

# THE SHERIFF'S STAR

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## Summer Conference Highlights 2004

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## *From the desk of . . .*

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It's the time of year when we begin seeing evidence of schools starting back. Grocery store shelves are crowded with specials deals on notebooks, pencils and backpacks.

Florida's county schools now begin in what seems to be mid summer, which comes as a surprise to those who don't have children in their household. For this reason, the Florida Sheriffs Association would like to remind you to be extra careful when driving in the peak school travel times, including early morning and mid afternoon.

In this issue's Crime Prevention & Personal Safety column, Sgt. Rick Hord talks a little about school safety and suggests that parents get to know the School Resource Officer in their child's school.

I've known many SROs over the years and can tell you that this is one of the best programs to come along in the history of the Office of Sheriff. As the parent of a teenage daughter, I've been thankful to know there's been a continuing law enforcement presence in the schools she has attended.

There's nothing that can replace an officer who interacts with the kids every day and who becomes a trusted confidant. It takes time to build rapport with young people and having an SRO in a school allows them to recognize dangerous or unusual behavior, so something can be done for the kids involved before the trouble escalates.

### **Drugs part of the problem**

Something that Rick Hord mentions in his column is that – as much as we don't like to admit it – drugs are a given in most schools. And the best thing we can do is to educate ourselves about them, and take precautions to prevent young people from accessing them. This includes prescription drugs found in our own medicine cabinets.

A drug that is increasing in prevalence around the state is methamphetamines. This summer's FSA conference included a presentation on the increased threat of methamphetamine manufacture and use in Florida. While it seems limited to the Panhandle counties presently, federal and state drug agents have warned it's just a matter of time before it moves to other parts of the state, and quite possibly, to the schools.

We've included a report about the meth problems in this issue.

### **Preventing tragedy on the roads**

Just as kids and drugs don't mix, some of us would say that kids and cars don't either. There is perhaps no more frightening day for a parent than when their 16-year old begins to drive solo.

At the summer conference Sheriffs heard a presentation by Partners for Highway Safety Executive Director Paul Burris, whose son died in a single car accident in 1992.

Paul has created a program called "Collision Avoidance Training" that has been proven to be an effective means for reducing teenage traffic accidents in our state.

Most people are not aware of it, but Driver's Education used to be a required course in high schools for students seeking to attain a driver's license. That requirement was discontinued, and now most driver's education is left to real life experience.

The CAT seeks to correct the problem, by not only giving teens driving experience in a controlled environment, but educating them in areas where teenagers are most prone to accidents and giving them training on how to avoid hazards on the road.

I'm happy to report that in the short time since the conference, several Sheriffs' Offices have arranged to bring CAT to their counties.

After listening to Paul's statistics, I am quite confident these same counties will see a reduction in the automobile accidents and fatalities involving teens in years to come.

We are grateful that Paul and other officials take the time out of their schedules to visit the FSA annual conference and tell us about their programs. We'll continue to provide a forum for Sheriffs to learn more about these and other solutions that contribute to public safety in Florida.

Be sure to look for more information about the conference through our pictorial essay beginning on page 6.

Be safe, and we'll see you again in the fall.

  
Gary Perkins, Executive Director

## Seniors vs. Crime

Senior citizens have historically been a prime target for criminals. Those with less-than-honest intentions take advantage of seniors' trusting nature, disposable income and lack of outside counsel when making purchasing decisions.

Recognizing that Florida's population includes a large number of retirees, in 1989 the Florida Legislature tried to determine how widespread fraud was among the elderly. The Attorney General's office spearheaded public meetings of seniors, and a task force determined that seniors are not only targeted for scams, they are subjected to high-pressure tactics by salespeople and are being deceived by false advertising at an alarming frequency.

After discovering that the seniors were eager to assist law enforcement, the Attorney General's office created "Storefronts," places where a senior citizen can go to file a complaint if they feel they have



been cheated or scammed. Senior citizens, called "Senior Sleuths," oversee the Storefronts, which are located in Sheriffs' offices, police departments, shopping malls and office buildings.

### Register your complaint here

At the Storefront, Senior Sleuth volunteers take the written complaint and then call the business or service on behalf of the client and try to resolve it. Often, complaints that seem to be impossible to resolve are completed quickly and entirely by phone. If this isn't possible, the Sleuths will pursue a face-to-face meeting between the parties, monitored by a trained senior mediator. And there is no cost for this service.

Once considered closed, the complaints are filed with a law-enforcement agency, and if the issue seems suspicious, the agency may conduct an undercover operation or a more thorough investigation.

According to Attorney General Charlie Crist, older adults appear to be more open to tell their story to someone closer to their age. The Storefronts also give them a sense of protection — generally they avoid reporting what they consider to be

embarrassing matters (like being cheated by a contractor) to official agencies or their own adult children. The Senior Sleuths appear more welcoming and more compassionate about their situation.

### Start of a good thing

The state's first Storefront operation was opened in Delray Beach in 2001 as a pilot project. After returning in excess of \$1 million to seniors after only a year and helping to shut down a travel agency that was victimizing seniors, the program was expanded statewide. Recent figures show that Storefronts are credited with recovering \$2.98 million for Florida residents — mostly seniors — as a result of 3,206 cases handled.

In addition, the program offers crime-prevention seminars to Florida's elderly and provides comprehensive training for law-enforcement officers and other criminal-justice practitioners in understanding how the aging population impacts upon the role of police and other criminal-justice professionals.

If you want help with a consumer-related complaint, or are interested in becoming a Senior Sleuth, call 1-800-203-3099. You can also visit their website: <http://www.seniorsvscime.com/>.



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# Florida's Growing Meth Problem... How Bad Is It?

There's been a proliferation of clandestine methamphetamine laboratories in Florida and the Sheriffs are teaming up with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration to address it.

The biggest concerns currently are in rural parts of northwest Florida. But Dominic Albanese, assistant special agent in charge for DEA, warns, "It's quickly going south." They go where they find the least resistance, and the Panhandle Sheriffs have been cracking down on them.

Methamphetamine, which also goes by the street names ice, glass and speed, is a powerful stimulant that affects the central nervous system. It can be smoked, snorted, orally ingested and injected. It comes in a powder form that resembles granulated crystals and in a rock form, which can be smoked.

It is highly addictive. It is also dangerous to manufacture and may result in chemical explosions.

