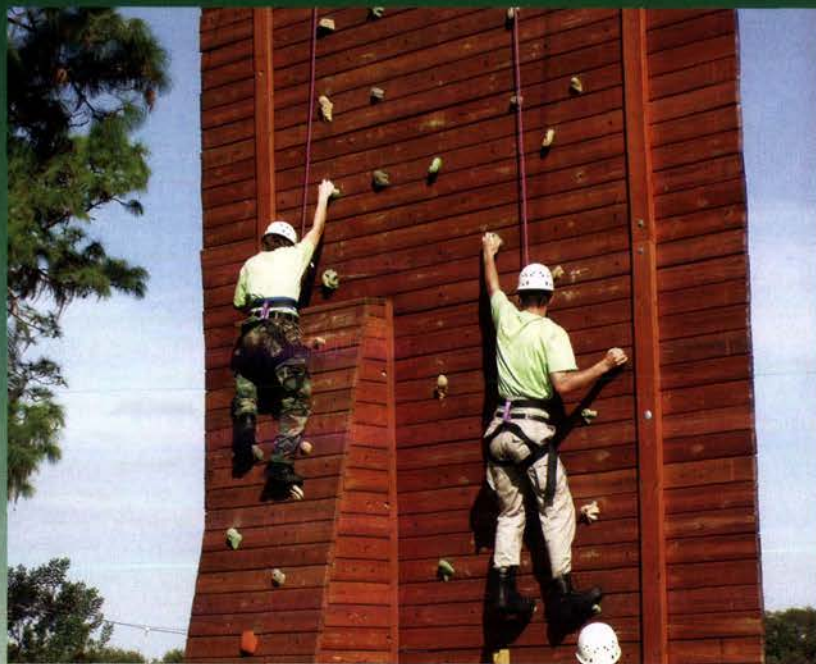
Rise and shine

Saturday morning, the group was awakened at 5:30. Time for exercise.





The Sheriff's Explorers participated in simulated exercises, using real law-enforcement equipment (without the bullets). They were given three different scenarios and had to use their critical thinking skills to try to solve problems, including a suicide threat, domestic violence and bank robbery.



In the boot camp tradition, Explorers don't walk to their destinations – they run. They also climb...They participated in exercises that involved climbing a 30-foot pole, walking across a 15-foot wire, sliding down a zip line and scaling a 35-foot rock wall, then repelling down the other side.

This included leg lifts, sit-ups, push-ups, stretches and running, followed by more push-ups.

Breakfast was at 7:15 a.m. After donning their green boot camp T-shirts, they headed to water rescue class. Each Explorer had to demonstrate their swimming abilities and different rescue techniques.

Another class involved the rope obstacle course. Explorers climbed a 30-foot pole and walked across a 15-foot wire to get to a small platform. There, they hooked themselves on a rope, slid down a very long wire called a zip line and then climbed up a 35-foot rock wall and repelled down.

Later, after putting on their protective gear, they prepared for simulated firing scenarios.

The first involved a man who ran out of a bank yelling, "He has a gun!" Observers saw a man coming out of the building holding a gun. The Explorers took cover and yelled, "Stop! Put the gun down! Put the gun DOWN!" The suspect

pointed the gun at the Explorers and started shooting. They shot back.

Once the suspect was hit it was the end of the exercise.

Another scenario involved a suicide attempt. A woman, holding a gun, was sitting on a bench crying. The Explorers, again, took cover and started talking to the woman to try to convince her to put the gun down.

When Explorers did not control the situation correctly, the woman pointed the gun at them, as many suicide victims do, hoping to be shot by law enforcement. It's called Suicide by Cop.

A third scenario replayed incidents common to deputies – domestic violence.

A neighbor called 9-1-1 and said that a woman was outside beating a man with a broom. Two Explorers arrived to see a woman sitting at a picnic table. One Explorer went over to talk with her, when suddenly, a man ran out of the house, yelling, "Arrest that

woman – she beat me up!"

