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## From the desk of . . .

Gary Perkins, Executive Director  
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**T**raditionally, the Florida Sheriffs Association has enjoyed a good relationship with lawmakers and the governor of our state.

While many other associations and special interest groups play partisan politics during the legislative session and throughout the year, the Sheriffs always manage to rise above the fray and focus, instead, on what's in the best interest of citizens in the state as it relates to public safety.

That means lawmakers often request to be included on our conference schedules, hoping for the chance to win support for a particular piece of legislation or just visit with the Sheriffs from their counties.

This past Mid-Winter conference was no different. In fact, even Governor Jeb Bush managed to find time on his busy pre-legislative schedule to drop in on the Florida Sheriffs' meeting.

As I sat listening to the governor, I was impressed with his unwavering support of FSA's issues.

He said he appreciated what the Sheriffs do and noted that they are not only law enforcement leaders, they are also political leaders. In fact, he joked, "The Sheriffs have more clout with legislators than I do."

Governor Bush even credited the spirit of optimism in the state – including leading the nation in job growth – to the Sheriffs' effectiveness and leadership.

"If there was a level of fear (in this state), these investments would not be happening," he told our delegation.

The governor congratulated the Sheriffs for their part in helping Florida achieve the lowest crime rate in 30 years. Offering a historical reference to illustrate one of the contributing factors, he said in 1994 prisoners were only serving 23 percent of their sentences. Today, thanks to legislation (Stop Turning Out Prisoners) authored by the Sheriffs several years ago, they are serving 85 percent.

Speaking about Homeland Security, he said he was proud that Florida was considered a leader in that regard. Some states haven't taken the

issue seriously, he said, adding, "Our first priority needs to be public safety."

The Sheriffs have played an important role in this issue, serving as chairmen of the state's Regional Security Task Force. They will continue to work with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement in the same capacity in the future, and the governor said he has high expectations for a smooth working relationship with FDLE, since he tapped former Bay County Sheriff Guy Tunnell as commissioner.

"I figured I might as well pick from the best," Bush said, "so I picked a Sheriff."

Many other VIPs visited with the Sheriffs during the conference, including Speaker of the House Johnnie Byrd and former Speaker Daniel Webster. Our longtime friend and supporter Attorney General Charlie Crist paid a visit, too, bringing with him a check for \$1 million. This major gift represents a portion of a \$17 million fine paid to the state by vitamin companies that were found guilty of price fixing, a case initiated by now retired Attorney General Bob Butterworth.

Dividing the award money was up to General Crist's discretion and he chose the Florida Sheriffs. The money has been committed to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches' Harmony In the Streets program.

On behalf of the Sheriffs and our Honorary, Business and Law Enforcement members, we would like to publicly thank General Crist and his staff for this vote of confidence in FSA's mission and programs.

Look for photos and highlights of these and other Mid-Winter conference happenings in our photo essay beginning on page 6.

We hope you enjoy reading this issue as much as we enjoyed putting it together. Have a blessed springtime.

  
Gary Perkins, Executive Director



## "Poor Man's Cocaine" Use Rising in Florida

Methamphetamine use is growing in Florida and law-enforcement agencies have formed a statewide strategy to address the problem.

While the use of meth is difficult to measure, Florida is ranked sixth nationwide for methamphetamine laboratory seizures. The state nearly doubled its number of seizures in the last year – from 127 labs in 2002 to 229 in 2003.

Previously, the biggest threat was coming from outside the state, as drug trafficking organizations based in California and Texas made use of Mexican traffickers and a migrant pipeline to distribute the drug throughout Florida.

Increasingly, though, the threat is coming from within.

Clandestine labs that are being seized tend to be small "mom and pop" operations, but taken as a whole, they represent a growing danger.

### Counties hardest hit

Currently, rural areas in Polk, Hillsborough and Osceola coun-

ties, along with northwest Florida, are the most active for methamphetamine production. Polk County has traditionally been Florida's epicenter for clandestine labs, with 16 seizures last year. But Panama City (Bay County) and the surrounding rural counties were the hardest hit in 2003. Bay reported an incredible 32 seizures in 2003, while it neighboring Walton and Holmes counties reported 16 and 17 respectively.

Other double-digit seizures in 2003 included Brevard County (17), Osceola County (15) and Santa Rosa County (11).

### Agencies united in the fight

In the past, the U.S. Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration assumed sole responsibility for responding to clandestine laboratory discoveries. Florida law enforcement agencies became reliant on the expertise of the DEA's special agents and chemists to process these complex and potentially dangerous crime scenes.

But with the growing problem of methamphetamine manufacturing and abuse in the state, local and state agencies stepped forward and created a formal strategy to address it.

Many Sheriffs' Offices that have identified a growing meth problem in their counties have made meth lab seizure a higher priority. With the new strategy, they'll have a set protocol to follow when their officers discov-

er a clandestine lab. And there will be increased training for more federal, state and local narcotics officers in the areas of clandestine laboratory certification and site safety.

### About methamphetamine

Street terms for methamphetamine include: meth, poor man's cocaine, crystal meth, ice, glass and speed. Typically, meth is a white powder that easily dissolves in water. Another form of meth appears in clear, chunky crystal, and is called "crystal meth," or "ice." Meth can also be found in the form of small, brightly colored tablets. The pills are often called by their Thai name, "yaba."

One Sheriff's Office reported that victims of meth addiction are those who are promised weight loss or an increase in energy. But it's so addictive, possibly worse than crack cocaine, the user is usually unable to stop use without professional help. Withdrawal symptoms can be intense, including depression, anxiety, fatigue, paranoia, aggression and intense cravings.

Methods of usage include injecting, snorting, smoking and oral ingestion. Chronic use can cause violent behavior, anxiety, confusion, insomnia, auditory hallucinations, mood disturbances, delusions and paranoia.

*If you have a question or concern about methamphetamines, contact the Crime Prevention Unit of your local Sheriff's Office. ♣*

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# Sgt. Rolls Is Back in the Spotlight

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Those of you who read the September/October 2003 edition of *The Sheriff's Star* may remember a story that appeared about Sgt. Moshoji "Mike" Rolls, who won the 2003 Florida Sheriffs Association Deputy Sheriff of the Year. Little did the Sheriffs know how many accolades Sgt. Rolls would garner in the weeks and months that followed.

For those who may not recall the events that have won him distinguished titles, allow me to offer a recap.

Rolls has served as a Deputy Sheriff with Marion County for 12 years. During the last five, he has also been a member of the Marion County Sheriff's Office SWAT Team.

In addition to the "routine" calls that you'd expect every SWAT Team to respond to, Sgt. Rolls and fellow members of the team are often called to assist detectives in serving what are called "high-risk" search warrants.

"High-risk" search warrants are those that are served on suspects who are thought to be heavily armed. The manner in which the occupants of the house or business react to the arrival of the police is



For his heroic actions in a drug bust, Marion County Sheriff's Sgt. Moshoji "Mike" Rolls, center, received four of the most prestigious law enforcement awards in the state and nation, including the Attorney General's Law Enforcement Officer of the Year. He's pictured here with (from left) Attorney General Charlie Crist, Gov. Jeb Bush, Chief Financial Officer Tom Gallagher, Agriculture Commissioner Charles Bronson, Mike's mother, Sandra Rolls, wife, Rhonda Rolls; Capt. David Sperring and Marion County Sheriff Ed Dean.

often unpredictable and dangerous.