Methamphetamine can be easily created using ingredients purchased in local stores. Over-the-counter cold medicines containing ephedrine or pseudoephedrine and other materials are "cooked" in meth labs to make the drug.

Meth labs have been found in many different types of locations, including apartments, hotel rooms, rented storage spaces and trucks. They are heavily protected, which makes them even more dangerous. They've been known to be booby-trapped, and lab operators are often well armed.



Dominic Albanese, assistant special agent in charge for the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, told the Sheriffs that while Florida's current meth problem is concentrated in the northwest part of the state, it's quickly moving south.



***"Some abusers, while refraining from eating and sleeping, will binge on methamphetamine, injecting as much as a gram of methamphetamine every two to three hours over several days until they run out of the drug or are too dazed to continue use."***

## How bad is the meth problem?

While there's no way to tell how widespread the drug is, the increase in meth lab seizures has been increasing.

In 2002 authorities seized 7,255 labs nationwide and Florida accounted for 131 of them. In 2003 more than 8,600 labs were seized, of which 230 were in Florida. In the first half of 2004, 235 labs had already been seized in this state, and officials are predicting 400 next year.

Because they involve hazardous chemicals, cleaning up meth labs is highly specialized, requiring

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equipment and training not found at your typical Sheriff's office or police department.

## What's being done

In order to curb the meth expansion, law-enforcement agencies are teaming up to bring lab certification and equipment to the local level, which would expedite lab seizures and processing. To date, 71 people in Florida have been trained in this specialized field of meth lab seizures. Training isn't cheap – the equipment alone carries an \$800 price tag.

Representatives from FDLE and DEA have crafted a comprehensive strategy that they are implementing to assist, including:

- Creation of regional meth lab task forces, including representatives from FDLE, DEA and local agencies in rural areas;
- Coordinating response and analysis through FDLE;
- Identifying and educating prosecutors at the state and federal levels; and
- Involving U.S. attorneys, particularly in cases involving repeat offenders.

According to FDLE Special Agent Supervisor David Waller, regional task forces could have lab-certified officers from participating agencies on call for quick response to lab call-outs and to support local agencies.

There would need to be databases for tracking, and all seizures would be closely monitored to prevent corruption. Case in point: In another part of the U.S., individuals hired to clean up lab sites ended up being on the wrong side of the law... instead of properly disposing of the seized chemicals, materials and equipment, they turned around and sold them back to drug dealers.

DEA's Albanese says that, eventually, the information will need to reach the masses; to warn citizens about the risks associated with meth – both in its use and manufacturing. Law-enforcement agencies also need to raise awareness with retailers that typically sell items used for manufacturing the drug, including common cold medicines and cleaning chemicals.

### Drug-endangered children

Besides severe addictions and the risk of explosion, there's yet another cost: Meth can be a grave threat to children.

Since meth labs are typically set up in a residence, they often involve the presence of kids. For this reason, the DEA and FDLE are working with the Department of Children and Families and Child Protective Services to come up with the best strategy for addressing this concern. A new protocol needs to be developed that deals with the issue of child abuse as it relates to exposure to a meth lab environment.

Something else that needs to be a part of it is creating effective state laws to deter would-be manufacturers. FSA will likely be pursuing new legislation for increased penalties for lab violators, particularly repeat offenders.

Some of the legislation that may be pursued includes:

- Criminal penalties for possess-

ing 14 grams of pseudoephedrine, a clear indication of the intent to manufacture and traffic methamphetamines;

- Placing limits on lawful possession of containers of anhydrous ammonia; and
- Child endangerment laws, as they relate to meth production.

While meth is not considered to be

at epidemic proportions in Florida at present, it's the type of problem that can grow and expand quickly in unsuspecting communities.

Your Florida Sheriffs are committed to doing everything they can to prevent future growth of meth.

*For more information, visit the following webpage: <http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/drugfact/methamphetamine/>. ♣*

## More About Meth

According to the White House's National Drug Control Policy Office ([www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov](http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov)): Methamphetamine, a derivative of amphetamine, is a powerful stimulant that affects the central nervous system. Amphetamines were originally intended for use in nasal decongestants and bronchial inhalers and have limited medical applications, which include the treatment of narcolepsy, weight control, and attention deficit disorder. Methamphetamine can be smoked, snorted, orally ingested and injected. It is accessible in many different forms and may be identified by color, which ranges from white or yellow to darker colors such as red and brown. Methamphetamine comes in a powder form that resembles granulated crystals and in a rock form known as "ice," which is the smokeable version of methamphetamine that came into use during the 1980s.

Methamphetamine use increases energy and alertness and decreases appetite. An intense rush is felt, almost instantaneously, when a user smokes or injects methamphetamine. Snorting methamphetamine affects the user in approximately five minutes, whereas oral ingestion takes about 20 minutes for the user to feel the effects. The intense rush and high felt from methamphetamine results from the release of high levels of dopamine into the section of the

brain that controls the feeling of pleasure. The effects of methamphetamine can last up to 12 hours. Side effects include convulsions, dangerously high body temperature, stroke, cardiac arrhythmia, stomach cramps and shaking.

Chronic use of methamphetamine can result in a tolerance for the drug. Consequently, users may try to intensify the desired effects by taking higher doses of the drug, taking it more frequently, or changing their method of ingestion. Some abusers, while refraining from eating and sleeping, will binge, also known as "run," on methamphetamine. During these binges, users will inject as much as a gram of methamphetamine every two to three hours over several days until they run out of the drug or are too dazed to continue use.

Chronic methamphetamine abuse can lead to psychotic behavior including intense paranoia, visual and auditory hallucinations, and out-of-control rages that can result in violent episodes. Chronic users at times develop sores on their bodies from scratching at "crank bugs," which describes the common delusion that bugs are crawling under the skin. Long-term use of methamphetamine may result in anxiety, insomnia and addiction. ♣

Florida Speaker of the House Johnnie Byrd (R-Plant City), who is running for U.S. Senate, said there are three things that have contributed to FSA's success with lawmakers: Having a well thought out agenda, good representation through consultant Frank Messersmith, and Sheriffs traveling to personally advocate for their issues.

As FSA Chaplain, Marion County Sheriff Ed Dean provided some nuggets of inspiration to start each meal. His focus was on the Book of Proverbs, which, he pointed out, contains much wisdom for Sheriffs' work and everyday living.