Explorers separated the two and tried to calm the man down. He soon passed out, as blood oozed from his head. They called a rescue unit and the woman was taken away in handcuffs.

It's a new day

Sunday involved the same morning routine and drill, followed by breakfast at 7 a.m. and church services, led by Deputy Dawn Stroup of the Manatee County Sheriff's Office.

After the Explorers cleaned camp – spotless – they were told, "Fall in line formation!" It was time for their reward.

As each received their certificate of completion and confidently shook the instructor's hand, they beamed with new confidence.

Motivation, dedication, integrity, pride and discipline. That's what makes a Sheriff's Explorer. ♣

A Different Kind of Pilgrimage

By: Paul Miller
Assistant Public Information
Officer, Palm Beach County
Sheriff's Office

As law-enforcement officers we have an impact on many lives every day of our career. But on occasion, an activity related to our career can have a tremendous impact on our own personal and professional lives, too.

From August 25 through September 2, Palm Beach County Sheriff Edward W. Bieluch, accompanied by eight employees of the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, and Captain Shawn Fagan from the Boca Raton Police Services Department, traveled to Israel where we participated in the American Jewish Committee's Project Interchange. This was a law enforcement seminar sponsored by the American Jewish Committee (AJC). Their Southeast Regional Director, William Gralnick, accompanied us and coordinated the trip.

Accompanying Sheriff Bieluch were representatives with a variety of expertise within the agency from airport safety and intelligence to emergency response and bomb detection.

The big idea

The trip had its genesis in October 2001, when Brigadier General Uriel Bar-Lev, acting commander of the Central District Headquarters of the Israeli National Police (INP), along with a contingent of INP officers, visited the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office during a tour of the United States. Brigadier General Bar-Lev said he enjoyed his visit immensely and was particularly impressed with the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Emergency Response Team.

In 2002, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Sergeant Robert Allen of the Emergency Response Team visited Israel for 10 days and brought back an enormous amount of knowl-



During a trip to Israel, 10 of Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office personnel gained both professional expertise and personal insight from their hosts. Palm Beach County Sheriff Edward W. Bieluch presented a Sheriff's Office hat to Brigadier General Uri Bar-Lev in appreciation for his hospitality during their trip.

edge and expertise that he shared with fellow officers.

That's when it was decided that Palm Beach County law enforcement would benefit from sending 10 hands-on law-enforcement professionals, who had various roles within the law enforcement community, to the one-week seminar in Israel.

Of course with the recent suicide bombings in Israel, the trip caused some concern among department col-



Sheriff Bieluch (left) participated in a briefing by Lt. Col. Ofer Mey-Tal, who is head of the Diplomatic Mission and international organizations branch at the Office of the Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories.

leagues and family members. Yet, we saw this opportunity as a once-in-a-lifetime event and put aside any of those concerns.

As career law-enforcement people, we always deal with facts and realities and generally try to suppress our emotions. Immediately upon arriving in Israel, though, we all experienced a feeling that is difficult to express. We met so many individuals who were liv-

ing very normal, vibrant lives; enthusiastic about their futures and aware of the danger they faced, but they accepted it as a fact of life.

Everywhere you travel you see young men and women working. But we quickly observed that nearly everyone was carrying a weapon.

Military recruits, men 18 years old, have to serve three years; women have to serve two years and are required to carry their automatic weapons with them wherever they go.

After a period of time, you accept the fact that so many people are carrying weapons. A number of security guards, posted outside of restaurants or other establishments, have been killed when they confronted suicide bombers trying to get in.

We realized, too, that our hotel was near the site of a recent suicide bombing.

A time for learning

Our first lectures were provided by professors who gave us an in-depth understanding of the complexities of Israeli politics and society, the history surrounding the Arab thought processes and the twisted reasoning of the terrorists.

It's clear that a large majority of the people – both Israeli and Palestinian – want peace, and they hope there is a solution to the cycle of violence. We met with INP Bomb Disposal Officers who gave us details about the suicide bombers, including the devices and their victims. INP officials explained how they are using intelligence and

sophisticated devices to prevent the acts of terrorism. They are successful more than 99 percent of the time in intercepting and neutralizing the threat.