It was Sgt. Rolls' extraordinary bravery, and the quick-thinking action that he took while assisting in the service of one of these "high-risk" search warrants, that has attracted the spotlight.

## *The fateful night*

It all began in the early morning hours of September 24, 2002.

As the SWAT Team approached the porch of a home that detectives were to search, members were on high alert. They knew the building was occupied by suspected heavily armed drug dealers.

A battering ram was used to force down the door, and the entry team came under immediate heavy gunfire. Rolls realized that his entire team was in imminent danger of being shot at point-blank range.

The Deputy Sheriff who forced the door down was in particular danger, because he was left standing in front of the smashed doorway holding a battering ram in both hands, without adequate protection against a heavy barrage of bullets.

To save his team members, and without regard for his own person-

al safety, Mike Rolls stepped into the doorway, covered only by his hand-held ballistic shield, and covered for his fellow deputies until they were clear.

## *Quick thinking, frightening thought*

Most of us could never imagine intentionally stepping into a doorway, directly in the line of fire, under these types of circumstances. But Mike Rolls was willing to do it in order to save his friends.

Of course, heroic deeds often come at a price, and Rolls' situation was no different.

While standing in the doorway taking on a heavy barrage of bullets, Rolls was shot twice in one knee and once in the other. Thankfully, he accomplished what he set out to do — give his team the time they needed to get into the clear and eventually overpower the suspects.

The raid succeeded in the arrests of six people and the confiscation of numerous weapons and illegal narcotics.

Sgt. Rolls required two sur-



geries to repair his knees. Part of one knee had to be removed, and the other knee had to be wired together. Doctors also had to screw his left femur back together.

Undeterred, Rolls approached his physical rehabilitation with the same level of dogged determination that he displayed during the shooting. Although some felt that he might never walk again, Rolls amazingly returned to work just 90 days after having both knees shattered.

#### **"Hero" status**

For the benevolent and quick-thinking protection of his team, Rolls has swept awards from all corners of the law-enforcement profession. Here is a partial listing of the awards he has been given:

- The 2003 National Sheriffs Association Deputy Sheriff of the Year (for the entire United States)
- The 2003 Florida Sheriffs Association Deputy Sheriff of the Year
- The 2003 Florida Retail Federation Law Enforcement Officer of the Year
- The 2003 Florida Attorney General's Law Enforcement Officer of the Year

This last award, established by Florida Attorney General Charlie Crist, is the first-ever award of its kind and – overnight – it will become the crème-de-la-crème of law enforcement awards in Florida. The unique way that nominees are chosen is what makes this award so special.

In this case, and in future years, the Office of the Attorney General will wait until November of each year for many statewide organiza-

tions to choose their respective law -enforcement award winners. The groups are then invited to submit their winners for consideration for the Attorney General's award, and that will serve as the pool for this much-coveted honor.

In 2003, 14 organizations submitted their statewide winner to the Attorney General, and Mike Rolls was nominated by both the Florida Sheriffs Association and the Florida Retail Federation.

In addition to a large bronze eagle, General Crist also presented a check to Mike Rolls for his bravery under fire.

Congratulations, Sgt. Rolls. You are truly setting the standard for all law-enforcement officers, locally, statewide and nationally.

*Editor's Note: Writer Tom Berlinger formerly served as FSA's Director of Law Enforcement and Jail Management Services. ♣*

## **Sheriff's Crime Prevention Officers Recognized Among the Top in Florida**

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The Florida Attorney General's Office, the Florida Regional Community Policing Institute and the Florida Crime Prevention Association have recognized two Seminole County Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention Officers as tops in the state.

Community Service Officer Richard Kay, a Certified Crime Prevention Practitioner, was selected by the Florida Attorney General's Office as Crime Prevention Officer of the Year.

Kay has worked extensively with local neighborhood watch programs and neighborhood associations to prevent criminal activity. He has also served on several state organizations dedicated to crime prevention.

Community Service Officer Margaret Levins of the Seminole County Sheriff's Office, and a Certified Crime Prevention Practitioner, received an award from the Florida Crime Prevention Association as the State Crime Prevention Officer of the Year.

Levins has been instrumental in Internet safety courses for parents and others who supervise children, in an



**Margaret Levins (center), poses with her family after receiving the Florida Crime Prevention Association's State Crime Prevention Officer of the Year Award. Levins has been instrumental in creating Internet safety courses for parents and caregivers of children in an effort to protect kids from sexual predators. She was also instrumental in coordinating an award-winning gun safety video and gunlock campaign.**

effort to keep kids safe from sexual offenders and predators who often cruise the 'net, seeking young victims. Levins was also instrumental in coordinating a gun safety video and gunlock campaign. The video recently took national honors.

Sheriff Don Eslinger commended the duo in their efforts. "The Sheriff's Office mission is to enhance the quality of life by reducing crime and the fear of crime throughout Seminole County. Both Rich and Margaret work tirelessly to help us achieve that goal." ♣

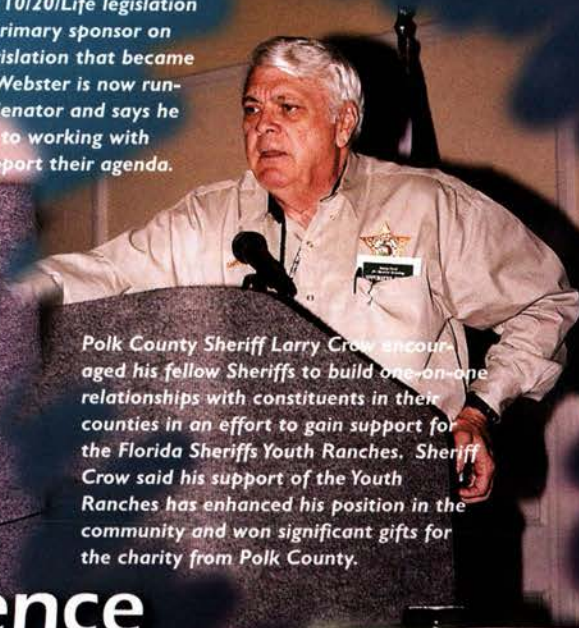




Lt. Col. Don Holway, with the Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission, explained the agency's proposed legislation, in case Sheriffs had any questions. For example, the Commission seeks to correct laws against lights out driving. Holway said officers sometimes have to operate with lights out for a tactical advantage, especially in the areas patrolled by his agency.



Former Speaker of the House Daniel Webster (R-Winter Garden) has focused much of his political career on Criminal Justice issues. He sponsored 10/20/Life legislation and was the primary sponsor on major DUI legislation that became law. Senator Webster is now running for U.S. Senator and says he looks forward to working with Sheriffs to support their agenda.



Polk County Sheriff Larry Crow encouraged his fellow Sheriffs to build one-on-one relationships with constituents in their counties in an effort to gain support for the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches. Sheriff Crow said his support of the Youth Ranches has enhanced his position in the community and won significant gifts for the charity from Polk County.



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U.S. Attorney Marcos Jimenez offered background on the Miccosukee Indian reservation issue. If state legislators repeal all civil and criminal laws applying to the reservations, Sheriffs will have no jurisdiction, which will limit the rights of non-Indians who become victims of crime while visiting them – including at the Indian-owned casinos.