# Highlights From the FSA Annual Summer Conference

Bradford County Sheriff Bob Milner was installed as the 2004-2005 president of FSA. He quoted several scriptures, leaving listeners with a sense of hope for the future. He said, "Sheriffs have a heart for children, victims and the infirmed" and most approach their job with a servant's heart. He ended his acceptance speech by encouraging his fellow Sheriffs to pray for their staff daily.

**T**he 2004 Summer Conference – FSA's Annual meeting – was held July 18-21 at the Westin Diplomat Resort & Spa in Hollywood (Broward County), Florida.

Being an election year, numerous politicians came to mingle with the Sheriffs to educate them about their platforms related to public safety and seek their support.

A record 132 suppliers with law enforcement related products and services competed for the Sheriffs' attention between business meetings.

Learn more about specific conference highlights on these pages.

In his first appearance before the Florida Sheriffs since he took over the Department of Juvenile Justice, Sec. Anthony Schembri explained that after conducting a needs analysis he had determined the successes are quiet and failure are public. Although he has fired some people, he says he is discovering a great deal of talent and hopes to be able to retain most employees in the department's shift of direction.

Partners for Highway Safety Foundation Director Paul Burris educated the Sheriffs about a teen traffic safety program called Collision Avoidance Training (CAT) that has been proven to reduce teenage traffic fatalities. Citing statistics, he said, "Nothing kills or injures more of our children than auto crashes." Find more on the web at: <http://www.trafficsafety.net/>.

Seminole County Sheriff Don Eslinger was congratulated for his hard work as legislative affairs chairman. In fact, he did such a good job that his fellow Sheriffs nominated him to serve another year – an honor that he accepted.

FSA's Director of Governmental Relations Frank Messersmith gave out "lights & sirens" awards to recognize several Sheriffs and FSA Executive Director Gary Perkins for their assistance during the legislative session. It was one of the most successful sessions in years for public safety issues.

Florida Rep. David Simmons (R-Altamonte Springs) addressed the Sheriffs and was recognized for his assistance representing Sheriffs Association issues before his fellow lawmakers in the 2004 session. He sponsored FSA's Baker Act Reform bill.

Florida Highway Patrol Director, Colonel Chris Knight, told the Sheriffs that his plan to downgrade executive positions to gain more officers on the road is complete. He expects to have more positions to phase in over the next three years and sought guidance from the Sheriffs about the areas where troopers are needed most.

Broward Sheriff Ken Jenne hosted this year's conference, pledging the availability of his staff to whatever needs the Sheriffs and their families might have. Each Sheriff received a gift basket, compliments of Sheriff Jenne.

Ralph Barlow, who heads the Federal Communications Commission in Tampa, spoke to the Sheriffs about the dangers of Pirate Radio – unlicensed and illegal radio stations that often broadcast anti-government material. Barlow maintains that the stations pose a public safety problem and he appealed to the Sheriffs to assist by providing protection during FCC seizures.

Florida Senator Rod Smith (D-Gainesville) hailed the success of the Sheriffs on Baker Act reform – a bill that took two years to get through. He said in addition to family members of the mentally ill, this legislation clearly protects deputies – and that should be one of the highest priorities of lawmakers.

Suwannee County Sheriff Al Williams, chairman of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, encouraged Sheriffs to continue fundraising for this worthy charity. The Youth Ranches unveiled the Helping Hands Society, which recognizes those who have included the FSJR in their estate planning through a special commemorative pin (see inset).

It was the first Sheriff's conference for Miami-Dade Police Director Robert L. Parker (the appointed Sheriff in this county), who wasn't shy about speaking out on issues he anticipated will affect his part of the state. He used the conference to learn more about the needs he shared with his fellow Sheriffs and to network with those representing Miami-Dade's neighboring counties.



# New Program Quickly Locates Missing, Impaired Adults

By: Kevin Doll  
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Last year, the Pasco County Sheriff's Office spent nearly 30 hours and tens of thousands of dollars searching for a woman with Alzheimer's disease who had wandered from her Zephyrhills home. Fortunately, she was located in good condition near her home, where she had locked herself in a neighbor's shed and ignored calls from both her family and from searching deputies.

To try and prevent such incidents from happening in the future, the Pasco Sheriff's Office has initiated a new search-and-rescue program that can quickly find wandering Alzheimer's victims and other mentally impaired individuals. The PSO conducts numerous searches every year for mentally impaired victims and will be encouraging caregivers to consider the program.

"Project Lifesaver" is a proactive program that electronically tracks lost or wandering participants through the use of small transmitters. The Sheriff's Office is equipped with receivers to track the transmitters, which are usually worn on the wrist like a watch. The PSO is the first in the Tampa Bay region to participate in this program and only the fourth in the state.



During a simulated search with the Pasco County Sheriff's Office Aviation Unit, Community Policing Team Deputy Gary Raulerson (back seat) holds a receiver used to detect the inaudible signal that the Project Lifesaver transmitter emits. While deputies on the ground have about a 1-2 mile range of reception, from the air that reception improves to about 10 miles. (Photo by Kevin Doll)

Project Lifesaver was established in Virginia in 1999 and has been implemented in law-enforcement agencies across the country. The program recently achieved its 1,000th save of wanderers, with an average location time of 22 minutes. Law-enforcement personnel from both the air and on the ground can conduct tracking.

The startup cost for the program was about \$14,600, which was paid for from criminal forfeiture funds. The PSO will receive individual transmitters, a supply of batteries and battery testers for the transmitters, tracking devices and training for the first 15 deputies in the program.

Costs for individuals to participate will be about \$390 for the first year, which will include a transmitter, a battery tester and a year's supply of batteries. After the first year, participants will only be

charged for the cost of the batteries. Batteries must be replaced every 30 days, at a cost of \$10, and the entire program will be managed by the Sheriff's Office's community policing team. For those caregivers who cannot afford the costs, the PSO can provide the equipment for free, which is possible through the generosity of a number of county civic groups that have donated money to help support the program.

The Project Lifesaver program is a proven method to greatly reduce the resources needed to search for mentally impaired adults. More important, this program helps to quickly find and return lost loved ones to their families or caregivers and reduces their chances of being harmed or hurt.

