

THE SHERIFF'S STAR



Super Shooter: Deputy Holds Her Own in Standoff, Saves 3 Kids

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From the desk of . . .
Gary Perkins, Executive Director
Florida Sheriffs Association



At a time when so many of us are being hit with requests to help the victims of hurricane Katrina, I thought I should let you know that, through the Florida Sheriffs Association, **you are already assisting relief efforts.**

As I mentioned in my last column, through training provided this past spring, the Florida Sheriffs Offices were armed with a preparedness package and plan for response prior to the first hurricane of the season – hurricane Dennis. That turned out to be our fire drill, of sorts, as we tested our systems of communication among Sheriffs' offices and coordinated the quick distribution of resources to affected areas.

Then came Katrina.

While much of the focus has been on our neighboring states to the west, our FSA Task Force stayed busy at the state Emergency Operations Center responding to Broward and Miami Dade areas, where Katrina made landfall as a Category 5 on August 24.

Still, by comparison to the series of hurricanes in 2004, that situation was manageable from a law enforcement perspective.

A wider scale

The next test of our emergency systems came in the form of assisting neighboring states. Though few people know it, the Florida Sheriffs were among the first to provide assistance to the affected areas, following the devastation by hurricane Katrina.

Using our networks, we were able to get 200 Sheriffs' Office personnel and emergency equipment to the affected areas as soon as the storm had cleared.

In fact, Escambia and Santa Rosa counties – which were the hardest hit a year ago, and still very much in recovery – were most anxious to offer assistance. Having just lived through mass destruction in their counties, those Sheriffs' Offices felt they could put their knowledge to work.

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As many of you can imagine, this was not only a dangerous mission but a potentially emotionally charged one, considering the desperation we've seen portrayed on television. But FSA's President, Orange County Sheriff Kevin Beary, assured us that all personnel being deployed were sufficiently prepared for whatever they might encounter – truly, a war zone.

We've since rotated out those troops and coordinated our efforts with other state and national law enforcement response, as needed.

Something else that FSA provided during the hurricane Katrina response is a part-time position to help staff the EOC desk. Our FSA Task Force, which mans those phones, is made up of Sheriffs' Office personnel and this provides one more resource during high activity times.

Your role

So, what was *your* part in all of this? Quite simply, by supporting the Florida Sheriffs Association through your membership, you are assuring that law enforcement has the training, task forces and coordinated response needed in the event of a natural disaster.

Your membership helps assure all 67 Sheriffs' offices are prepared for immediate deployment to any community in need – which could be yours.

This lesson following hurricane Katrina has shown us that our system is not only effective at safeguarding our own state, but works to help neighboring states, as well. And that's a matter of domestic security.

On behalf of the 67 Sheriffs' Offices in Florida, and those who are on the receiving end of their services, I want to thank you for your support. Quite frankly, we couldn't have done it without you.


Gary Perkins, Executive Director

CRIME TRENDS

New Equipment Helps Underwater Search and Recovery

Part of what makes the state of Florida so attractive to tourists – the abundance of water – also makes it one of the most challenging for investigations. How can a law-enforcement agency efficiently search large bodies of water for evidence and murder victims?

Thanks to a new tool made possible by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, searches that once took days and tied up a number of personnel with limited success can now be conducted more efficiently through a new vessel and sonar.

Case in point

Following a recent robbery, the Pinellas County dive team was told the details: A suspect had entered a store, implied he had a gun, demanded the cash box and run out of the store. Witnesses say he got on a bike and headed across the Belleair Causeway. They say he also tossed the cash box and bike over the side of the bridge.

It was the dive team's job to recover the box and the bike – covering a search area several hundred yards long and more than 50 yards wide. Worse: conditions weren't

great. The saltwater was hot, dark and murky. Using conventional search methods, it would have taken several hours.

This time, the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office Search and Recovery Team employed their new vessel, a Nautica RIB Catamaran, with its newest piece of equipment, the "Centurion" Side Scan Sonar system.

Within 45 minutes, the sonar operator had identified the evidence, and two divers went into the water and recovered the items.

"The sonar system worked as advertised," said Pinellas County Sheriff's Office Sergeant Glenn Wilson. "The dive team completed the mission in a very short period of time for the area they were required to search."

Technical and valuable

Plans are to use the \$32,600 system for underwater surveying as well as search-and-recovery efforts in zero-visibility conditions, according to the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office. Federal agencies have used the system for locating drowning victims and the location of downed aircraft. Sheriff's Office administrators say, depending on mission requirements, deputies can deploy the sonar from other vessels used by the Sheriff's Office, too.

Besides saving time, Sgt. Wilson pointed out that the system also allows divers to evaluate the search area

before entering the water. "This reduces the divers' risk in dangerous recovery situations," he said.

The Department of Homeland Security's Office of Domestic Violence Preparedness and the Urban Area Security Initiative is the funding source for the equipment. Pinellas County Sheriff Jim Coats says the equipment and dive team are available for assistance to other counties and jurisdictions in their searches as well.

Florida residents and visitors are the big winners when it comes to the equipment coming from the Department of Homeland Security, the Sheriff said. Through the grants, the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office has enhanced its capability to address a full spectrum of incidents, from terrorist attack and the recovery of stolen merchandise, to the recovery of evidence and the location of sunken aircraft and vessels. He added, "We have received or are in the process of receiving over \$2 million worth of equipment from grants that we did not have to budget for and the county did not have to fund."

For more information, visit the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office Web site: <http://www.pcsoweb.com>, or contact Mac McMullen, Public Information Specialist, (727) 582-6292. ☛