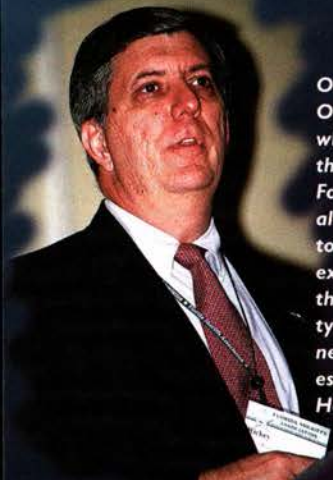
**FSA's 2004 Mid-Winter Conference** was held February 1-4 at Amelia Island Plantation in Nassau County. We said "hello" to the former Sheriff of Bay County, now Commissioner of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Guy Tunnell. And we had to bid adieu to one of FSA's long-timers, former Director of Law Enforcement and Jail Management Services Tom Berlinger, who isn't moving far from us. Berlinger has relocated just a few blocks away to FDLE, where he'll be in the enviable position of Public Information Administrator.

The Sheriffs expressed their gratitude (and relief) to still have both Tunnell and Berlinger fighting crime in Florida.

During the conference, the Sheriffs hosted several VIPs, including Gov. Jeb Bush, Speaker of the House Johnnie Byrd and former Speaker of the House Daniel Webster. You'll find photos of these and others, along with informative captions, on the following pages.



On behalf of the Institute of Police Technology & Management, Leonard "Bob" Jacob gave Sheriffs' office deputies various awards, including traffic safety and public awareness for seatbelt and DUI enforcement.



Orange County Sheriff's Office Capt. Rickey Ricks, who serves as director of the Florida Sheriffs Task Force, provided a listing of all Task Force coordinators to the Sheriffs and explained the protocol, so their offices can receive the type of assistance they need when they need it, especially in the area of Homeland Security.



Speaker of the House Johnnie Byrd said he knows the FSA legislative agenda by heart. And he added that he has such great confidence in their leadership, "If you Sheriffs like the legislation, I like it. If you don't like it, I don't like it."

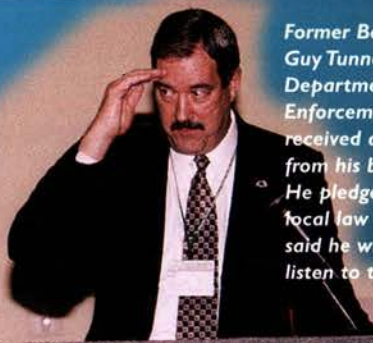


Marion County Sheriff Ed Dean said that cargo theft has become a scourge on America. Recent estimates are that it's costing this nation more than \$25 billion a year, outstripping all other thefts, including employee theft (\$15 billion) and shoplifting (\$9.7 billion). He emphasized the need for legislation to address it.





Steve Trent, with U.S. Homeland Security's Immigration & Customs Enforcement (formerly U.S. Customs), explained that his office now handles immigration and will respond to any calls involving illegal aliens, especially when it involves human or drug smuggling.



Former Bay County Sheriff Guy Tunnell, now Florida Department of Law Enforcement Commissioner, received a standing ovation from his brother Sheriffs. He pledged his support of local law enforcement and said he will continue to listen to their needs.



Sheriffs listened intently as Florida Department of State Bureau of Elections Chief Phyllis Hampton explained election laws and encouraged Sheriffs to become familiar with them as they hit the campaign trail this year.



Florida Highway Patrol Director Col. Chris Knight said his division has succeeded in winning more positions for patrol. To date, 63 supervisor positions have been downgraded to patrol, which provides greater support for Florida Sheriffs. In addition, he says he's trying to correct salary deficiencies to better retain officers and help in recruitment.



Nassau County Sheriff's Office Corrections Officer Terrie Barron entertained conference attendees with her amazingly strong voice, as she sang America the Beautiful at the Tuesday night banquet.



Longtime friend and supporter, Attorney General Charlie Crist (left) presented FSA with a check for \$1 million. This major gift represents a portion of a \$17 million fine paid to the state by vitamin companies that were found guilty of price fixing, a case initiated by now retired Attorney General Bob Butterworth. Dividing the award money was up to General Crist's discretion and he chose FSA. The money will go to help Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches' Harmony In the Streets program.



Drug Enforcement Administration Special Agent In Charge Tom Raffanella painted a grim picture in the war against drugs. Methamphetamine use has exploded in Florida, primarily because of the ease in manufacturing. There are more than 200 recipes on the Internet and ingredients can be purchased at any grocery or drug store that carries cold medicine.



The FSA Mid-Winter conference set a new record with 131 sponsors and exhibits. Pictured here, Orange County Sheriff Kevin Beary examines Point Blank Body Armor with assistance from company representative Mike Foreman.

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Alachua County Sheriff Steve Oelrich introduced retired Alachua County Sheriff Joe Crevasse, now 88, who served for 22 years, from 1955 to 1976. Sheriff Crevasse marveled at how things have changed since he was in office.



Along with thanking his staff for their hard work in helping to organize the conference, Nassau County Host Sheriff Ray Geiger also acknowledged the contributions of his wife, Liz Ann, who planned many of the activities for Sheriffs' wives.



# Are You a Victim of Contractor Scam?

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In some cases, a scam contractor can be described as a professional crook that *deliberately* seeks to sell you useless, defective or grossly overpriced services.

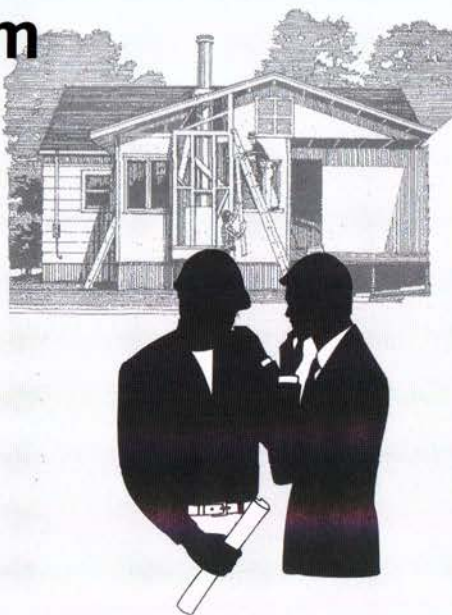
In other instances, he may simply have promised more than he can deliver, leaving you with unsatisfactory or incomplete work.

After talking with dozens of home repair and improvement rip-off victims over the years, the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office has compiled a list of three common characteristics that may help you avoid becoming a victim in the future.

### *The most common characteristics of contractor scam*

**1-Trust.** In most cases, the victims trusted their contractor and were reluctant to believe they had been victimized. Almost without exception, law-enforcement officers hear statements such as "He seemed so honest..." Don't be fooled. A seemingly "nice" person may just be a crook who has polished his selling skills.

**2-Bargain hunting.** While it's always good to shop for the best price, when one offer is dramatically lower than the competition, it would be wise to employ a healthy suspicion. Should you decide to use this contractor, be



cautious and do your best to protect your interests.

**3-Urgency.** In many cases of contractor scams, victims believed that they didn't have time to obtain second and third opinions. The most unscrupulous scam artists are masters at making you believe you must act at once or lose your window of opportunity.

### **What you can do**

By far the most common contractor-related complaint we hear is that the homeowner is tired of getting the runaround and just wants the job done or the money refunded. These victims may have paid hundreds or thousands of dollars to a contractor who either never keeps promised deadlines, or doesn't return calls.

There is one simple precaution you can take to help avoid this predicament: *Don't pay in advance*

Some contractors insist on partial payment up front for materials. In that case, make the advance portion of the payment as low as possible, and keep receipts and other documentation. You may even ask the contractor to submit the materials estimate in writing from his vendor before you pay.