For more information on Pasco County Sheriff's Office programs and units, visit their website: <http://www.pascosheriff.com/>. ✪

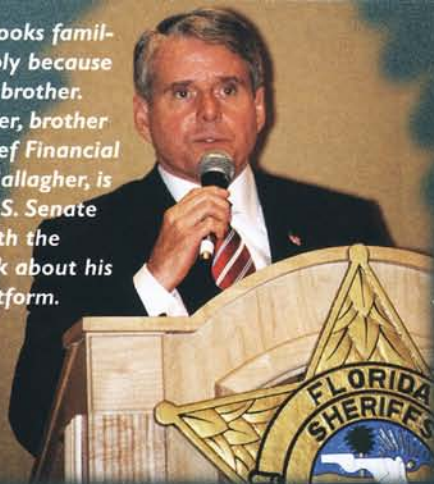
## National Sheriff's Association award

Retired FSA Executive Director Buddy Phillips (left), FSA's current Executive Director Gary Perkins (center) and FSA President and Martin County Sheriff Bob Crowder were presented with the National Sheriff's Association award which recognized FSA's 100% Sheriff participation for 20 consecutive years – a rarity among state law enforcement associations nationally.





If this fellow looks familiar, it's probably because of his famous brother. Doug Gallagher, brother of Florida Chief Financial Officer Tom Gallagher, is running for U.S. Senate and visited with the Sheriffs to talk about his campaign platform.



## Highlights From the FSA Annual Summer Conference

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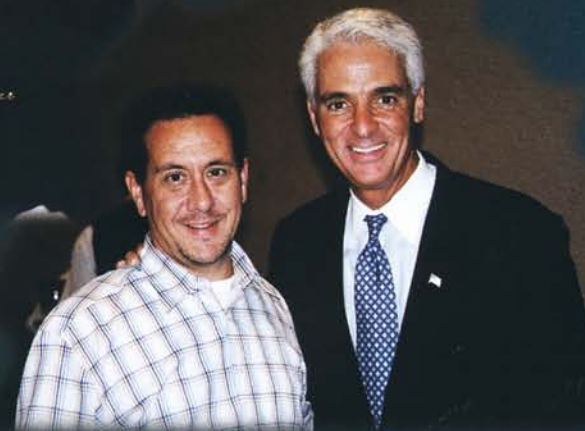
FSA Executive Director Gary Perkins, who serves at the pleasure of the Sheriffs, reacts to news that the Board of Directors renewed his contract. Perkins has been with FSA since 1981.



Senator Durell Peaden Jr. (Right), a medical doctor, says he used to work in emergency rooms and witnessed the difficulties of law enforcement. He told the audience, "The toughest job in the state of Florida is Sheriff."

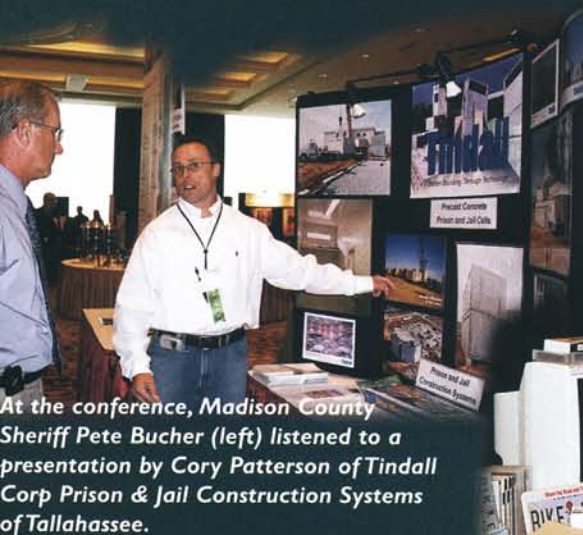


Outgoing FSA president Robert Crowder was honored to receive a sword, presented by Mike Connolly of Global Tel®Link, which is given to all immediate past presidents for them to display in their offices until the following year. The tradition was started at the 2003 summer conference.



Florida Attorney General Charlie Crist (right) is a long time friend of the Sheriffs of Florida and a perennial at FSA conferences. He's pictured with Reggie Garcia, an attorney for the Florida Association of Broadcasters. Garcia and other representatives explained the growing dangers of pirate radio.

Orange County Sheriff Kevin Beary spent time with exhibitors, including Florida Bicycle Association's Laura Hallam, who was at the conference to promote bicycle safety programs.



At the conference, Madison County Sheriff Pete Bucher (left) listened to a presentation by Cory Patterson of Tindall Corp Prison & Jail Construction Systems of Tallahassee.



Escambia County Sheriff Ron McNesby (right) studies clothing offered by Terry M. Hynds of Cotton Pickin' Shirts out of Pensacola.

# Some things to know as school begins

By: Sgt. Rick Hord  
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Sheriff's Office



Sheriffs' School Resource Officer Units consist of Deputy Sheriffs with specialized training, who are assigned full-time to serve the county school systems in Florida.

In Okaloosa County in particular, the deep-rooted commitment to school safety comes from the top: Before he was elected in 1996, Okaloosa County Sheriff Charlie Morris was a School Resource Officer (SRO)... the first in our county.

As the 2004-2005 school year gets in full swing, we asked our SROs to share some advice for parents and students. Here's what they said:

**1-Get to know your Resource Officer.** It's an unfortunate fact that for most Americans, cops are strangers. Your SRO wants to change that.

**2-Cellular phones have pros and cons.** They can be a terrific tool for personal safety and security, but cellular phones *do* pose some serious concerns, beyond simply being a classroom distraction. Some students use cellular phones and instant text messaging to set up drug deals, arrange inappropriate rendezvous, skip school, cheat on tests and for other dishonest and downright dangerous purposes. Students



and parents should understand the reason for their school's cellular telephone policies... and heed them.

### 3-Thieves lurk the hallways.

Theft is probably a major problem in every school in America. Students should *not* bring valuables or large amounts of cash to school. If you have a locker, keep it locked – and don't share the combination with others.

### 4-Drug problems are a given.

It doesn't matter where your school is, you can be sure somebody is bringing drugs to it on any given day. Almost without exception, when drugs are discovered on campus in our county, the source can be traced to a student's home. Sometimes it's marijuana or other illegal drugs, but more often these days it's prescription pills and over-the-counter medications being sold and shared. Warning to grandparents: One student admitted he swiped a few pills from each bottle when he visited his grandmother, figuring she'd never notice.