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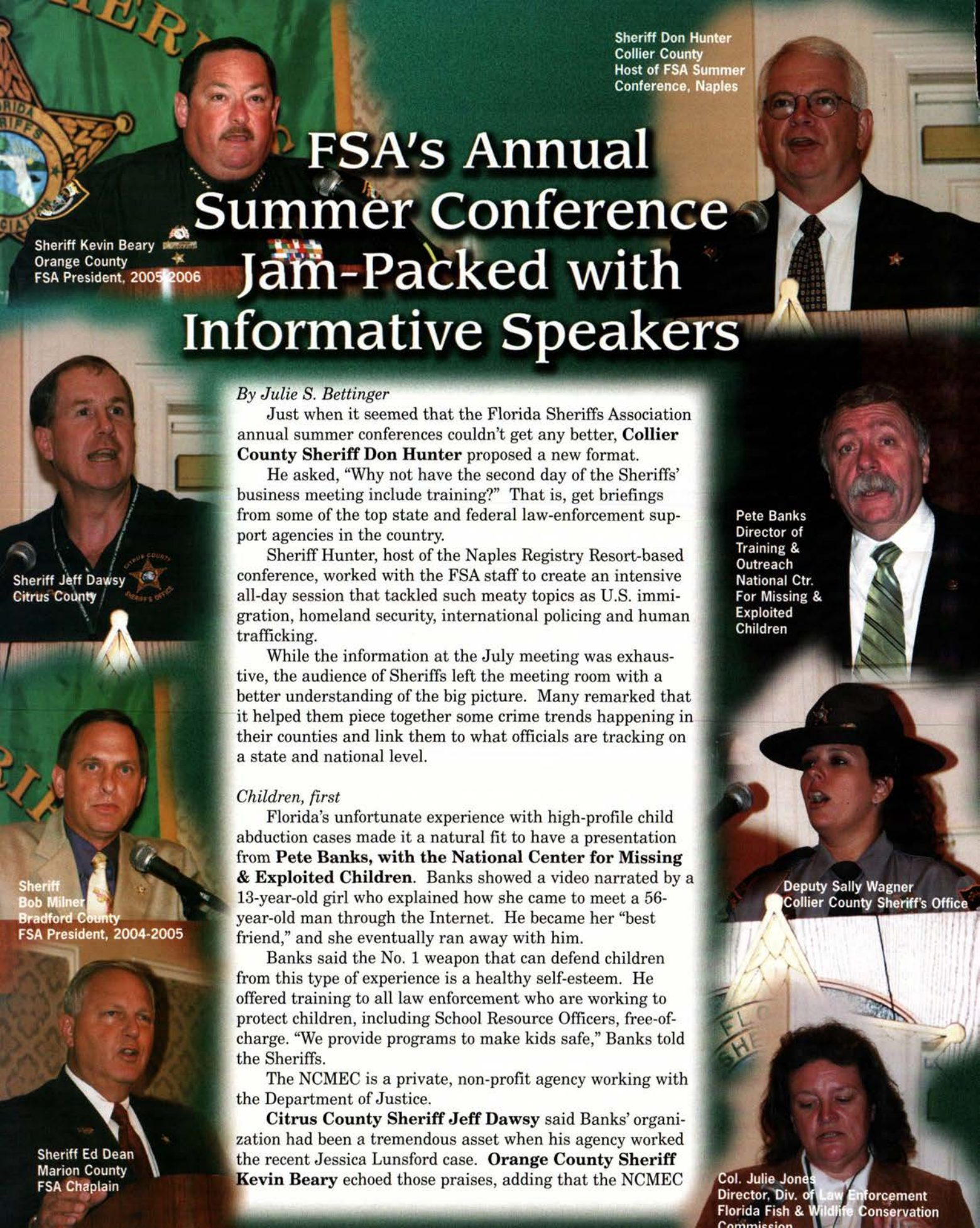


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FSA's Annual Summer Conference Jam-Packed with Informative Speakers

By Julie S. Bettinger

Just when it seemed that the Florida Sheriffs Association annual summer conferences couldn't get any better, **Collier County Sheriff Don Hunter** proposed a new format.

He asked, "Why not have the second day of the Sheriffs' business meeting include training?" That is, get briefings from some of the top state and federal law-enforcement support agencies in the country.

Sheriff Hunter, host of the Naples Registry Resort-based conference, worked with the FSA staff to create an intensive all-day session that tackled such meaty topics as U.S. immigration, homeland security, international policing and human trafficking.

While the information at the July meeting was exhaustive, the audience of Sheriffs left the meeting room with a better understanding of the big picture. Many remarked that it helped them piece together some crime trends happening in their counties and link them to what officials are tracking on a state and national level.

Children, first

Florida's unfortunate experience with high-profile child abduction cases made it a natural fit to have a presentation from **Pete Banks, with the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children**. Banks showed a video narrated by a 13-year-old girl who explained how she came to meet a 56-year-old man through the Internet. He became her "best friend," and she eventually ran away with him.

Banks said the No. 1 weapon that can defend children from this type of experience is a healthy self-esteem. He offered training to all law enforcement who are working to protect children, including School Resource Officers, free-of-charge. "We provide programs to make kids safe," Banks told the Sheriffs.

The NCMEC is a private, non-profit agency working with the Department of Justice.

Citrus County Sheriff Jeff Dawsy said Banks' organization had been a tremendous asset when his agency worked the recent Jessica Lunsford case. **Orange County Sheriff Kevin Beary** echoed those praises, adding that the NCMEC

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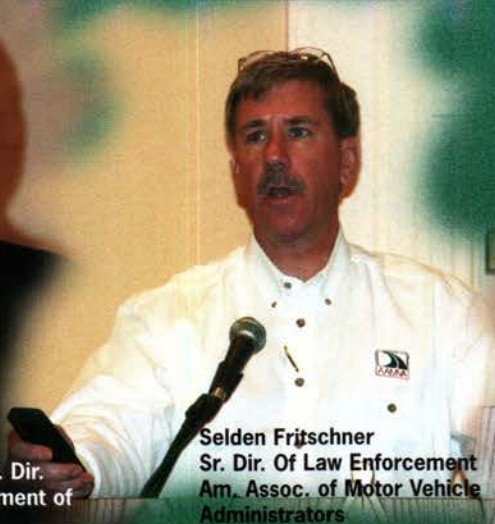
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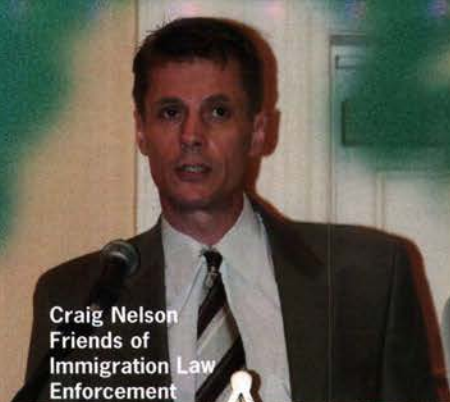
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1989-2004

Conference continued

helped "connect the dots" on a recent child abduction case in his county. "They have great analytical tools," he said.

Border security

Terry Kelly, a supervisor for the U.S. Border Patrol Field Intelligence Center, outlined specific border threats that Sheriffs' agencies need to be aware of – especially as they relate to human and drug trafficking.

Steve McCraw, director of homeland security for the state of Texas, provided some warnings about how illegal aliens are trying to gain "defacto citizenship" through identification cards – or Matricula Consular.

On a related topic, presenter **Selden Fritschner, senior director of law enforcement for the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators**, outlined problems with how the U.S. has come to rely on driver's licenses as identification for everything from getting approved for mortgages to getting a passport.

Driver's licenses, originally created only to prove a person could operate a vehicle, are now widely used to verify identity. The problem is that, according to Fritschner, there are more than 650 "valid" driver's licenses and identification cards used in the U.S., which makes it tricky to determine what's fake and what's real.

He says the "Real ID Act of 2005," was designed to assure better uniformity and reduce fraud. By May of 2008, a state driver's license cannot be used for federal purposes – such as to board a plane.

There are a number of issues still to be worked out, including how to assure records used to prove identity – such as birth certificates, Social Security cards and passports – are legitimate. Fritschner said his association can provide fraudulent document recognition training to Sheriffs' Offices and other law enforcement, if needed.

Fraud, current day slavery

Through the briefings, Sheriffs also learned that there's more money being made in human smuggling than drugs. **Craig Nelson, director of the Friends of Immigration Law Enforcement**, said the system involves not just getting



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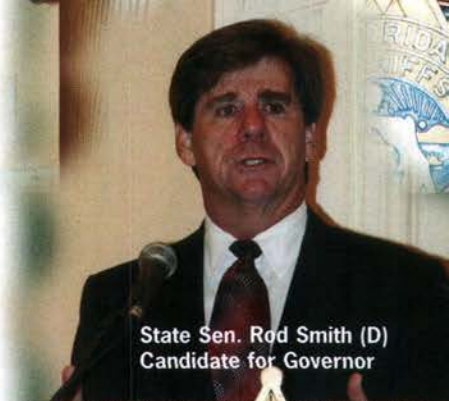
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Sumter County



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illegals across the U.S. border, but helping them get established with fake identification and credentials to gain residency that appears legitimate.