Lieutenant Ralf Kreling, head of the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Bomb Squad Unit patrolled with INP Bomb Disposal officers picking up valuable tips that have already been used in Palm Beach County since our return.

We were impressed with the tremendous cooperation between the Israeli National Police force and the Israeli Defense Force. There is pride on their part in the way they enjoy a seamless intelligence network. Intelligence is shared almost instantly. In Israel, there are no multi-jurisdictional problems. Since 9/11 in the United States, we are still striving to improve intelligence sharing among local, state and federal agencies. Israel's methods in information sharing is one we all agreed is worth striving to achieve.

History - on tour

On Saturday, we had the chance to visit Masada, the mountain fortress where 900 Jews held off 30,000 Roman soldiers for three years. We marveled at the ingenuity of the people who lived and built edifices on the top of a mountain where it rains only once a year. The methods they used to capture that water and store it is amazing. A quick dip in the Dead Sea and we were then escorted to Jerusalem and a visit to the most holy sites of three major religions.

On Sunday, we visited Israeli Police Headquarters in Jerusalem where we viewed their forensic laboratory. Officers of the Division of Identification and Forensic Science provided us details of the makeup of terrorist devices. They showed us the screws, nuts and bolts that are used inside the explosive devices to further

spread their death and destruction. Often these items have been sprayed with pesticides or poisons to ensure that people who are hit will die from infections.

We were able to exchange ideas with Chief Inspector Shai Vega on ways to prevent suicide bombings on public transports. The INP is desperate to cut down on the carnage on the buses. A tour of the Old City of Jerusalem's video surveillance equipment at the David Sub-District Police Station produced ideas that can be applied to our county.

The ultimate volunteers we visited within Jerusalem were the members of Zaka. These individuals speed on scooters to the site of terrorist bomb-



Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office personnel studied ball bearings which are used in a device recovered from a homicide bombing. Suicide bombers often use screws, nuts and bolts inside explosive devices to further spread their death and destruction.

rorist or expulsion of dangerous citizens. There is also protection for citizens who in self-defense eliminate a "ticking bomb" individual who was about to create death and destruction.

On our last day none of us will ever forget the visit to the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial including the Avenue of the Righteous and the Children's Memorial. Led by Sheriff Bieluch, we laid a wreath in the Valley of the Destroyed Communities, while reading a prayer to the memories of the victims of the Holocaust. While there, we were approached by young female Israeli military recruits who wanted to know about our trip and thanked us profusely for coming to Israel.

Above all the physical things we saw and the ideas we brought back to help our own agencies, it was the people

we met that we cannot forget - from the members of Yumon, the elite National Police super SWAT team who risk their lives every day in stopping the terrorists, to the INP, IDF officials volunteers, and especially the ordinary citizens who just want to survive, flourish and live normal lives. Those are the people who remain in our hearts and minds. ✿



The Palm Beach County and Boca Raton delegation laid a wreath at the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial. Standing, from left: Deputy Sheriff Ray Ruby, PBSO Lieutenant Ralf Kreling, Boca Raton Police Captain Shawn Fagan, Sheriff Edward W. Bieluch, PBSO Detective Michael Fincannon, PBSO Lieutenant Michael Wallace, PBSO Sergeant Anthony Alberti and PBSO Sergeant Scott Smith. Kneeling are PBSO Captain Matt Eisenberg (left) and PBSO Assistant Public Information Officer Paul Miller.

ings and other emergencies providing first aid to the wounded. Their objective is to actually collect all body parts so they can be buried according to Jewish tradition. Their service to the country is remarkable.

On our final day in Israel we heard from Moshe Negbi, lawyer and lecturer at Hebrew University about the vast differences in Israeli law and those laws we take for granted in the United States. An example would be the right to destroy the home of a ter-

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.



PINELLAS COUNTY – Gold Business Member award presented by Pinellas County Sheriff Everett Rice (left) to Erika Diaz, AAAA Forwarding, Inc. (center) and Dr. William Tilstone, NFSTC.