**5-Don't buy supplies until you know what to get.** Be aware that some schools have special requirements for, or prohibitions against, backpacks, certain types of notebooks, clothing, etc.

**6-Be part of the solution.** A talk with a teacher or Resource Officer, or an anonymous call to Student Crime Stoppers (1-888-654-TIPS) to turn in a thief, a drug peddler, or a weapon-toter is not being a snitch. It's being a good citizen... and possibly a life-saver.

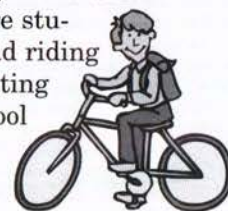
Many counties have implemented

the Florida Sheriffs School Safety Hotline in their counties. This program encourages students to give anonymous tips about dangerous behavior in their schools. The number to call is: 1-877-7BE-BRAVE (1-877-723-2728).

For more information about increasing safety in your schools, visit the Department of Education's Office of Safe & Healthy Schools webpage: [www.firn.edu/doe/besss/safe-home.htm/](http://www.firn.edu/doe/besss/safe-home.htm/).

### Bicycle Safety Tips

The beginning of the school year means more students on the road riding bicycles, commuting to and from school – often at peak traffic times.



Just because they don't have a motor, many people become lax when it comes to bicycle safety and the law. We wanted to offer a few reminders for safer travel:

**Know and follow the rules of the road.** Remember that whether you are riding for fun, exercise or transportation, bicyclists are governed by most of the traffic laws that apply to motor vehicles. The most common violations by bicyclists, in no particular order, are: running red lights and stop signs; failing to wear a helmet; driving on the wrong side of the road; improper carrying of passengers; careless driving; and riding at night without lights.

**DUI applies here.** Florida's DUI law applies to any vehicle, with or without a motor. One driver who lost his license for drunk driving a few years ago in our county later got arrested for DUI on his bicycle, on his way to the Courthouse Annex for... you guessed it: DUI court.

**Helmets are necessary and recommended.** The law requires

that an approved helmet be worn by anyone on a bicycle age 15 or younger. But all bike riders should follow the example set by competitive cyclists: They almost always wear a helmet, even if they're over 16.

**Don't go against traffic.** Just as for a car, bicyclists should go with the flow of traffic. Don't ever ride against traffic.

**Yield to pedestrians.** If you ride on the sidewalk, you must yield to pedestrians and Florida law requires you to "give an audible signal before overtaking and passing" any pedestrian.

**Consider passenger safety.** Most passengers on bikes are not being carried properly. According to the law, an adult may carry a small child "securely attached to his or her person in a backpack or sling." For kids – 3 years or younger and no more than 40 pounds, a seat or carrier designed for the purpose is also acceptable. Otherwise, anybody on a bike must be on a "permanent and regular seat." Commercially available bicycle trailers are legal, but do-it-yourself ones are not. Something else that is not legal: hanging on to cars or bicycles in motion, while on a bike, skates or skateboard.

**Meet the lighting requirements.** Florida law specifies that between sunset and sunrise, bikes must have a minimum of a white light on the front visible for at least 500 feet, plus both a red light and red reflector (a light or reflector alone isn't good enough) visible for at least 600 feet.

**Take tickets seriously.** Even if you don't have a driver's license, if ticketed for a bicycle violation, you need to take it seriously and pay the fine within the specified time. Otherwise, when you finally try to get a license, the violation will be noted and you will suffer more severe consequences than you would have previously.

*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/.*



## Boating Safety Enforcement A Priority in Lee County

*By: Stan Nelson  
Lee County Sheriff's Office*

It's no surprise that Florida and boating go hand in hand for many residents.

Here in Southwest Florida, it's no different. Lee County has 238 square miles of water, 590 miles of shoreline and 50 miles of beaches. Nearly one in 10 Lee County residents owns a boat and the percentage of registered boats is outpacing the percentage of new residents.

Faced with increasingly crowded waterways, local law enforcement agencies have been working together to enhance boating safety and boating under the influence enforcement.

After a successful operation in the spring, where nearly 200 vessels were inspected, the Lee County Marine Law Enforcement Task Force returned to the water for both the Memorial Day weekend and the Fourth of July.

The multi-agency events "resulted in outstanding partnering and impressive activity," according to Capt. Denis Grealish of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation

Cpl. Steve Gehle of the Lee County Marine Patrol Unit heads out to patrol waters in his 25-foot Contender. With boat ownership outpacing the growth of new residents in the area, several law enforcement agencies have formed a task force to raise awareness of boating safety, issue citations and make the waters safer by arresting those boating under the influence.



Commission Fort Myers Field Office.

The Lee County Sheriff's Office was the host agency. Dubbed "Operation Sea Spray," the spring event was headquartered at the Coast Guard Station at Fort Myers Beach, with activities conducted throughout Lee County waterways from noon until 8 p.m.

The task force includes the Lee County Sheriff's Office, Sanibel Police Department, Fort Myers Police Department and Cape Coral Police Department. State and federal members include the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Immigrations and Customs Enforcement, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving - Southwest Florida Chapter planted a memory tree at the Coast Guard Station for all victims of boating under the influence.

Task force members issued 115 warnings, 29 uniform boating citations, three boating under the influence arrests and one other arrest during "Operation Sea Spray."

Lee County had 44 boating accidents in 2003, sixth among Florida counties. Of those, 36 people were injured and two died. Seven accidents involved alcohol, according to state statistics.

*For more information on Lee County Sheriff's Office and its Boating Safety Enforcement, contact Stan Nelson, (239) 477-1066, or visit the LCSO website:*

*<http://www.sheriffleefl.org/>*

# Manatee County's Christine Thomason Wins Deputy Sheriff of the Year

With her firearm drawn, Manatee County Sheriff's Deputy Christine Thomason peered into the patio door. It was every law-enforcement officer's worst nightmare...a 13-year-old boy, eyes wide with terror, was staring at his father, who was sitting on a bed with a gun in his hand.

Thomason could hear the man crying and telling the child, "I am sorry for what I did," or "am going to do." She believed the father was about to kill his own son.

As she moved quietly inside the door, the boy looked in her direction.

Deputy Thomason's 12 years of law enforcement training and four years of military police experience would dictate her next move...and it's one that no officer would ever want to chance.