Terry Coonan, with the Florida State University-based Center for Advancement of Human Rights, said human trafficking is estimated to be a \$9 billion-a-year industry. Much of the work they do relates to sex slaves and those who are either kidnapped or betrayed and brought to the U.S. from other countries for prostitution. This includes girls in their early teens.

After receiving background on these and other high-level security concerns, **Highlands County Sheriff Susan Benton** pressed for solutions on the issues that were raised. **Sheriff Hunter** responded, "What Sheriffs need to do is to take a stand with our partners," many of whom were presenting agencies. That could come in the form of resolutions. FSA has a solid reputation with lawmakers, and the Sheriffs' endorsement can help in resource development. It might also mean working more closely with state and federal agencies on joint operations.

Orange County Sheriff Kevin Beary, who was sworn in as the new FSA president during the conference, said it best: "Homeland security is hometown security."

In his acceptance speech, he said that information and data sharing is key to protecting Florida. And that includes sex offender tracking.

"Florida Sheriffs must set the standard for tracking these offenders," he said. "We need to continue working with our state and federal partners. It's all about information sharing among law enforcement agencies.

"We need to build strong regional relationships, including our local law enforcement counterparts – the police chiefs," he said.

Sheriff Beary also recognized all the vendors who provide much of the technology used in Sheriffs' offices today. He thanked them for their commitment and friendship over the years.


In fact, this year's annual conference was one of the better attended by product and service providers – there were a total of 133 sponsors and exhibitors at the Naples meeting. Of the 525-plus conference attendees, a record number were Sheriffs – 54 of the 67 were able to participate.

The next FSA statewide gathering will be the Mid-Winter Conference, which will be held at the Bay Point Marriott in Panama City Beach, January 22 – 24.

Don't miss it.



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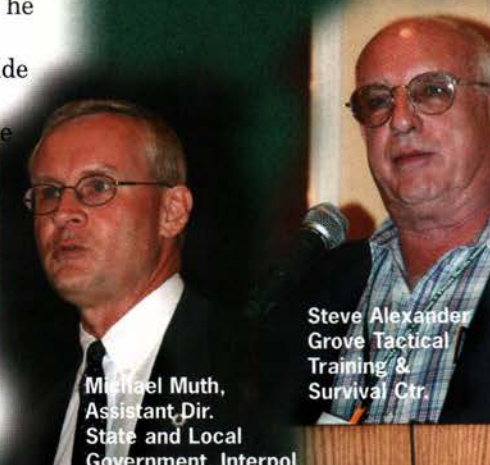
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Super Shooter: Deputy Holds Her Own in Standoff, Saves 3 Kids

The Florida Sheriffs Association's Deputy Sheriff of the Year award is one of the highest statewide honors a deputy can receive. Very often, after receiving recognition from FSA, a deputy will go on to receive other accolades on a national level.

Well, this time the nationals happened to get a jump on us.

About the same time that FSA's awards committee was meeting and unanimously agreeing that Orange County Sheriff's Deputy Jennifer Fulford deserved the award, Fulford was preparing for a trip to Washington, DC. In early July, she met with Vice President Dick Cheney and received the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor.

Even before the Medal of Valor, Deputy Fulford was the topic of a speech by U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales when he spoke at the National Sheriffs Association conference, where she was named the National Deputy Sheriff of the Year.

A story beyond compare

When you hear Deputy Jennifer Fulford's story, you'll understand why she's received so much recognition.

On Wednesday, May 5, 2004, just before 8:00 a.m., an Orange County Sheriff's Office dispatcher received a call from a frightened and soft-spoken 8-year-old boy, reporting a possible burglary in progress.

Deputies Jennifer Fulford, Dwayne Martin, Jason Gainor and Kevin Curry responded to the call. While en route, the deputies learned that the child told dispatchers there were "strange men" in his home armed with handguns.

Deputies Martin and Curry arrived first and were conversing with a black female when Deputies Fulford and Gainor arrived. The woman turned to Deputy Fulford, directly, and said that her three children – the boy and his two year



Orange County Sheriff's Deputy Jennifer Fulford (holding award) credits training for allowing her to best defend herself as two gunmen shot at her from opposite directions. Amazingly, three children trapped in a van during the ordeal were unharmed. Fulford was named FSA Deputy Sheriff of the Year and has received national honors, as well. She's pictured here with (from left): FSA outgoing President, Bradford County Sheriff Bob Milner; Fulford's husband, Thomas Salvano, a firefighter in Osceola County; and FSA's new President, Orange County Sheriff Kevin Beary.

old, twin sisters – were in the minivan inside the garage. As they questioned her further, she could only say, "My babies, my babies."

The woman was told to wait at the street, as Deputy Curry called for a helicopter and K-9 to respond. Deputies Curry and Gainor walked to opposite sides of the residence. Deputy Fulford said she was going to see if she could get to the kids.

When Deputy Fulford entered the open garage and walked up to the driver's side of the van, she saw two small children buckled into car seats in the back—but the doors of the van were locked.

As Deputy Martin approached the garage from the driveway, Deputy Fulford told him she couldn't get to the children, since the van was locked.

Suddenly, she heard male voices

coming from the opposite side of the minivan and then three or four shots came from that direction.

Deputy Fulford dropped to the ground and called on the radio, "Shots fired!" She didn't know the location of Deputy Martin at the time.

Finding herself trapped in the garage between the minivan and an SUV – a space no more than 3 feet wide – Deputy Fulford prepared herself, in case anyone came toward her. A fraction of a second later, a male came around the back of the minivan and began firing at her.

She returned fire with her .45 caliber Glock, and he fell to the ground, against the garage wall, but continued to fire. After several rounds were exchanged, Deputy Fulford ducked behind the wheel

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well of the van to get cover. But she noticed movement toward the front of the minivan and turned. A second male began firing at her. She returned fire and he ducked behind the van.

Deputy Fulford alternated between firing at the male at the back of the van and the one at the front.

Shortly after the male at the front began firing, Deputy Fulford realized that her legs – which were pulled up in front of her as she crouched on the garage floor – had been hit several times. She kept returning fire and re-loaded.

Her final exchange of fire with the male at the back of the van resulted in her killing him with a center mass shot. However, at the same time, he was able to hit her right arm – her dominant side – damaging the nerves.

Deputy Fulford lost feeling in that arm and dropped her gun. Incredibly, she then picked up the weapon with her left hand – the weaker side – and prepared herself, in case the male in the front came back.

He did.

When he jumped back out, the two exchanged fire. The man then went behind the van and disappeared.

Deputy Fulford began assessing her injuries and saw blood running down her arm and onto the floor. She felt lightheaded and started to black out. But she kept telling herself that she needed to stay awake in case the other shooter came back. Deputy Fulford was also aware that there was a third male unaccounted for inside the residence.