The law says that if a contractor accepts an initial payment of more than 10 percent of the total contract amount and then fails to perform, he can be prosecuted for theft. To pursue the criminal case, though, certain conditions must be met, and you'll need to be able to prove who, when and how much you paid. Under this law, if the contractor does no work at all for 60 days you must mail a certified letter to the contractor. If there's still no work for another 30 days after the formal notice, the contractor can be prosecuted for theft.

Another avenue of relief for some victims is Florida's Construction Industry Licensing Board Recovery Fund. The process is neither quick nor simple, but if your case fits the very specific criteria, you could recoup losses of up to \$25,000.

A word of warning: This option is available only if your complaint is against a state certified or registered licensed contractor. If you hired an unlicensed contractor, you're on your own. One sure tip-off that a contractor is unlicensed: Legit contractors always obtain their own building permit. Unlicensed ones will either illegally work without a permit, or ask the homeowner to obtain the permit (also illegal, unless the homeowner is doing the work).

*For more information about the Recovery Fund, request an information package from CLIB Recovery Fund, 1940 North Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-2202, or call their office at (850) 487-1395.*

*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](mailto:rhord@sheriff-okaloosa.org).*





Youth Ranchers Ryan (left) and Jeremy (right) not only had a chance to address the Sheriffs of Florida, but they also visited with Gov. Jeb Bush. Jeremy received the top horsemanship honor recently at the Boys Ranch and says he wants to be a veterinarian. Ryan writes poetry and song lyrics and hopes to find a future as an artist.



At a special presentation for the Sheriffs' wives, several women gave their testimonials about being diagnosed with cancer and told a story of hope that came from the experience. They also used the time to educate the all-female audience about the importance of prevention. Marion County Sheriff Ed Dean's wife, Sarah, says she tells her story about breast cancer to help others.



The Sheriffs were pleased to host National Sheriffs Association President Wayne V. Gay (left), Sheriff of Wilson County, North Carolina. He said one of the most important issues is preserving the office of Sheriff, as it is threatened by local charters. He's pictured with Alachua County Sheriff Steve Olrich.

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Florida Department of Law Enforcement Bureau of Training Chief Pat Melton (top) provided the Sheriffs with background on the Basic Recruit curriculum. Research & Training Manager Dwight Floyd (at right) talked about new courses that have been added, including the weapons of mass destruction and training for working with special populations, such as the mentally ill.



Host Sheriff, Nassau County's Ray Geiger, showed his appreciation to Rnee' Dean for working so well with his staff on all the accommodations. He gave her a special plaque during the Tuesday night banquet.



Tom Berlinger, FSA's former director of Law Enforcement and Jail Management Services, received an FSA commemorative gift for his contributions to law enforcement in Florida. Berlinger recently took a job with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement as Public Information Administrator.

Madison County Sheriff Pete Bucher (right) discusses products sold through Flying Cross by Fechheimer with Ted Barber (left), sales representative, and Regional Sales Supervisor Mike Browning.



Attorney General Charlie Crist (far left) visits with Bradford County Sheriff Bob Milner (far right) and his staff members, Rose Sansing (second from left), Criminal Investigations, and Corrections Sgt. Rhonda Strickland.



# Pinellas S.O. Attracts International Attention

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The Pinellas County Sheriff's Office is receiving international attention because of several innovations developed within the agency's Strategic Planning Division.

In January, a reporter from the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) interviewed members of the division's Crime Analysis Section about "CrimeTrax," the agency's application of Global Positioning Systems. In addition, the agency is hosting a crime analyst from Northern Ireland sent to observe practices and procedures used to identify and reduce crime. Pinellas County Sheriff's Office analysts are also providing geographic profiling support to the Durban Metropolitan Police of South Africa, who are trying to locate a suspect's address.

The Pinellas County Sheriff's Office has used CrimeTrax to monitor pretrial release arrestees and offenders sentenced to work release programs since June of 2003. CrimeTrax uses GPS technology to track the precise location of offenders and link that data to the location and time of reported crime incidents.

"I receive information about offender movement by e-mail," says Crime Analyst Cindy Schaer. She checks to see if the tracked individual was near any reported crime and then forwards the information to the right section within the Investigations Bureau to follow up.

What boosts Pinellas Sheriff's Office success is that arrestees and offenders know they are being watched, which is a good deterrent.

Use of this system has also prevent-



ed jail overcrowding, while still offering a level of protection for the public.

"Like NCIC, DNA and automated fingerprints, CrimeTrax is going to bring radical changes in crime and punishment," says Pinellas County Sheriff Everett Rice. "I can see huge reductions in criminal incidents."

The British government has been considering Global Positioning Systems for law enforcement, which is what attracted them to Pinellas County.

## Models keep focus on "hot spots"

A visiting crime analyst from Northern Ireland noted her agency's use of a similar crime reduction model called PROSTAR, which stands for "Proactive Statistical Tactical Analysis Reporting." Half of Northern Ireland's application involves terrorist acts.

PROSTAR identifies crime hot spots within a jurisdiction, allowing commanders to respond to the area with specialized units and solve the problem. Modeled after the New York Police Department and Broward County's Sheriff's Office crime reduction models, PROSTAR went online in Pinellas County in August of 2002.

Since moving to PROSTAR and comparing Uniform Crime Reporting data between six months of 2002 vs. the same period in 2003, Pinellas County recorded a 5.1 percent reduction in reportable Part I crime. Part I crimes include seven offenses - homicide, bur-



Pinellas County Sheriff Everett Rice says he believes that innovation is one of the keys to a successful law enforcement organization. And technology is vital. His agency uses CrimeTrax, a GPS system, to monitor pretrial release arrestees and offenders sentenced to work release programs. PCSO also uses PROSTAR, which identifies crime "hot spots" for specialized units to focus on, and employs three of the 28 Geographic Profiling Analysts worldwide.

glary, robbery, rape, vehicle theft, aggravated assault and larceny.

Pinellas County Sheriff Everett Rice is optimistic about the Detention and Corrections' equivalent of PROSTAR, a system called INTERACT, which stands for "The Internal Accountability" program.

The county has begun using the system this year for accountability. INTERACT tracks daily meal counts, serious incident reports, disciplinary reports and overtime for Pinellas County's Detention & Corrections Bureau.

"Through tracking, we hope to increase corrections officer safety by identifying problem inmates and discover areas where extra officer training may be necessary," says INTERACT analyst Tina Egnatuk. And by tracking daily meal counts and overtime use, the agency expects to save money.

## Geographic profiling gains attention

Of the 28 certified Geographic Profiling Analysts worldwide, three of them are employed by the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office.

Geographic profiling is a methodology that uses the locations of a connected series of crimes to determine the most probable area of offender residence or areas frequented. With the area identified, patrol officers try to find and arrest the suspect.

Geographic profiling is applied in cases of serial murder, rape, arson, robbery and bombings, but it can be used in single crimes that involve multiple scenes or other significant geographic characteristics.

Since December 2002, Pinellas



County SO has examined 22 cases – more than half of which had successful outcomes. What constitutes success is identifying a subject, arresting them and determining that they visited the identified location.

Sheriff Rice says he believes that innovation is one of the keys to a successful law enforcement organization. And technology is vital.

With CrimeTrax, PROSTAR, INTERACT and Geographic Profiling in place, he says his agency is better able to serve the residents of Pinellas County. ❀

## Pennies Still Protecting Police Dogs

Sheriffs' Offices throughout the state have come to know Stacey Hillman, the young founder of Pennies to Protect Police Dogs, since she founded her charity in March of 2000.