## Prelude to a shooting

On September 1, 2003, at approximately 7 p.m., K-9 Deputy Thomason was called away from one domestic disturbance to respond to what was reported as a violent domestic disturbance involving a firearm in a middle-class neighborhood home.

A female had called 9-1-1. Most of the woman's words were unintelligible. Communications had heard her screaming and pleading, "Don't! Please...I love you...don't!"

A male voice could be heard in the background telling the woman



Manatee County Sheriff Charlie Wells (left) commended Deputy Christine Thomason for her courageous actions that won her FSA Deputy Sheriff of the Year for 2003. FSA President Martin County Sheriff Bob Crowder presented the award with a \$1,000 check.

not to call or use the telephone. He was yelling over and over, "Don't make me do this!"

Communications recordings indicate scuffling sounds, muffled cries and continued pleading between the man and woman.

It was clear that the woman was begging the man not to shoot her and that the violence was escalating. She was able to confirm that he had a gun. As deputies arrived at the residence, dispatchers told them that a shot may have been fired.

When Deputy Thomason arrived, she noted deputies positioned at the front of the house and at the side. So she went to the back of the residence. Walking across a darkened patio and pool area, she came to double French doors.

Because they were tinted, she could not see in, but she could hear talking.

## Facing the danger

Deputy Thomason bravely placed her face against the darkened glass...and that's when she saw the boy backed against the far wall of a bedroom. She opened the door and entered.

After moving to the bedroom door, the boy's eyes met hers.

Holding out her arms, Deputy

Thomason yelled, "Run to me!" He sprinted toward her. She grabbed him as he cleared the doorway, and guided him to safety.

Simultaneously, she kept her weapon fixed on the gunman, identifying herself as a Sheriff's Deputy and ordering him to drop his gun.

The startled man did not change his position, but he started yelling profanities. Then, turning his face toward her, he pointed the gun over his left shoulder and fired one shot at Deputy Thomason. The bullet missed her head by inches and she fired back – one shot – to stop the threat of imminent danger.

The man fell back on the bed, still holding the gun.

Deputy Thomason continued giving orders for him to drop the gun, but he slumped off the bed and fell the floor, crawling toward a doorway leading to a hall. She could hear other deputies, who had entered through the kitchen, and were coming toward the man.

She quickly noted the gun, which remained on the bed. But she let her fellow officers know that it wasn't clear if he had other weapons.

The man kept crawling and using profanities, yelling, "Finish me off."

A deputy was able to get to the man safely, and they awaited res-

cue personnel. He later died, despite efforts to save him.

### Remnants of the night

Walking through the residence, Deputy Thomason could see evidence of the events that had occurred prior to her arrival. The man's wife, also the boy's mother, was lying dead in the kitchen. She had a gunshot wound in the back of her head.

Deputy Thomason later learned that the boy had tried to intervene in the violence between his parents and had struggled to take the gun away from his dad. The boy saw his father murder his mother and then stood in the bedroom while his father decided whether or not to kill himself – or possibly his son and then himself.

While the boy lost both parents that day, he is alive and well because this deputy reacted immediately and appropriately, risking all to save him.

A U.S. Air Force Sergeant and 12-year law-enforcement veteran, Deputy Thomason was well trained to respond to the violence.

However, she says late at night, she can still see the face of a boy, terrified by the violence of a father he loved.

Deputy Thomason's heroic efforts to save the boy and her selfless courage in standing strong in the face of danger are exemplary of law-enforcement professionalism and bravery. For this reason, the Florida Sheriffs Association chose her as the 2003 Deputy Sheriff of the Year.

In acknowledgement of this heroic act, Thomason received a handsome plaque and a check for \$1,000 at the FSA Summer conference in Hollywood, Florida.

### Two Finalists Also Named

The Florida Sheriffs Association would also like to recognize two other Deputies who were named by

the awards committee as finalists. Lee County Sheriff's Office Corporal Frank Glover is being recognized for his hand-to-hand combat with a man who had exhibited bizarre behavior, resisted arrest and led deputies on a car chase. The suspect punched, kicked and stabbed Glover's K-9 partner, Alko, killing him. Glover himself received multiple stab wounds.

Brevard County Sheriff's Deputy Brett Moore is being commended for saving another deputy's life, following a confrontation with a suicidal man. After a hands-on struggle, trying to wrestle a weapon away from the man, Field Training Officer Mitch Boshnack was injured. The suicidal man, who was also injured, recovered the gun and held it to Boshnack's head. Deputy Moore fired in defense of himself and Boshnack. The man later died at the hospital. ✱

## Sarasota's Jail Chaplain Wins Correctional Officer of the Year

Past winners of the Correctional Officer of the Year have been heralded for saving the lives of inmates or fellow staff members, for saving their agency substantial amounts of money through cost-effective programs and for an overall lifetime of exemplary service.

This year, the awards committee saw something very special in the life, activities and accomplishments of one of those seemingly "invisible" employees that most jails have on their staffs, but few hear about – the jail chaplain.

"Skip" Ritter has been a Correc-

tions Chaplain since 1998 and became the senior chaplain and program director of the Sarasota County Jail in 2000. He manages six employees and oversees more than 28 programs and services in the jail.

He is an ordained minister who attended Bethel Seminary prior to

his work in the Sarasota County Jail. He served as an associate pastor in Vista, California, and Sarasota and as a senior pastor in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Perhaps most distinctive, he also served as a Chaplain for the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Aside from his ministry creden-



Sarasota County Jail Chaplain Skip Ritter (left) was named the FSA Corrections Officer of the Year for 2003. He received a plaque and a \$1,000 check from FSA President Martin County Sheriff Bob Crowder.

## Corrections Officer of the Year continued from page 13

tials, our winner graduated from the Sarasota Criminal Justice Training Academy, and he continues to maintain his certification as a correctional officer in the state of Florida.

### Previous accolades

This is not the first time that the Rev. Ritter has been recognized. He received the "Meritorious Achievement Award" last year from the Sarasota County Sheriff for his exemplary work on inmate programs. And the Florida Correctional Accreditation Commission recognized him for his work on inmate programs.

Chaplain Ritter is currently president of Florida Chapter 18 of the Blue Knights, a law-enforcement organization for motorcycle enthusiasts that raises money for various charities, and he is on the Board of Directors for Evangelism Explosion, a national prison ministry that works in more than 200 prisons across America.