Seconds later, she heard Deputy Curry shout her name and ask if she was OK. She shook her head, “no,” and he and Deputy Gainor came into the garage and carried her to the street.

By that time, numerous other deputies had arrived and they car-

ried her to the end of the block for the Fire Department to take over her care.

As backup arrived, the third male came to the door of the home and was subsequently directed to give up his arms. Deputy Gainor handcuffed and secured the suspect, and he was taken to a marked patrol car.

Injuries sustained

During the gun battle, Deputy Fulford was hit 10 times – three rounds struck equipment, while the other seven rounds caused wounds on various parts of her body. She was taken to the hospital, where she received stitches for several of her wounds, and was released two days later. Deputy Martin sustained a gunshot wound to his shoulder at some time during the initial three or four shots. He was treated and released a day later.

According to the dispatch log, the entire shooting incident lasted approximately 47 seconds.

The victims of the home invasion – the woman and her three children – were rescued. They were shaken, but were otherwise unharmed.

The male at the rear of the van was pronounced dead at the scene, and the male who had been at the front of the van had stumbled out onto the driveway and collapsed with a large gunshot wound to his head. He survived on life support for about a week before his family told the hospital to disconnect him.

In March of this year, the third male was tried for two counts of felony murder and home invasion robbery, but was only convicted of the robbery. Sentencing was held on May 13, 2005, and he was sentenced to life in prison.

News reports said that during a follow-up investigation, deputies searched a motel room where the men had been staying and seized two AK-47 semi-automatic assault rifles. Those weapons match several used during a similar home invasion in North Charleston, S.C. All

three men had outstanding warrants for their arrests in South Carolina, prior to the gun battle.

The initial investigation revealed that the gunmen were trying to steal 341 pounds of marijuana and \$54,000 in cash from the woman's husband. They accosted the woman as she was leaving the house to take her son to school and forced her back inside. That's when her alert 8-year-old picked up his mom's cell phone and dialed 9-1-1.

When the gunmen realized law enforcement had arrived, they told the woman to go outside and tell the officers everything was OK and that the call was a prank.

When she didn't return, the three men made the decision to *ambush* the responding deputies. The gunmen attacked the deputies with Glock 9mm and .40 caliber handguns.

Earning respect of her fellow deputies

While the quick actions of all the deputies who responded to this incident are heroic, the manner in which Deputy Fulford performed is nothing short of astounding. Deputy Fulford placed herself in harm's way, thinking only of the three small children trapped in a van. She utilized her training and survival instincts to fight her way through any police officer's worst nightmare.

For her extraordinary courage, professionalism and selflessness, the Sheriffs of Florida chose Deputy Jennifer Fulford as their 2004 Deputy Sheriff of the Year.

Deputy Fulford received her award during FSA's annual summer conference in July. At the banquet, her husband, Thomas Salvano, a firefighter in Osceola County, and some of her friends from the Orange County Sheriff's Office accompanied her. A “veteran” of only three years at the Sheriff's Office, Fulford credited the excellent training she received for saving her life.

Congratulations, Deputy Fulford. You represent Florida law enforcement well.



Other Deputies Also Recognized

The Deputy Sheriff of the Year awards committee found this year's nominations particularly competitive. For that reason, they chose to add a special category of "Honorable Mention" in addition to the Runners Up.

Sgts. Dyal and Crews Are Runners Up

Sergeant Thomas "Buck" Dyal and Sergeant Michael Crews, both of the Baker County Sheriff's Office, are co-winners for their actions related to the same incident.

The two were attempting to contact a suspect who was allegedly involved in an armed robbery and vehicle theft from the prior evening.

While standing in a dark stairwell of the suspect's apartment, they were accosted by the suspect, who opened fire on them with a semi-automatic pistol. Both were injured, but they returned fire, even as the man continued to pursue them down the stairwell.

In spite of multiple injuries, including Sgt. Crews' shooting hand, the two were able to strike the subject, and he died at the scene.

Sgt. Crews lost a portion of one

of his fingers on the right hand and had severe injuries to two other fingers. Sgt. Dyal suffered from a gunshot wound to the head, which did not penetrate his skull. Both have fully recovered from their injuries and have returned to supervising their respective squads.

Martin County Detective Mike Dougherty, Also a Runner Up

Having joined the Martin County Sheriff's Office in 1994, Detective Mike Dougherty has received numerous commendations for his investigative skills and "can do" attitude that has helped solve several high-profile cases.

Two cases that Detective Dougherty assisted on in 2004 won him the nomination for Deputy Sheriff of the Year. The first involved a serial killer's rampage among the homeless. Detective Dougherty successfully pieced together facts that helped convince a homeless woman to report a sexual battery and led her perpetrator to confess to the killings.

In the second case, Detective Dougherty used confidential informants and dozens of interviews to implicate a purse-snatcher and his accomplice. The violent

approach used in the theft left an elderly husband and wife both with broken bones, contusions and abrasions. Detective Dougherty's superb work resulted in the recovery of \$21,000 in family heirloom jewelry and cash.

Honorable Mentions:

Washington County Sergeant Gary Hall Jr. and Holmes County Deputy Eddie Eaton

Both of these officers are being commended for their quick actions and willingness to place themselves in great personal danger related to the same incident that involved FSA's Corrections Officer of the Year, Holmes County Sgt. Lynn Lee.

Sgt. Hall used his vehicle to provide protection to other officers as a crazed suspect showered bullets on them. Deputy Eaton threw himself on top of a downed officer to shield him from further injury by the shooter.

The Florida Sheriffs Association recognizes these men for their selfless acts and their use of training to avoid loss of life.

Congratulations. ☼

Agencies Hold Drive to Help New Orleans Mounted Police

In an effort to aid the 28 New Orleans Police mounts rendered homeless by hurricane Katrina, the Santa Rosa Sheriff's Mounted Posse, Birmingham Police Mounted Patrol, Lexington Mounted Police, Indianapolis Mounted Police and other Mounted Units have organized a drive to gather supplies which were lost as a result of the storm.

Although all of the horses were evacuated to safety prior to the storm, much of the department's equipment had to be left behind at the police barn close to the flooded areas. Federal relief funds may be a long time coming and immediate assistance is needed to help sustain the NOPD Mounted Unit in the interim.

The following supplies are severely needed: halters (draft size), lead ropes, snaps, feed/water buckets, hay, hay nets, fly spray, first aid and grooming

supplies. The Indianapolis Mounted Police arranged for Purina Mills to donate one month's supply of food, but donations are needed for the future.

You can help by dropping off supplies at participating feed and tack stores throughout Santa Rosa and Escambia counties, or the Birmingham Metro Area and Baldwin Alabama counties. The horses are being temporarily housed in Franklinton, Louisiana. Please feel free to include a note of encouragement to the men and women of the New Orleans Mounted Police. Monetary donations are being accepted at any Regions Bank and checks should be written to "Friends of the New Orleans Mounted Police" with "Disaster Relief" in the memo section. Please note on correspondence that it is a Florida account. Locate Regions bank branches from the company's website: <http://www.regions.com/>.

For more information, contact Rhonda Ray, Escambia County Sheriff's Office, at 850-554-1351.