The now 13-year-old Hillman has collected more than \$255,000 to provide 312 vests to 113 law-enforcement agencies in 21 states or territories.

While *The Sheriff's Star* regularly receives updates on Hillman and her charity, this recent story caught our attention because it pointed out the fact that not all K-9 bulletproof vests are created equal.

Humberto Morales Jr., a K-9 Police Officer with the City of New London Police Department, Connecticut, wrote to say that his 3-year-old K-9 partner "Niko" was shot in the line of duty while apprehending an armed robbery suspect last October.

Niko was shot with a 9mm semi-automatic pistol in the shoulder/upper back area. Morales said the bullet went through the left side and exited through the right side of his upper torso, and, fortunately, the bullet did not strike any vital organs or his spine, which would have killed or paralyzed him.

In this painful assignment, as with all of his previous ones, Niko was a hero. He tracked the suspects from where the robbery occurred and went



**Stacey Hillman, founder of Pennies to Protect Police Dogs, meets with Osceola Sheriff Charlie Aycock and K-9 Vasco. Hillman's charity has provided more than 312 vests to 113 law enforcement agencies in 21 states or territories.**

alone into the dark woods, filled with heavy brush, where the suspects were hiding.

Niko apprehended one of the three suspects and caused the other two to run out and be apprehended by officers maintaining the perimeter. During all of this, Niko took the bullet that could have hit one of his human partners, instead.

### **Need for "real world" vest**

Officer Morales wrote to Pennies to Protect Police Dogs to tell Niko's story and to request a better quality, more versatile vest.

"My department had supplied Niko with a bullet proof vest," he wrote, "but it is not designed to be used when Niko is wearing a tracking harness," which is about 95 percent of the time, he said.

Also, Morales noted, the only vest he had did not have a clip or ring attached on the upper back area so that a leash can be attached and the vest used as a tracking harness.

In other words, "it was not designed for 'real world' K-9 deployment,"

Morales said.

With tight budgets, though, the police department couldn't afford a more practical and effective vest that would protect Niko and one he could wear on all calls. So Morales searched the web and discovered the Pennies To Protect Police Dogs website. He wrote to its president, Stacey Hillman, and said he was surprised to receive a reply the same day.

Morales and Hillman eventually spoke on the phone and Hillman was able to take Niko's case to a class of third graders who adopted his cause – and raised the funds needed to purchase the better quality vest.

The last we heard, Officer Morales was trying to arrange for Niko to visit the students. And he assured Hillman that the K-9 would show the depth of his appreciation...by sporting his new vest, of course.

*For more information on protecting K-9s, visit Stacey Hillman's website: [www.penniestoprotectpolicedogs.org](http://www.penniestoprotectpolicedogs.org).*

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# Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office says

## "Let's Roll"

By: Corporal Rob Mobley  
Human Resources Division  
Hillsborough County Sheriff's  
Office

Late last year, the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office acquired a valuable commodity: a Boeing 727.

But, don't worry. It's not just a frivolous purchase; a plane used for private transportation of the Sheriff and his command staff. In fact, chances are pretty good that this bird will never leave the ground again.

Instead, it has become a valuable training site for city, county, state and federal law-enforcement officers and personnel.

The Boeing 727 project was one of both labor and love. It began more than a year ago when two brothers, Deputy Sheriff Bill Hill and his brother, Ed Hill, director of maintenance for Capitol Cargo, developed the idea of using this retired 727 for training.

Ed Hill was able to arrange for the plane to be donated for use by law enforcement.

### ***Great idea, now how do we implement?***

As you can probably imagine, commercial airliners are constructed in such a fashion that taking one apart is not in the development process. It took hundreds of hours of labor to break down the plane's large appendages for transporting. It required many hot afternoons on a blistering tarmac to make it movable.

By May of 2003, the wings, nose, cone and tail were removed, and the plane was transported by truck from the Orlando International Airport to the Sheriff's Office training site. This task required the assistance of law-enforcement agencies and public utilities across 84 miles and several counties.

It also required patient drivers...at times, the plane moved at a walking pace.

To keep the project costs to a minimum, donations and in-kind services were arranged to cover a good portion of moving, reassembling, refurbishing and painting the aircraft. More than 100 people and 24 businesses and agencies contributed time and effort to the project.

Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office acquired a retired Boeing 727 for training. At its dedication ceremony, keynote speaker John Walsh, host of Fox's "America's Most Wanted," complimented Sheriff Henderson on having the vision and courage to tackle the project. He said it's sending a message to terrorists that the U.S. will be ready, should this nation again become a target as it was Sept. 11, 2001.

### ***In place, let's celebrate***

On December 8, 2003, local state and federal law-enforcement officers, politicians and dignitaries dedicated the new facility at the Sheriff's Practical Training Site. The keynote speaker was John Walsh, host of Fox's "America's Most Wanted." Walsh commented, "We're gonna tell the world about one little place in Central Florida and one Sheriff who has the courage to bring the private and public sectors together to say, 'We're not gonna take this laying down. If you're dumb enough to try to come over here, terrorize us, and kill our people again, you'll pay a terrible price. We're gonna be ready; we're not gonna be terrorized, and we're not gonna buckle.'"

The dedication ceremony began with two Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office helicopters and an armored personnel carrier approaching the plane as the Emergency Response Team deployed. A loud explosion erupted and the team stormed the plane with rifles and handguns drawn. The seated and surprised guests





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were more than ready to comply with the "hands on your head" directions.

Of course, no one is more pleased about the plane's acquisition than Hillsborough County Sheriff Cal Henderson. "This is a huge honor for us," the Sheriff told his listeners. "The training that this facility will provide is invaluable in this post - 9-11 world."

"America's Most Wanted" included the site in its December 13, 2003, broadcast and also asked for e-mail input to name the plane.

The winning entrant was one that was suggested by a number of viewers from across the United States and Canada. Karen Evans, from Manitoba, Canada, was the first to get the suggestion to the show. After contacting the Todd Beamer Foundation and receiving permission, the plane has been named "Let's Roll." This is in honor of the aggressive and patriotic act of Todd Beamer and the passengers of United Airlines Flight 93 that crashed in a Pennsylvania field on September 11, 2001. The name is proudly displayed on the plane's side.

### Without rival

The Practical Training Site is currently the only one in the nation that has a complete plane. The site also includes classrooms, ranges for shooting, a large drive pad, bomb disposal depot, a rappelling tower, a large obstacle course and structures used for mock disasters.

We at the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office are proud of the united efforts it took to establish the anti-terrorist training facility.

*For more information on the aircraft, please contact Sgt. Robert King at (813) 744-5872. For information on the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, visit their website: [www.hcso.tampa.fl.us/](http://www.hcso.tampa.fl.us/).* ♣

## Beware of Latest Credit Card Scam

The Internet is used to pass along a number of "hoaxes," so at the Florida Sheriffs Association, we only share e-mailed warnings from legitimate sources. The latest came from a U.S. Attorney in the Northern District of Florida and was forwarded by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

Both VISA and MasterCard have confirmed this telephone scam.

The call goes like this: The person on the line says, "This is (name) and I'm calling from the Security and Fraud department at Visa. My Badge number is 12460. Your card has been flagged for an unusual purchase pattern, and I'm calling to verify."

The caller knows your bank name and asks if you purchased a certain product. When you say, "No," they say they'll be initiating a fraud investigation and even invite

you to call the toll-free number of the credit card company if you have any questions.