FRANKLIN COUNTY – Gold Business Member award presented by Franklin County Sheriff Bruce Varnes to Alice Collins, Collins Vacation Rentals.



SANTA ROSA COUNTY – Gold Business Member award presented by Santa Rosa County Sheriff Wendell Hall to John Moorman, Sunburst Resorts, Inc.



SARASOTA COUNTY – Gold Business Member award presented by Sarasota County Sheriff Bill Balkwill to Billy Dietrich of Onyx North America.



SARASOTA COUNTY – 25-year certificate presented by Sarasota County Sheriff Bill Balkwill (left) to Owen Taylor.



SARASOTA COUNTY – 25-year certificate presented by Sarasota County Sheriff Bill Balkwill to Richard Headley and Franklin Stoudt.



Franklin Stoudt



Ernest Lane



Mrs. & Mrs. Charley Thompson

HERNANDO COUNTY – 25-year certificate presented by Hernando County Sheriff Richard B. Nugent to Ernest Lane and Mrs. & Mrs. Charley Thompson.



Bobbie A. Burton



Louis Demicco

OKEECHOBEE COUNTY – 40-year certificate presented by Okeechobee County Sheriff O.L. Raulerson (left) to Bobbie A. Burton, Mrs. J.O. Pearce, Jr. and Mr. & Mrs. David L. Pfaff.



OKEECHOBEE COUNTY – 30-year certificate presented by Okeechobee County Sheriff O.L. Raulerson (left) to Richard F. Foreman.



OKEECHOBEE COUNTY – 25-year certificate presented by Okeechobee County Sheriff O.L. Raulerson (left) to Raymond K. Lear.



Mrs. J.O. Pearce, Jr.



Mr. & Mrs. David L. Pfaff



Bill Russell

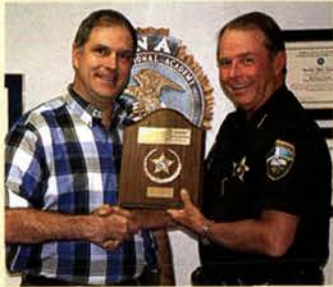
MADISON COUNTY – 25-year certificate presented by Madison County Sheriff Pete Bucher (left) to Bill Russell.



GLADES COUNTY – 30-year certificate presented by Glades County Sheriff Jim Rider to Tommy M. Woodward.

FLORIDA SHERIFFS YOUTH RANCHES

HONOR ROLL



LEON COUNTY – Presented by Leon County Sheriff Larry Campbell to Bobby Kimbro.



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Claudia & Tom Patterson

PINELLAS COUNTY – Presented by Pinellas County Sheriff Everett Rice (left) to Claudia and Tom Patterson, Janice Hill and Ginny Brommelsick.



Janice Hill



Ginny Brommelsick

SUWANNEE COUNTY – Presented by Youth Ranch Accounting Supervisor Robin Bass (right) to Accounting Clerk, Linda Barker.



Linda Baker



HERNANDO COUNTY – Presented by Hernando County Sheriff Richard B. Nugent to Mr. & Mrs. Charley Thompson.



Noel Dunham

James Cavagnaro

PINELLAS COUNTY – Presented by Pinellas County Sheriff Everett Rice (right) and FSyr Development Officer Don Meek (left) to James Cavagnaro and Noel Dunham.



Grace Parker



Joanna Rodziewicz

SARASOTA COUNTY – Presented by Sarasota County Sheriff Bill Balkwill to Grace Parker and Joanna Rodziewicz.



Patrick J. Gaugher

PINELLAS COUNTY – Presented by Youth Ranch Area Program Manager Leonard Klaskow (left) to Patrick J. Gaughan.



ALACHUA COUNTY – Presented by Alachua County Sheriff Steve Oelrich (and wife, Rose Mary) to Dr. Richard Gorenberg.



OKEECHOBEE COUNTY – Presented by Okeechobee County Sheriff O.L. Raulerson to Rita Larson.