LETTERS

Editor:

On page 12 of July/August *Sheriff's Star*, in the article about a counterfeit merchandise business, the business' name, "Diva Fashions" jumped out at me.

Last November, our VISA credit card number was stolen and one of the on-line companies where it was used was Diva Fashions for \$6,500 in purchases. I am delighted to see these arrests and congratulate the Bay County Sheriff's Office. I called Chase VISA to tell them about this article and they asked me to send a copy to them, which I will do.

The Sheriff's Star is very informative and I will continue to read it carefully.

- A.C., Dunnellon FL

Editor:

I will try to keep this short, although I can fill this page "singing your praises" for your magazine.

I am a Resource Specialist for the Area Agency on Aging. Among a long list of services, we operate the Elder Help Line for seven counties. When someone calls for information, it is my job to see that we have that information to give.

I appreciate your articles on scams, preventative protection and many other things I find in your magazine. Thank you for sharing the information and experiences of officers.

- R.C., Ft. Myers, FL

Editor replies:

Thank you for your kind words. Also, thank you for including the toll free number of the Elder Help Line for counties in your area. To help our readers, the toll free statewide number (for all counties) is 1-800-963-5337. Find individual county contact

numbers online at: <http://www.agingcarefl.org/seniorHelpline/elderHelpline>. Or visit the Elder Services Directory online: <http://www.floridaelderresource.com/>.

- Julie

Editor:

According to *The Sheriff's Star* magazine, the Florida Sheriffs Association has full, active participation by all Sheriffs in the state. These active members' dues are paid as an expense of the county Sheriff's Office.

What is the participation from all other law enforcement, example: police officers, park rangers, jail guards, etc.? How many pay dues?

D.T. Gulf Breeze, FL

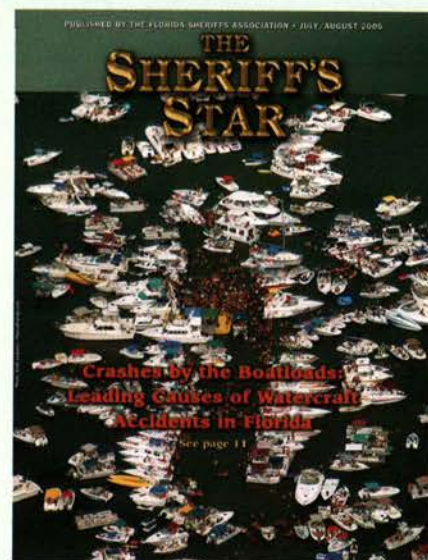
Editor replies:

Our Annual Guide to Government (January/February issue) includes the most up-to-date membership information.

As you mentioned, FSA is one of the rare state Sheriffs' associations nationally that has full, active participation by all Sheriffs in the state. These are called "Active Members," and they are the only ones eligible to vote or hold office in the association.

The majority of our association's members are not employed in law enforcement. FSA's Honorary Membership consists of approximately 127,000 citizens throughout the U.S. (even abroad). We also have nearly 3,500 Business Members and approximately 3,000 Law Enforcement members.

This last group consists of Sheriffs Offices and criminal justice agencies' sworn and non-sworn personnel, volunteers, retirees and auxiliary officers. This membership is unique, in that it makes them eligible for special insurance programs, including Line of Duty and accidental death benefits, all



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included in their annual dues.

It should be noted that many other Sheriffs' Office personnel benefit from FSA programs and publications, even if they do not have an individual membership. Seminars and conferences provide them with numerous training opportunities they otherwise would not have access to, if not for FSA. We also publish the *All Points Bulletin* that is distributed free to Sheriffs' Officer personnel - many of whom are not dues-paying members.

Thank you for writing. ☺

HAVE A COMMENT?

If you would like to send a comment, please write:

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While we are not able to publish every letter, or answer them personally, we will do our best to get your comments represented in these pages. Please write legibly. We reserve the right to edit for space considerations. For privacy reasons, we will only publish the initials and city or county of the writer unless authorization is given.

Why We Fight

By:
Sgt. Rick Hord
Okaloosa
County Sheriff's
Office



Between 1942 and 1945, director Frank Capra examined aggression and detailed reasons people fight in a series of "Why We Fight" films.

Another "why we fight" documentary is played out in our county and every other community in America 365 days of the year. Unlike Capra's brilliant series, this story doesn't make any sense. And it never ends.

Last year, Okaloosa deputies responded to nearly 7,000 fights, altercations and physical disturbances. Thousands of others went unreported.

Very often, when deputies talk to participants at the scene of a fight, nobody seems to know what the fight was about. Sometimes, however, the origins of the altercation do get documented in an official offense report. I offer some examples from the first four months of this year:

- A brother-sister fight started when he wouldn't get his own bath towel and she wouldn't bring it to him. No injuries, no arrests.

- Another fight started over where in the house the husband should eat his ice cream, and yet another because a teenager didn't

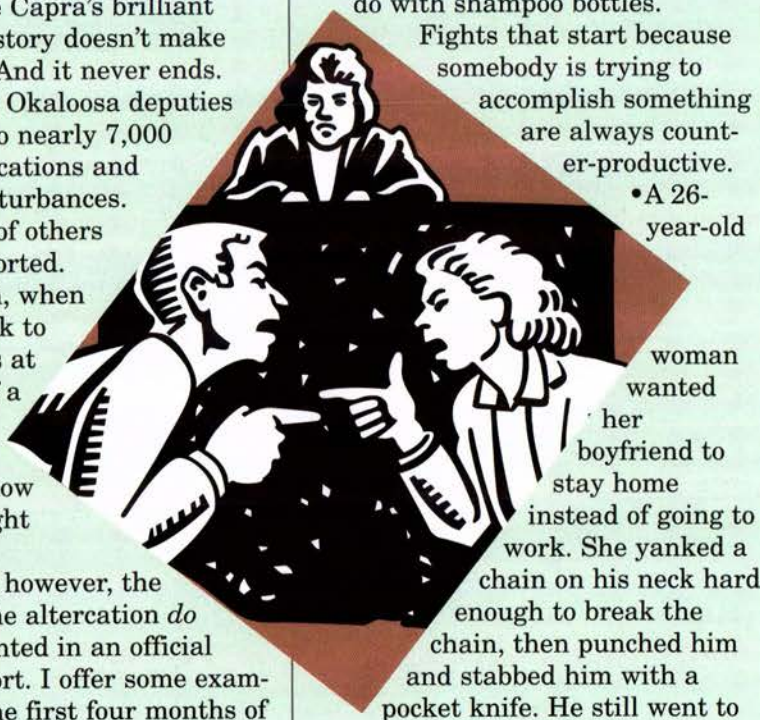


properly fold her clothes.

- Deputies were called to a house where one resident slammed down a skillet hard enough to send the meat flying. The other resident then pelted him with the partly cooked hamburgers. The original beef between the two had something to do with shampoo bottles.

Fights that start because somebody is trying to accomplish something are always counter-productive.

- A 26-year-old



work; she went to jail.

- Another man who went to work over his girlfriend's objections had to find the car keys she had hidden. She suffered a rude awakening in the process, rolling out of bed when he lifted the mattress looking for the keys.