Some other highlights of Ritter's accomplishments:

- He continues to manage and update "Success 2000," a program created by the late Chaplain Bob Vance that is designed to build self-esteem and help integrate inmates back into the workforce.
- He also administers "Addicted

to Christ," a 12-step addiction recovery program for inmates that is similar to Alcoholics Anonymous. However, it is focused on a "higher power" – namely Jesus Christ – as the only true helper in their lives.

•In 2003 alone, Ritter initiated other programs to help inmates gain control of their lives with the goal of making them better citizens.

In July 2003, the Rev. Ritter played a crucial role in the formulation of a cooperative effort between the jail, First Step Rehabilitation and Substance Abuse Centers and Sarasota United for Responsibility and Equity, a community faith-based organization, to create a drug rehabilitation program for inmates, designed with an eye toward stopping recidivism due to drug usage.

In addition, the six-week "Dad's Program" helps fathers who are in jail become true "Dads" to their children through teamwork with their spouses. It helps incarcerated fathers learn proper parenting skills and helps ease the transition back into their families upon their release from jail. The Dad's Program is supported by Children First and attracted funding from Florida's Commission on Marriage and Family Support Initiatives.

Finally, Chaplain Ritter implemented an Anger Management Class, which is designed to help inmates manage and resolve their

anger in socially acceptable ways.

### No such thing as a "slow" day

The Chaplain's office is very busy. The Rev. Ritter is responsible for reviewing more than 1,000 inmate request forms each month. Most of these deal with religious issues, but many relate to personal and family concerns. The Chaplain and his staff quickly respond to family needs and offer a referral to social agencies, as needed. The Reverend Ritter also makes himself available to any Sheriff's office employee for spiritual or personal counseling, and on several occasions has presided over the weddings of deputies and civilians from the agency.

Sarasota County Sheriff Bill Balkwill says there's not a day that goes by that the Rev. Ritter is not taking a step back and assessing a situation, determining a need and working toward a solution to fix the problem.

For these, and many other untold victories in which he is credited, we congratulate Sarasota County Jail Chaplain Skip Ritter for winning the Florida Sheriffs Association 2003 Correctional Officer of the Year.

In recognition of his efforts and accomplishments, Ritter received a handsome plaque and a check for \$1,000 at the FSA Summer conference in Hollywood, Florida. ✦

## My View: Seat Belt Laws Should Be Enforced

By: Lawrence W. Crow, Jr.  
Sheriff, Polk County

For many years, I have been lobbying, along with fellow Sheriffs, Chiefs of Police, lawmakers and organizations such as Mothers Against Drunk Driving (M.A.D.D.), to get a bill passed that would allow officers to stop and cite



motorists for not wearing seat belts.

Currently, law enforcement and highway patrol officers cannot legally pull a driver over for the sole reason of not

wearing a seat belt and/or not having their passengers—anyone over the age of 6—restrained. Motorists may only be cited for these infractions if the vehicle is stopped for another reason.

Gov. Jeb Bush and House Speaker Johnnie Byrd support such legislation, and a bill has been proposed in the past that would put this law into effect. Unfortunately, during a 2003 Special Session, the House approved the bill, but the Senate did not.

A glance at recent news articles in our community, alone, supports the findings that seat belts save lives:

*Published Saturday, 1/24/04,  
LAKELAND — 6-year-old Sarah  
Cobb died Thursday afternoon at*

*Lakeland Regional Medical Center after a two-car collision at Harden Boulevard and North Frontage Road near the Polk Parkway. Her 4-year-old sister, Amanda, also was injured and taken to LRMC. The girls weren't wearing their seat belts and were ejected from the 1992 Oldsmobile van their mother was driving.*

*Published: 11/29/2003*

**HAINES CITY** — A Dundee woman died Friday from injuries sustained during a single-vehicle crash. According to a Haines City police report, Button's 1988 Dodge Caravan struck a guardrail, and then flipped over three times, ejecting her from the van. She was not wearing a seat belt.

*Published: 11/13/2003*

**ALTURAS** — One person died, and two others were injured in a two-car crash about 6:15 p.m. Wednesday at the intersection of State Road 60 and 80 Foot Road, the Florida Highway Patrol reported. No one involved in the crash was wearing a seat belt.

*Published: 10/31/2003*

**LAKELAND** — A Lakeland man died in a two-vehicle accident Wednesday night on Lake Miriam Drive and Fairfax Drive, the Florida Highway Patrol reported.

Ralph Robison, 83, of Fairfax Drive was killed in the crash, an FHP report said. He was not wearing a seat belt.

### **It's a "leading" cause of death**

If that's not convincing enough, according to the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC), motor vehicle injuries are the leading cause of death of children of every age after their first birthday. According to the NCIPC:

- Of the children ages 0 to 12 years who were killed in motor vehicle crashes during 1999–2000, 52 percent were unrestrained, 18 percent were incorrectly restrained, and 35 percent were riding in the front seat.

- Three-quarters of children ages 1 to 4 who ride with an unrestrained driver are also unrestrained.

- Child safety seats reduce the risk of death in passenger cars by about 70 percent for infants and by about 55 percent for toddlers ages 1 to 4.

- For children ages 9 years and older, car seat belts reduce injury risk by about 50 percent.

Everyone should know that drivers are required by law to wear seat belts, and that their passengers should also be buckled up. Unfortunately, we also know that not everyone obeys this law, for a variety of foolish reasons. I believe that by giving law-enforcement officers the ability to stop and cite a driver for failing to wear a seat belt, more motorists would take heed and get into the habit of buckling up before driving.

### **Compliance saves lives**

According to recent statistics provided by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, this more stringent seat belt law would increase seat belt compliance to approximately 90 percent and could save 262 lives and 6,200 debilitating injuries yearly. Additionally, taxpayers would save untold amounts of money by not paying the Medicaid bills of those who, needlessly injured in crashes, do not have insurance or have depleted their resources.

There are 20 states currently enforcing the "primary seat belt law," as it is called. There is a bill going through Congress now that would pay the remaining 30 states an incentive to get on board. If

passed, Florida could receive a \$37 million one-time payment from the federal government to help enact the law. We would continue to receive \$6 to \$9 million annually, based on our compliance. How can we afford to refuse this recurring revenue, especially at a time when our state is facing tough budget problems?