But before hanging up, the caller "wants to verify that you are in possession of your card." They ask for the three digit "security numbers" on the back. Once you read it, they confirm that you're correct and repeat the invitation to call the credit card company if you have any questions.

Within minutes after hanging up from the call, though, charges will start mounting on your card. Armed with those few numbers and other limited information, they're home free.

We've said it before, but the warning bears repeating: Unless you have initiated a call, maintain a healthy dose of skepticism. If someone is requesting information, insist on them giving you a number where you can call *them* back. This will help you quickly determine the authenticity of the caller. ♣



## Seminole County S.O. Helps Fire Victims

By: Steve Olson  
Public Information Officer  
Seminole County Sheriff's Office

In some bruising basketball action early last fall, the Seminole County Sheriff's Office, along with Oviedo High School, the City of Oviedo Parks and Recreation Department and other partners, raised \$1,501 to help the Marimon family of Oviedo.

The Marimon family lost four young children in a devastating fire last summer. One child, along with his parents, survived. The purpose of the event was to raise funds for a college education for the surviving child, 5-year-old Donathan Marimon.

Four teams participated. The Seminole County Sheriff's Office and a team from radio station 102 Jamz made it to the final game, with 102 Jamz winning 32 to 23. An estimated



Five-year-old Donathan Marimon warms up with Deputy Anthony Bourne at the fundraiser for his college education.

300 people – including the Oviedo High School Band and cheerleaders – were in attendance.

Seminole County Sheriff Don Eslinger was also there to cheer on the SCSO team and commended the team members' community involvement.

The money raised from the event will go into a trust fund. According to Seminole County Deputy Sheriff Ben Hartner, who helped organize the event, additional donations are being accepted. For information, contact Ben Hartner at 407-665-6695, or e-mail him at: bhartner@seminolesheriff.org. ♣

## Brevard County Youth Programs Get \$50,000 Boost

Brevard County Sheriff Phil Williams was pleased to receive a \$50,000 donation from the estate of William E. Backus.

Mr. Backus left it to the Sheriff's discretion on how the funds could be spent, and Sheriff Williams transferred the funds to the Police Athletic League Camp Chance and the University Boxing Club. Both programs benefit the youth in Brevard County by offering positive activities to counter the social pressures of turning to a life of crime.

Sheriff Williams said the donation was generous and would significantly boost efforts on behalf of youth in his county. ♣

## Sheriff's Shoot-Out Planned

Pasco County Sheriff Bob White will be hosting his 3rd Annual Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranch Shootout April 24. Last year, the Sheriff's Office raised \$45,000 for the Youth Ranches. This year, Sheriff White says he hopes to surpass that amount.

In a letter inviting support and attendance, Sheriff White said he felt challenged by a "neighboring Sheriff's" fundraising efforts through a golf tournament and has set the goal for \$65,000.

He's calling for increased participation and sponsors and says they are planning an auction and raffles to increase donations.

Sheriff White says, "Not only is it a wonderful opportunity to give back to our community, but for sporting clay enthusiasts, a great chance to have fun and enjoy this popular sport."

The annual Shoot-Out consists of individual shooters and teams of four. They shoot a course of 100 sporting clays. Individuals and teams are given awards in different classes of shooting.

There is also a special award for the top shooting law enforcement team. The group will be presented with a traveling award, which is passed on from year to year.

For more information, call the Pasco County Sheriff's Office at: (727) 844-

7700, or visit the event's website for registration information: [www.sheriffsshootout.com](http://www.sheriffsshootout.com) ♣



Suwannee County Sheriff Al Williams (center) was recognized by the Florida Coalition for Children for his work as the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch Chairman. He's pictured here with Ann Bowden, wife of FSU Head Football Coach Bobby Bowden and an advocate for children, and the Department of Children & Family Services Secretary Jerry Regier.

## Lee County Goes "Green" Through Auto Purchases

Americans may be slow to embrace environmentally friendly "hybrid" automobiles, but the new technology is firmly in place at the Lee County Sheriff's Office.

The department purchased eight 2003 Toyota Prius vehicles for its Civil Division, which serves papers and is not involved in high-risk functions. However, the Sheriff's Office maintains that the gas-electric hybrid is a



Lee County Sheriff's Office Sgt. Paul Conrod drives an environmentally-friendly Toyota Prius in his work as a Civil Division officer.

fully functional patrol vehicle.

"The Prius surprised me with the speed it had," says Sgt. Paul Conrod, who has already put 19,000 miles on his Prius. He says while it's not a pursuit car, "it does move along nicely."

The vehicle's compact size makes it ideal for parking in an urban environment, while still being roomy enough to comfortably accommodate the 6-foot-2-inch Civil Division officer.



"Public reaction has all been positive," he adds. "They like the fact that the Sheriff is saving money. It pays off in the long run."

The Prius comes with a higher price tag than the comparable Ford Taurus – Prius cost around \$20,000 – but the difference is negligible when fuel efficiency and vehicle depreciation are taken into account.

The Prius has been averaging 31.2 miles per gallon on Lee County roads compared to 20.8 miles per gallon for the comparably sized Ford Taurus. The next hybrid additions to the patrol fleet could be the Toyota Highlander or Ford Escape when they become available by year's end, says Rusty Hillman, fleet director the Sheriff's Office. The larger vehicles are necessary to transport equipment and improve officer safety.

*Motor Trend* magazine recently named the Prius the 2004 Car of the Year, validation that hybrid technology has its place on U.S. roads and in its law-enforcement units.

"There are fuel savings and environmental savings. It's a win-win situation," says Hillman. ✱

## LETTERS

Readers:

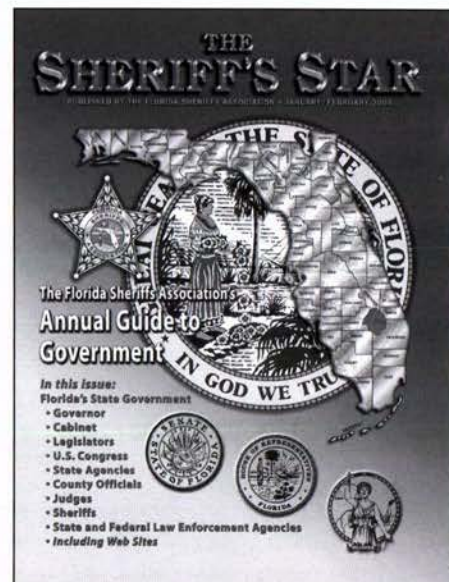
In the January/February issue of *The Sheriff's Star*, our Annual Guide to Government, we were alerted of several errors.

On page 45, we inadvertently assigned the incorrect party affiliation to Osceola Sheriff Charlie Aycock. He is, in fact, a Republican. On page 40, we had a spelling error in the biography of Indian River County Sheriff Roy H. Raymond.

We apologize to Sheriffs Aycock and Raymond for these editing errors.

On page 27, U.S. Rep. Tom Feeney's counties were incorrectly stated. His 24th District covers areas of Brevard, Orange, Seminole and Volusia counties.

The Yearbook requires compiling a great deal of information and coordinating with numerous state, local and federal offices. The Florida Sheriffs Association publications team does its best to proofread and catch errors. We



promise to be even more diligent in the years ahead.