- Two occupants of the same house

preferred the same chair. One chased the other out of the chair by tossing a cup of Sprite in his face. The soda-tosser got a chair all to himself... at the Okaloosa County Jail.

- In the community of Mary Esther, a man went to jail after a drama of several hours. Extra deputies were called out, traffic was detoured off Highway 98 for a few hours, and the Special Response Team and Crisis Negotiation Unit both sprang into action. All this because an angry man threatened his "best friend" and others at gunpoint. What turned the night of drinking and partying into a felony event is that the gun-wielder wanted to go home at 4:00 a.m., while some of his party companions wanted to get breakfast at an all-night restaurant.

The reasons for a fight almost always seem insignificant or silly on re-examination. To the persons involved at the time, however, whether they're under the influence of drugs, alcohol or a strong emotion, they *seemed* important. Perhaps even important enough to risk injury or jail. ☺

STAR BRIEF

Did you know....?

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Citizen Leads Deputies To More Than Just Stolen Tires

POLK COUNTY- When the call came in to the Communications Center from a concerned citizen relaying information about suspicious activity, the deputies en route to the scene weren't sure what they would find. The result was the recovery of hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of stolen tires, the recovery of a semi-truck that had not yet been reported stolen from another county, and the discovery of an unrelated case of animal abuse and dog fighting that might have otherwise gone unreported.

On July 30, 2005, at 11:23 p.m., a Lakeland man called the Polk County Sheriff's Office to report some suspicious activity occurring across the street from his residence. He observed four subjects unloading what appeared to be new tires off the back of a semi-truck. When deputies arrived, the four men fled the scene, only to be apprehended a short time later with the assistance of K-9 Units and the Sheriff's helicopter. What deputies found after further investigation was that the truck had been stolen from a business in Marion County, and it held \$140,000 worth of new tires. The truck was worth more than \$40,000 and had not yet been reported stolen.

But that's not all that happened the night deputies responded. As they searched the perimeter for the suspects who had fled, they noticed in the back yard of the residence more than 20 pit bulls. They were chained separately and half of them were standing in water from recent storms. The deputies contacted the Sheriff's Animal Control

Section to respond to what appeared to be unfit living conditions. It was later discovered that the owner was operating a pit bull fighting ring, unrelated to the stolen tire case. The back yard contained a 16-by-16 foot, 30-inch-deep dog fighting arena.

Agricultural Crimes detectives investigating the case placed 23 pit bull dogs, several with scars and injuries consistent with dog fighting, into custody at Animal Control. They also seized medications, syringes, magazines and publications all related to dog fighting. They arrested the owner of the property, 33-year-old Gregory Powe, and charged him with dog fighting. Meanwhile, he faces charges in nearby Hillsborough County for dog fighting there. The Polk County Sheriff's Office general counsel is also exploring forfeiture on the property, as it was being used in ongoing criminal enterprises.

Thanks to the observant citizen calling in his concerns to the Sheriff's Office, and the observant deputies who noticed more than just what they were looking for, a business from another county got its truck and tires returned, the thieves responsible will be brought to justice, and a dog-fighting operation has been shut down.

- *Carrie Rodgers, Public Information Officer* ☼

Major Marijuana Bust in Flagler County

FLAGLER COUNTY - A major marijuana distribution operation was disrupted recently when Flagler County Sheriff's deputies raided a Palm Coast home and 60 pounds of marijuana was confiscated.

"The interruption of this operation represents a major blow to marijuana distribution in the

Orlando and Jacksonville areas," said Flagler County Sheriff Donald W. Fleming.

Agents with the Sheriff's Narcotics Enforcement Team have spent the last three months investigating the home in northern Palm Coast. The investigation had netted a previous 25 pounds from the same home. The investigation began with a tip from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement's Tri-County Narcotics Task Force.

The investigation culminated when detectives stopped Charles Owens, 26, of Jacksonville, after he left the Palm Coast home. Owens' vehicle was stopped at U.S. 1 and Matanzas Woods Parkway where detectives found 60 pounds of marijuana with an estimated street value of \$65,000.

"This home was distributing an estimated \$500,000 worth of marijuana a month," said Cpl. Steve Brandt, head of the Sheriff's Narcotics Enforcement Team.

"That is an estimated 500 pounds a month. This is a major trafficking organization that has been disrupted, and it represents some very good work by our narcotics agents and state and federal agents who have assisted us."

Detectives said the house was receiving large marijuana shipments through parcel post services. The shipments originated outside the U.S., according to the detectives. The investigation continues and more arrests are pending.

This is a clear-cut example of how multiple agencies working together can be effective in dismantling these types of organizations, said Cpl. Brandt. "Any drug trafficking organizations operating within Flagler County should take notice that the Sheriff's Office is actively pursuing you."

Owens is charged with trafficking in cannabis and was being held

in the Flagler County Inmate Facility in lieu of \$100,000 bond.
- *Debbie Johnson, Flagler County S.O.* ❖

Meth Lab Discovered in Ramada Inn

OSCEOLA COUNTY – On August 9, 2005, the Osceola County Sheriff's Office received a call from the manager of the Ramada Inn Resort Eastgate in reference to a suspicious incident at the hotel. A staff member doing security checks had indicated a strong chemical odor coming from one of the rooms on the fourth floor. Upon further investigation, Sheriff's deputies and the Osceola County Investigative Bureau (OCIB) agents discovered a methamphetamine lab on the property. With the assistance of the Drug Enforcement Administration's lab team, the operation was shut down. John Potier and Heather

Bartczak were arrested and charged with the following: manufacturing methamphetamine, unlawful possession of listed chemical, possession of cannabis under 20 grams, use or possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of methamphetamine.

In addition, Bartczak was charged with possession of a controlled substance without a prescription. Both suspects were taken to the Osceola County jail.

This is the eighth methamphetamine lab OCIB has discovered since January 1, 2005. ❖

Lamar Advertising and Gulf Coast Crime Stoppers Team Up To Solve Unsolved Homicides Open Since The Early 1970s

ESCAMBIA- There are 44 homicides that remain unsolved since the early 1970s in Escambia County.

Sheriff Ron McNesby and Gulf Coast Crime Stoppers, in conjunction with Lamar Advertising, is attempting to bring closure to some of these crimes. Ten billboards will be used to advertise some of Escambia County's unsolved homicides.

Beginning in early September, billboards throughout Escambia County will display unsolved cases along with profiles of the victims. These billboards will also display a reward of up to \$3,000. As is the norm, any tipsters will remain anonymous.

- *Sgt. Ted Roy, Public Information Officer* ❖

Sergeant Helps Save Knife-Attack Victim

By Gary Davidson, Public Information Officer
Volusia County Sheriff's Office

It was early in the morning on April 2, and Christina Stokes' ex-boyfriend had just paid her an unwelcome visit that would end in death.

Stokes lay slumped in the doorway of her DeBary home, horror-struck by a brutal knife attack that lacerated her trachea and spleen, causing blood to rapidly spew out of her body. Barely conscious, Stokes managed to pick up the phone and dial 911. Then she said she waited to feel her attacker's metal blade slice through her body again and surely end her life.