MADISON COUNTY – Presented by Madison County Sheriff Pete Bucher to Coleburn's Paint & Body, represented by James & Pat Coleburn (left) and Robert Blanton (far right).



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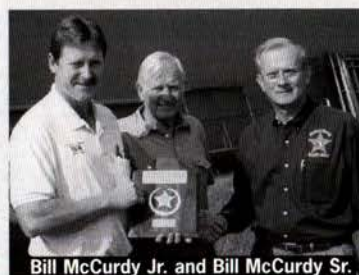


Agnes Studstill



Mr. & Mrs. Aubrey Grossnickle

MADISON COUNTY - Presented by Madison County Sheriff Pete Bucher to Agnes Studstill, Mr. & Mrs. Aubrey Grossnickle; Bill McCurdy Sr. and Bill McCurdy Jr.; and Mike Sauls, Madison County Commissioner.



Bill McCurdy Jr. and Bill McCurdy Sr.



Mike Sauls



Constance Hamilton

LEE COUNTY - Presented by Lee County Sheriff Rodney Shoap to Constance Hamilton, in memory of her late husband, and Mary Lee Allen.



Mary Lee Allen

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Bradford County Deputies Receiving Plaques for over 5 years of volunteer service at Boys Ranch Open House
From left to right – Michelle O'Neal, Frank Durrance, Joe Sikes, Rhonda Sikes, Trish Ray, Brenda Hinds.



Union County Deputies Receiving Plaques for over 5 years of volunteer service at Boys Ranch Open House
From left to right – Clinton Gay, Dustin Gay, and Kevin Box.



Clay County Deputies Receiving Plaques for over 5 years of volunteer service at Boys Ranch Open House
From left to right – Robert Wiley, Charles Van Edema, Donald Hutchinson, Ira Harris, Steve Parrish, Hank Banalewicz.

LAKE COUNTY –
Presented by Lake County Sheriff George E. Knupp to Mary Colson, on behalf of her and her husband, Wendell Colson.



Sharon Nawalanic

BROWARD COUNTY –
Presented by Youth Ranches staff to Sharon Nawalanic and Mr. & Mrs. Robert L. Fritz.



Mr. & Mrs. Robert L. Fritz

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FSA 25 and 30 year certificates



Ralph Evans



Daniel Tyndall

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY – 25-year certificate presented by Indian River county Sheriff Roy Raymond to Ralph Evans and Daniel Tyndall.



HERNANDO COUNTY – 30-year certificate presented by Hernando County Sheriff Richard B. Nugent to Mr. T.W. Pressley.



Anthony A. Dincaici



H.F. Scholtes

LEE COUNTY – 25-year certificate presented by Lee County Sheriff Rodney Shoap to Anthony A. Dincaici and H.F. Scholtes.



MADISON COUNTY – Presented by Madison County Sheriff Pete Bucher (left) to Jim Catron.

One More Notch On the Belt, Another Star

Former Florida Sheriffs Association Executive Director, J.M. "Buddy" Phillips, was recently called out of retirement for a special mission: To serve as acting Sheriff for Charlotte County, pending the Governor's selection of an interim Sheriff.

"This is actually my sixth appointment," Phillips told the news media. While he worked for the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, he was often called on by the Governor to be acting Sheriff when county agencies or its Sheriff were under investigation.

As an elected Sheriff of Suwannee County, prior to his career with FDLE and FSA, he knows the drill.

This is actually a return engagement, and



his picture is already on the wall: having served in Charlotte County – temporarily – in 1985.

This time is a little easier, he says. "The office itself is not under investigation, and that makes it real easy."

Admittedly, the most difficult part is having to rise earlier than usual, put on a business suit and report to the office at 8 a.m.

At press time, Governor Bush was deciding on an Interim Sheriff, which should bring Phillips happily back into his less stressful schedule as a retiree.

While he retired from FSA as Executive Director in March of 2002, after 45 years of service to law enforcement, the Governor's selection of Phillips for this pivotal position just goes to show: Buddy, you've still got it.