Julie S. Bettinger  
Editor, *The Sheriff's Star* Magazine

*Due to editing errors, the following Sheriffs biographies were printed incorrectly in the Yearbook. Complete, corrected, biographies appear below.*

### OSCEOLA COUNTY

Kissimmee

**Sheriff Charles M. "Charlie" Aycock (R)**

[www.osceolasheriff.com](http://www.osceolasheriff.com)



*Born* Millen, GA, December 6, 1949  
*Education* Graduate St. Cloud High School; Valencia Community College, Kissimmee, AA degree; Florida Southern College, Lakeland, BS Criminal Justice *Wife* Jane *Children* Two *Church* Baptist *Military* Florida National Guard 1971-77 *Career* Osceola Sheriff's Office, 1977-2000; elected Sheriff Osceola County 2000 *Honors and Affiliations* J.C. Stone Memorial Police Academy; Firearms Instructor; Defensive Driving Instructor; D.A.R.E. Instructor, Human Diversity Instructor; Member of Florida Sheriffs Association, National Sheriffs Association, International Association of Chiefs of Police, Metropolitan Bureau of Investigation, Osceola County Criminal Justice Academy, Central Florida Criminal Justice Association, Kissimmee Rotary, Osceola County Council on Aging, Senior Friends, Osceola County Boys and Girls Club, Osceola Resort Area Council., Osceola County Investigation Bureau, Take Stock in Children Mentor, American Cancer Society, Leadership Osceola County.

### INDIAN RIVER COUNTY

Vero Beach

**Sheriff Roy H. Raymond (R)**

[www.ircsheriff.org](http://www.ircsheriff.org)



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



# FLORIDA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION

## HONOR ROLL



**VOLUSIA COUNTY** – Gold Business Member award presented by Volusia County Sheriff Ben Johnson to Tim Spivey of the Plumbers & Steamfitters.

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



**SEMINOLE COUNTY** – Gold Business Member award presented by Seminole County Sheriff Don Eslinger to Muhsin Kermalli, Vice President of Operations for SysCoNet, Inc.



**OKALOOSA COUNTY** – Gold Business Member award presented by Okaloosa County Sheriff Charlie Morris to Tony Hughes, Beach Community Bank.



Joseph Antinori



Dorothy Fitscher

**HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY** – 40-year certificate presented by Hillsborough County Sheriff Cal Henderson (right) to Joseph Antinori and Dorothy Fitscher.



**OSCEOLA COUNTY** – 30-year certificate presented by Osceola County Sheriff Charles M. Aycock to James "Sonny" Lawson and his wife, Jewell.



Earl Daniels

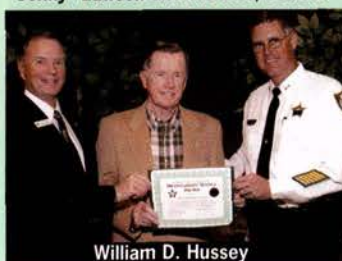


James Martin

**HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY** – 30-year certificate presented by Hillsborough County Sheriff Cal Henderson to Earl Daniels and James Martin.



**BRADFORD COUNTY** – 30-year certificate presented by Bradford County Sheriff Bob Milner to Sammy Eunice.



William D. Hussey



Ervin R. Thresher

**ORANGE COUNTY** – 30-year certificate presented by Orange County Chief Deputy Brad Margeson (far right) and FSRY Donor Relations Officer, Dr. Hank Edwards, to William D. Hussey and Ervin R. Thresher.



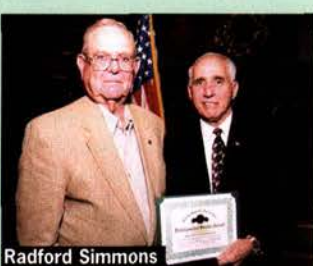
**GILCHRIST COUNTY** – 30-year certificate presented by Gilchrist County Sheriff David Turner to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wilson.



**OKALOOSA COUNTY** – 30-year certificate presented by Okaloosa County Sheriff Charlie Morris to Frank Butler.



**HARDEE COUNTY** – 30-year certificate presented by Hardee County Sheriff Loran Cogburn to Roger Haney.



Radford Simmons



Frank Lorenzo, Jr.



Ruth Evans

**HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY** – 25-year certificate presented by Hillsborough County Sheriff Cal Henderson (right) to Radford Simmons, Frank Lorenzo, Jr. and Ruth Evans.



# FLORIDA SHERIFFS YOUTH RANCHES

## HONOR ROLL



**GULF COUNTY** – Presented by FSYSR Chairman, Suwannee County Sheriff Al Williams, to Gulf County Sheriff Michael Hammond.



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.

### New Lifetime Honorary Members

Alachua County Sheriffs  
Office Employees  
American Legion Post #52  
Mr. and Mrs. John C.  
Barth, Sr.  
Donald F & LaVonne P  
Blackburn Fund  
Ms. Mary L. Blackshear  
Mr. W. Wayne Booker  
Bowen Juices Int'l Inc.  
Mr. and Mrs. George S.  
Bradbury  
Mr. and Mrs. Harold A.  
Braun  
Mr. John T. Broers  
Ms. Leigh W. Brown  
Brumberger Foundation,  
Inc.  
Cargill Incorporated  
Ms. Linda J. Carraway  
Mr. Joseph C. Cash  
Mr. and Mrs. Hubert R.  
Casler  
Ms. Desiree Centalanza  
Mr. and Mrs. Leonard A.  
Cloughley  
Mr. and Mrs. Leo C. Cody  
Mrs. Martha E. Cormier  
Ms. Anne Dahling  
Mr. Nathan E. Datsko  
Mr. Stewart L. Davis  
Ms. Betty J. Dean  
Mr. David Dean  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert A.  
DeBoise  
Mr. and Mrs. Warren  
Donaldson  
Mr. Charlie R. Drew  
Ms. Margaret Emmert  
Mr. Kenneth T. Engstrom  
Flagler County Sheriff's  
5K Run  
Ms. Brunhild C. Germann  
Mr. and Mrs. Victor Gobbi  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert N.  
Gowing  
Mr. and Mrs. Victor M.  
Halbach, Jr.  
Ms. Ruth O. Halleen  
Mr. Edward C. Herfort  
Mr. and Mrs. James  
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Bob James



Wayne Walden

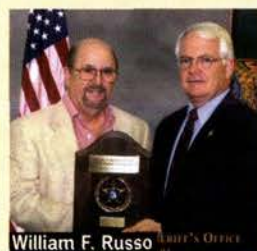
**SUWANNEE COUNTY** – Presented by Youth Ranches President Roger Bouchard to Bob James, FSYSR Vice President of Development; Wayne Walden, Vice President of Finance; and Steve Claffey, teacher at the Boy's Ranch.



Steve Claffey



**SARASOTA COUNTY** – Presented by Sarasota County Sheriff Bill Balkwill and FSYSR President Roger Bouchard to Josiah Sherman.



William F. Russo



Mr. & Mrs. William Laimbeer

**COLLIER COUNTY** – Presented by Collier County Sheriff Don Hunter to William F. Russo and Mr. & Mrs. William Laimbeer.



Brenda Kittelstad



Robert Laird

**HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY** – Presented by Hillsborough County Sheriff Cal Henderson to Brenda Kittelstad, Robert Laird and Deputy Dexter Cross.



**OSCEOLA COUNTY** – Presented by Osceola County Sheriff Charles M. Aycock to (left to right) Joan Castleberry, John Richichi and Les Murdock, representing the Osceola County Wagon Train & Trail Ride, Inc.



Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Felsted



Mr. & Mrs. Charles R. Ford

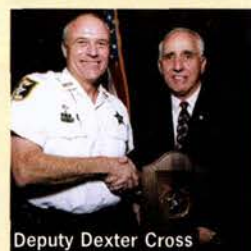
**MARION COUNTY** – Presented by Marion County Sheriff Ed Dean to Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Felsted and Mr. & Mrs. Charles R. Ford.