Instead, she saw whom she now refers to as her guardian angel, Volusia County Sheriff's Sergeant

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Volusia County Sheriff's Sergeant Ralph Brown receives a medal of valor award and a hug from the victim he saved. Christina Stokes suffered a brutal knife attack by an ex-boyfriend and credits Sgt. Brown for saving her life.

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Ralph Brown. The first officer to arrive on the scene, Sergeant Brown would have no way of knowing that the suspect had already fled the scene and would hang himself from a tree about a half-mile from Stokes' home.

Without a moment to spare, Sergeant Brown never stopped to clear the house, secure his own safety or even don his protective gloves. Instead, he immediately bent down and cradled the victim while applying direct pressure to the wounds to help staunch the flow of blood until paramedics arrived. All the while, Sergeant Brown assured Stokes that she would be O.K.

Stokes has since recovered

from the attack. She recently had an emotional reunion with Sergeant Brown, who was presented with the Sheriff's Office Medal of Valor for his life-saving heroics.

"You are a true hero," Sheriff Ben Johnson told Sergeant Brown after presenting him with his medal. If not for Sergeant Brown's courage, calm and swift intervention, "we would not have Christina here today," he said.

Flanked by family members, Stokes gave Sergeant Brown an emotional hug. Too choked up to speak, a relative read a statement from Stokes.

"I am so grateful to Sergeant Brown for going above and beyond the call of duty. Every day, when I look in my daughter's eyes, I think

of my guardian angel, Ralph Brown," the statement read. "I guess we all have our guardian angels. Sometimes they don't have wings. Sometimes, they just have stars on their shirts."

By the end of the ceremony, the normally chatty Sergeant Brown, a road patrol supervisor and 19-year veteran with the Sheriff's Office, humbly shrugged off talk of heroics with a few brief words.

"It's just part of the job," he said.

The second-highest honor in the agency, this was just the second time Sheriff Johnson has awarded the Medal of Valor since he took office in January 2001. ★



Historic Gathering - Inspired by gatherings of former U.S. presidents, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Division Manager Diane M. Carhart helped bring together PBSO's last six Sheriffs for a breakfast earlier in the year. Carhart, an 18-year veteran with the Sheriff's Office, gave a presentation honoring their contributions to the success of the agency. Pictured above are (from left): Sheriff William Heidtman (1967 - 1976), Sheriff Charles A. McCutcheon (1995 - 1996), Sheriff Richard P. Wille (1976 - 1995), Sheriff Robert W. Neumann (1996 - 2001), Sheriff Edward W. Bieluch (2001 - 2005) and PBSO's current Sheriff Ric L. Bradshaw (2005 to present).

"Sheriff For A Day" Reporter Takes Over the Helm in Baker County

Baker County Sheriff Joey Dobson did a brave thing recently: He allowed a television reporter to take over the helm of his Sheriff's Office for a day.

Kind of.

Actually, Sheriff Dobson did something that took even more courage – allowing a television news crew to shadow him for a 6:00 p.m. news feature.

WJXT News 4 in Jacksonville sent reporter Sam Kouvaris and a cameraman to Baker County to find out what it's like to be "Sheriff for a Day." According to Kouvaris' report, the experience wasn't quite what people imagine. "It's not a guy in a big hat and badge, wrestling people to the ground," he told viewers. "It's a lot of administration."

Though the Baker County Sheriff's Office is headquartered in the small town of Macclenny, Kouvaris pointed out that it's a big county – approximately 600 square

miles – with about 24,000 residents.

Sheriff Dobson's father was Sheriff for eight terms before retiring in 1976. That's the same year that the younger Dobson won his first political race as Clerk of the Circuit Court at age 23. He was elected Sheriff of Baker County in 1996, was re-elected in 2000 and ran unopposed in 2004.

Reporter Kouvaris donned a "uniform" for his job as Sheriff for the day: a green T-shirt with the word "Sheriff" on the back and a green cap with the same.

Oh, and of course, he was given a badge.

What does it take to be Sheriff?

The job is very interesting and multi-faceted, Kouvaris told his viewers. He learned that part of



**Baker County Sheriff
Joey Dobson**

the Sheriff's job is to run the jail in a safe and professional manner. And during his tour of the jail – where federal inmates are housed along with the local criminal population – he remarked that if more people could see the insides of a jail it might deter them from a life of crime.

The Sheriff's job is "a lot of community service, a lot of politics and a lot of administration," Kouvaris said. "The Sheriff is a constitutional officer, elected by the people," he told viewers. And that means parts of the day have to do with proceedings at the courthouse.

Returning to the TV studio, and sharing the story with his fellow newscasters, Kouvaris said, "Joey Dobson is a phenomenal guy, and he runs a very tight ship. He hires good people, makes sure they know what their job is and lets you go do your job."

He added that the tough parts of Sheriff Dobson's job include getting called out in the middle of the night and running an election campaign every four years.

Sounds like Kouvaris plans to keep his day job. ☺

Hike Continues for Sheriff's Wife, FSyr Benefits

For readers who have been following our updates on Martin County Sheriff Bob Crowder's wife, Debbie,



and her quest to hike the entire length of the Appalachian Trail, she provided the following news via e-mail over the last 30 days:

AUGUST 2

Just wanted to let you all know that I will be flying to Washington on August 30th, taking the train to Harper's Ferry, W.V. and will resume my hike southbound from there on August 31st. I'm not supposed to lift more than 5 lbs. with the bum arm for

another four weeks, but it is feeling much better. I made a trip up to Orlando to Travel Country where someone who is trained in boot fitting fit me and I have new boots. The ankle is still a little stiff, but I think it will be fine on the easier terrain of the Shenandoahs. I should be able to make better mileage (and money for the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches!) by doing this part of the trail.

This time it REALLY is for the kids! I'm not sure I'd go back this year, otherwise. My fascination has always been with the long, continuous journey—not a section hike. But, I want to do a little more for the people who pledged by the mile. You've all been so supportive – Thanks! - Debbie

SEPTEMBER 1

I am at a hiker hostel in Northern Virginia—I've done about 20 trail miles these first two days. The recommended healing time is done and I'm fine.

The doctor had told me 6-8 weeks back in the middle of July. So, I waited that out. I'm feeling fine all the way around, except for I miss my hubby! I don't know how far I'll go, but expect to at least get through the Shenandoah and then I'll see how I feel. Maybe if enough people give enough money to the Youth Ranches, I can come home??!! I'm getting ready to take a bath in a real tub, do laundry and update my journal a little later today. So far the trail is challenging, but nothing like Maine.

Editor's note:

To read all of Debbie's journal entries, visit her page on the Internet at: www.trailjournals.com/landcruiser. E-mail encouraging words to her at: debcrowder@bellsouth.net. A pledge form is available for download from the Youth Ranches Website: <http://www.youthranches.org/hike-form.pdf>. ☺

FLORIDA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION

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Christopher H. Schlenker



Antoinette and Joseph Montoro

PINELLAS COUNTY – Gold Business Member award presented by Pinellas County Sheriff Jim Coats (second from right) and Col. Don Meeks (far right) to Christopher H. Schlenker and Antoinette and Joseph Montoro.