I am passionate about this issue—but I have not always been. I, like others, have been concerned about government being too intrusive into the lives of citizens. There cannot be a government solution to everything. I have come to conclude, however, that all too often law enforcement deals with the aftermath of terrible tragedies that could have been prevented by wearing seatbelts. It is time to be proactive with this issue, and prevent senseless tragedies that we know we can prevent. If you want to avoid being stopped under the new law, just buckle up. Seat belts are simple and they save lives. Law enforcement ought to be given the tools to adequately enforce the seat belt law.

State Rep. Irving Slosberg, whose political career started after losing his daughter in a car crash in which she was not restrained, has led the fight to pass this bill in the Florida Legislature. I am committed to helping Representative Slosberg get this bill passed. Karolyn Nunnallee of Fort Meade, former National President of M.A.D.D., is also on board and wholeheartedly supports our mission. Please support us in this important effort by writing and calling your local legislative members. ♣

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**OKALOOSA COUNTY** – Presented Okaloosa County Sheriff Charlie Morris to David Dean.



## HONOR ROLL

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

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**CITRUS COUNTY** – Presented by Citrus County Sheriff Jeff Dawsey (far right) and FSyr's Frank Kenny (far left) to John Bregger.



**OSCEOLA COUNTY** – Presented by Osceola County Sheriff Charlie Aycock (left) and FSyr President Roger Bouchard (far right) to Robert L. Kuever.



**MANATEE COUNTY** – Presented by Manatee County Sheriff Charlie Wells (right) and FSyr President Roger Bouchard (left) to Frank Leahy, Waterlefe Golf Course.

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**HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY** – Presented by Hillsborough County Sheriff to Mr. & Mrs. John Barth, Sr. and Robert Jourdain.



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**MANATEE COUNTY** – Presented by FSyr Youth Villa Program Director Brad Gregory (right) to Freda Ridgeway (center) and Debbie Burdett of Cargill, Inc.



**CLAY COUNTY** – Presented by Clay County Sheriff's Office Major Joe Hutcheson (left) and FSyr Development Officer David Kritzmacher to Adhemar E. DeBrocq and Rebecca Knowles.



**PALM BEACH COUNTY** – Presented by Youth Ranches staff to Louis Stone.



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HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY – Presented by Suwannee County Sheriff Al Williams (right) and FSYR President Roger Bouchard to Traci Rinoldo, owner of Integrated Nonprofit Services, LLC.



FLORIDA – Presented by Sumter County Sheriff Bill Farmer (left) and Marion County Sheriff Ed Dean (right) to Don Burgess, representing The Villages Homeowners Association.



## FLORIDA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION

### HONOR ROLL



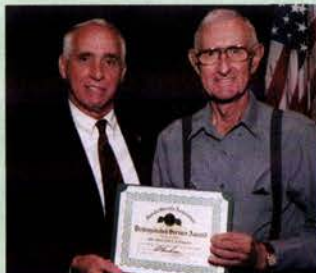
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HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY – 25-year certificate presented by Hillsborough County Sheriff (left) to Richard Coates and William Stinson.



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CLAY COUNTY – 25-year certificate presented by Clay County Sheriff's Office Major Joe Hutcheson (left) to Mr. & Mrs. Winferd E. Strickland, Sr.



CLAY COUNTY – 30-year certificate presented by Clay County Sheriff's Office Major Joe Hutcheson (left) to Mr. & Mrs. Roy Philemon.



OKALOOSA COUNTY – 30-year certificate presented by Okaloosa County Sheriff Charlie Morris to Arthur E. Baumgart.



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ST. LUCIE COUNTY – 25-year certificate presented by St. Lucie County Sheriff Ken J. Mascara to Edward W. Oshea.



INDIAN RIVER COUNTY – 40-year certificate presented by Indian River County Sheriff Roy Raymond (right) to Pat Corrian.



Steven Dixon



Mr. &amp; Mrs. Charles Carr



Mr. &amp; Mrs. Anthony Lawrence



Mr. &amp; Mrs. Ray Jarzyna

CITRUS COUNTY – Presented by Citrus County Sheriff Jeff Dawsey (far right) and FSJR's Frank Kenny (far left) to Steven Dixon, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Carr, Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Lawrence, Mr. & Mrs. Ray Jarzyna, Adela Wery, Peg Lawson, Bill Hudson, Pastor Landon of Crystal River United Methodist Church, Mr. & Mrs. Harold Forth, Mr. & Mrs. John Allison, Pat Holt, Arnold Goudreau, Dorothy L. Patterson, Paul Kayen, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Recor, Mrs. Charles Pope, Chris Nast – representing the Homosassa Springs Rotary Club, Mr. & Mrs. Charles B. Smith, Mike's Quality Auto, represented by Mr. Cozzi and Suzanne Webb.



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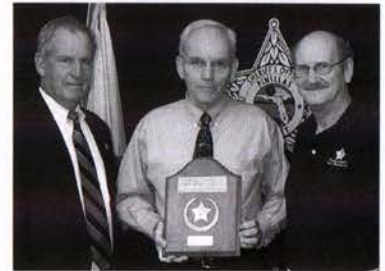


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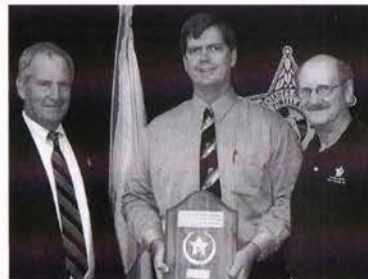


Deputy Jacqueline Menchion-Yost

PINELLAS COUNTY – Presented by Pinellas County Sheriff Everett Rice (left) and FSJR Development Officer Don Meek to Deputy David Fisher, Deputy Jacqueline Menchion-Yost, Director Dan Wiggins, George Lewis (Leverock's Seafood House) and Deputies David & Timmie Antolini.



Director Dan Wiggins



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# Motivated to help the Canine Unit

Breanna Ellis (left) and Nicole Tillotson pose with Lee County Sheriff's Office K-9 Kuzan after donating \$362 to the K-9 Unit. Motivated to help the Canine Unit after K-9 Alko died last year while apprehending a suspect, the two 9-year-olds from Cape Coral exceeded their original goal of \$350, after three months of car washes, cookie and lemonade sales and other chores.