**ALACHUA COUNTY** – Presented by Alachua County Sheriff Steve Oelrich to his sister, Patricia O. Spencer.



**ST. LUCIE COUNTY** – Presented by St. Lucie County Sheriff Ken J. Mascara to John Hill.



Deputy Dexter Cross



**SEMINOLE COUNTY** – Presented by Seminole County Sheriff Don Eslinger to Thomas and Ursula West.





*New Lifetime Members  
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Ms. Connie K. Hodge  
Mrs. Doris A. Houghton  
Thomas A & Mary S James  
Foundation  
Mr. and Mrs. Carl E.  
Jenkins  
Mr. Kyung N. Kim  
Mr. Richard A. Kowalski  
Ms. M. Roberta Kunzendorf  
Dr. and Mrs. John H.  
Laragh  
Mr. Michael Lawrence  
Mr. and Mrs. Gil Legg  
Deputy Charles Markle  
Billy J. and Jeane S.  
Martin Foundation  
Ms. Alice T. McClaughry  
Mr. Rodney E. McCoy  
Mrs. Isabel F. Miller  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles W.  
Nicholson  
Delmar & Audria M. Olson  
Foundation  
Mr. Donald F. Olson  
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond  
Pallares  
Police Athletic League of  
Sarasota County, Inc.  
Bernard F Powell Mary  
Powell Foundation, Inc.  
Progress Energy  
Mr. Stephen P.  
Quackenbush III  
Mr. Charles R. Raulerson  
Mrs. Helen Rawls  
Sheriff Roy H. Raymond  
Mr. and Mrs. Owen M.  
Richardson

Mrs. Mary E. Riley  
Mr. Christopher Robbins  
Mr. Carl S. Rudnick  
Mr. Alfred E. Sapp, Jr.  
Mr. Bradlee H. Shattuck  
Mrs. June D. Sherman  
Silvester Foundation, Inc.  
Mr. Barry Slimm  
Mr. and Mrs. James R.  
Smith  
Mrs. Ruby L. Snyder  
Ms. Betty Strock  
Mr. and Mrs. William M.  
Teich, Sr.  
Mr. Jay C. Troxel  
Ms. Elaine C. Troy  
United Assoc. of Plumbers  
& Pipefitters  
Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Waag  
Mr. Daniel R. Warner  
Deputy Winfield N. Webb  
Mr. William D. Welch  
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen T.  
Westerfield  
Mr. Dan L. Wiggins  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert E.  
Wilkerson  
Mr. and Mrs. Augusta  
Williams  
Mr. and Mrs. Stanley H.  
Wisniewski  
Women of the Moose  
Daytona Chapter NO  
1019  
Yankeetown Marina  
Ms. Charlotte Yeats



Susan Imbres



Frank Knapp

**PALM BEACH COUNTY** - Presented by Palm Beach County Sheriff Ed Bieluch to Susan Imbres, Frank Knapp, Joseph J. Melbourne, and Charles A. Walsh.



Joseph J. Melbourne



Charles A. Walsh



**MADISON COUNTY** - Presented by Madison County Sheriff Pete Bucher to Justin and Jimmy Davis, Davis Enterprizes



**HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY** - Presented by Hillsborough County Sheriff Cal Henderson and Chief Deputy David A. Gee to Percy Edward Wheeler.

## Attention Members:

**Has your address changed? Please send us . . .**

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Please take a moment to check the mailing label on the back cover of this magazine. If your address is different in any way, let us know.

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**RETURN TO:**

The Florida Sheriffs Association  
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Tallahassee, FL 32317-2519

Or, if you prefer, fax it to: (850) 878-8665  
E-mail: [kcollier@flsheriffs.org](mailto:kcollier@flsheriffs.org)  
Or call us at (800) 877-2168  
Web site: <http://www.flsheriffs.org>

**NEW ADDRESS:** ☐ Permanent or ☐ Temporary

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Area code/phone \_\_\_\_\_





Mr. & Mrs. Donald A. Futrell



Anthony Bastian



Jackie Pons



ORANGE COUNTY - Presented by Orange County Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy Brad Margeson (far right) and FSJR Donor Relations Officer, Dr. Hank Edwards, to Mr. & Mrs. Robert D. Warner.



MANATEE COUNTY - Presented by Manatee County Sheriff Charlie Wells to Joseph Brennan.



Mrs. Frances Pierpoint

MANATEE COUNTY - Presented by Manatee County Sheriff Charlie Wells and FSJR Development Officer Bill Brown to Mrs. Frances Pierpoint and representatives of United Commercial Travelers.



United Commercial Travelers



SANTA ROSA COUNTY - Presented by Santa Rosa County Sheriff Wendell Hall (center) to Mr. & Mrs. Leo Vogt.



OKALOOSA COUNTY - Presented by Okaloosa County Sheriff Charlie Morris to Mr. & Mrs. Clarence R. Spencer.



INDIAN RIVER COUNTY - Presented by Indian River County Sheriff Roy Raymond (left) to his Undersheriff, Bill Brunner.



HARDEE COUNTY - Presented by Hardee County Sheriff Loran Cogburn to Robbye Platt.

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Mr. & Mrs. Urban Podwys

CITRUS COUNTY - 25-year certificate presented by Citrus County Sheriff Jeff Dawsy to Mr. & Mrs. Urban Podwys and John B. Morrison.



John B. Morrison



HARDEE COUNTY - 25-year certificate presented by Hardee County Sheriff Loran Cogburn to Nicholas Mendoza.



COLLIER COUNTY - 25-year certificate presented by Collier County Sheriff Don Hunter (right) to Matthew Hopkins, accepting on behalf of his grandfather, Matthew Ferrantino (pictured in photograph held by Sheriff).



PALM BEACH COUNTY - FSA Lifetime Membership plaque presented by Palm Beach County Sheriff Ed Bieluch to Tony Carvalho.



PALM BEACH COUNTY - 25-year certificate presented by Palm Beach County Sheriff Ed Bieluch to George Hektner.



ST. LUCIE COUNTY - 25-year certificate presented by St. Lucie County Sheriff Ken J. Mascara to Gerald and Bea Gould.



VOLUSIA COUNTY - 30-year certificate presented by Volusia County Sheriff Ben Johnson to Frederick Strokes.





Leon County Sheriff's Office Sgt. Tim Coughlin (left) shared a laugh with Leon County Sheriff's Special Deputy Tom Rollins. Deputy Rollins reminded Coughlin that he used to go fishing with his late father, Dr. Paul Coughlin, a well-known family physician in Tallahassee.



From left, Florida Representative Tom Rollins (R-45), his wife Alice, and Pinellas County Sheriff Everett Rice.

## Legislative Seafood Fest

In the Florida Sheriffs' tradition, on March 30th, FSA sponsored its annual Legislative Seafood Fest, which brings together lawmakers and law enforcement to feast on some of the best seafood in North Florida. The event is an enjoyable social occasion and offers an opportunity for important networking. We captured a few of the lighter moments on camera.



FDLE's Chief of Staff Electra Bustle (left) enjoyed seeing all the Sheriffs she once served while working at FSA, including Jefferson County Sheriff Ken Fortune. Earlier in her career, she was Assistant General Counsel for the Florida Sheriffs Association.



Columbia County Sheriff Frank Owens was part of the Seafood Fest serving team, dishing up service with a smile.