George Ruckersfeldt



HENDRY COUNTY – 30-year certificate presented by Hendry County Sheriff Ronnie Lee, Sr. to Irene Lewis, who accepted on behalf of her recently deceased husband, Mel Lewis.



SEMINOLE COUNTY – 40-year certificate presented by Seminole County Sheriff Don Eslinger to Allen F. Bazzle.



SEMINOLE COUNTY – 25-year certificate presented by Seminole County Sheriff Don Eslinger to Nicholas R. Foreso.

CLAY COUNTY – 25-year certificates presented by Clay County Sheriff Rick Beseler to George Ruckersfeldt, Mr. and Mrs. Omer Jeter, and Bill Frith.



Mr. and Mrs. Omer Jeter



Bill Frith



Evelyn Herbert

CLAY COUNTY – 30-year certificates presented by Clay County Sheriff Rick Beseler to Evelyn Herbert and Curtis Jones.



Curtis Jones



POLK COUNTY – 45-year certificate presented by Polk County Sheriff Grady Judd to Mr. & Mrs. Charles Adams.



POLK COUNTY – 40-year certificate presented by Polk County Sheriff Grady Judd to Mr. & Mrs. John Thompson.



Mr. & Mrs. John Fierro

POLK COUNTY – 25-year certificate presented by Polk County Sheriff Grady Judd to Mr. & Mrs. John Fierro and Jerry Daubert.



Jerry Daubert



Thomas P. Hoag

POLK COUNTY – 30-year certificate presented by Polk County Sheriff Grady Judd to Thomas P. Hoag and V.A. Murphy.



V.A. Murphy



OSCEOLA COUNTY – 25-year certificate presented by Osceola County Sheriff Bob Hansell to Mrs. John E. Carding.



Dr. Frank Davis



Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Morris



Harold Hall

OSCEOLA COUNTY – 30-year certificates presented by Osceola County Sheriff Bob Hansell to Dr. Frank Davis, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Morris and Harold Hall.



ST. LUCIE COUNTY – 40-year certificate presented by St. Lucie County Sheriff Ken J. Mascara to Steven E. Larson.



INDIAN RIVER COUNTY – 30-year certificate presented by Indian River County Sheriff Roy Raymond (left) to Chief Larry Tippins of the Fellsmere Police Department.



J.D. Bauer



Richard Millard

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY – 25-year certificate presented by Indian River County Sheriff Roy Raymond (left) to J.D. Bauer and Richard Millard.



LAKE COUNTY – 25-year certificate presented by Lake County Sheriff Chris Daniels (right) to Peggy Griffin, who is pictured with her husband, former Lake County Sheriff Noel E. Griffin, Jr.



Fred L. Belton, Freddie Belton (son) and Chris Belton (grandson)

LAKE COUNTY – 30-year certificate presented by Lake County Sheriff Chris Daniels to Fred L. Belton (pictured with his son Freddie Belton and grandson Chris Belton) and Robert Repp.



Robert Repp



AWARDS

Deputies Honored

Florida deputies were among those recognized at the 8th annual American Society for Industrial Security Law Enforcement Officer Awards ceremony held in May. Receiving the "Valor/Heroism" awards were Lake County Deputies Wayne Koester (posthumously), Thomas McKane and William Crotty; and Orange County Deputies Jennifer Fulford and Dwayne Martin. A "Lifetime Achievement" award went to Lake County Colonel Jimmy J. Horner, and "National Disaster Response" awards went to: Orange County Deputies Sgt. Stacie Moore, Rodney Nelson, Omar Santiago and Arthur "Beau" Osborne.



Lake County Sheriff Chris McDaniels presented the ASIS Valor/Heroism award to Lake County Deputy Wayne Koester's children, Ryan and Amber Koester. Their father was murdered during a shootout earlier in the year.

FLORIDA SHERIFFS YOUTH RANCHES

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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HERNANDO COUNTY – Presented by Hernando County Sheriff Richard Nugent (second from right) to Paul Freeman (YR Lifetime plaque), Albrin Purchase (25-year FSA certificate) and Don Henderson (YR Lifetime plaque).



Mr. & Mrs. Marcus A. Schild

MARION COUNTY – Presented by Marion County Sheriff Ed Dean to Mr. & Mrs. Marcus A. Schild and George Max Brown.



George Max Brown



ALACHUA COUNTY – Presented by FSYR Chairman, Sumter County Sheriff Bill Farmer to Alachua County Sheriff Steve Oelrich and his wife, Rose Mary, for personal giving.



DESOTO COUNTY – Presented by FSYR Chairman, Sumter County Sheriff Bill Farmer, to DeSoto County Sheriff Vernon Keen and his wife, Linda, for personal giving.

LEON COUNTY – Presented by Leon County Sheriff Larry Campbell to LCSO Sgt. Barry Blackburn.

❖ New Lifetime Honorary Members ❖



Deputy Sheriff Charles Cooper



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Corporal Michael Whitehouse

PINELLAS COUNTY – Presented by (from left) Pinellas County Sheriff Jim Coats and Col. Don Meeks to PCSO Deputy Sheriff Charles Cooper, Corporal Kelly Gaul, Lieutenant George Henry, Corporal Michael Whitehouse, Antoinette and Joseph Montoro, Christopher H. Schlenker, Jane Muller and Belen Brown.



John ElSasser

BAY COUNTY – Presented by Bay County Sheriff Frank McKeithen to John ElSasser and Walter Lucas.



Walter Lucas



Jane Muller



Belen Brown



Sandi Skinner

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY – Presented by Indian River County Sheriff Roy Raymond (left) to Richard Brumberger, Brumberger, Foundation, Inc., and Sandi Skinner.



Richard Brumberger



LAKE COUNTY – Presented by Lake County Sheriff Chris Daniels (second from left) to TMP Management Corporation-McDonalds, represented by Richard Croteau, Manager, Michael Potapow, Owner, and Albert Williams.

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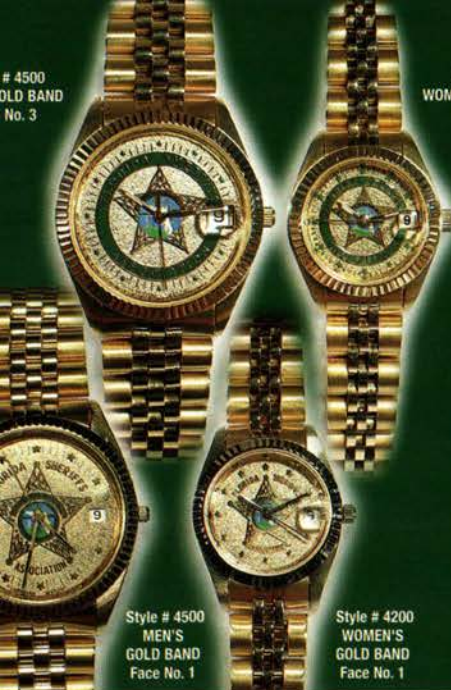
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GOLF SHIRTS
green or white with
multi-colored embroidered logo



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



CAPS - WHITE OR GREEN
with multi-colored embroidery includ
metallic gold thread, adjustable bar



Honorary Member LAPEL PIN
die cast metal with
color enameled finish



11oz. COFFEE MUGS
white color, with multi colored
green bands listing all 67 co