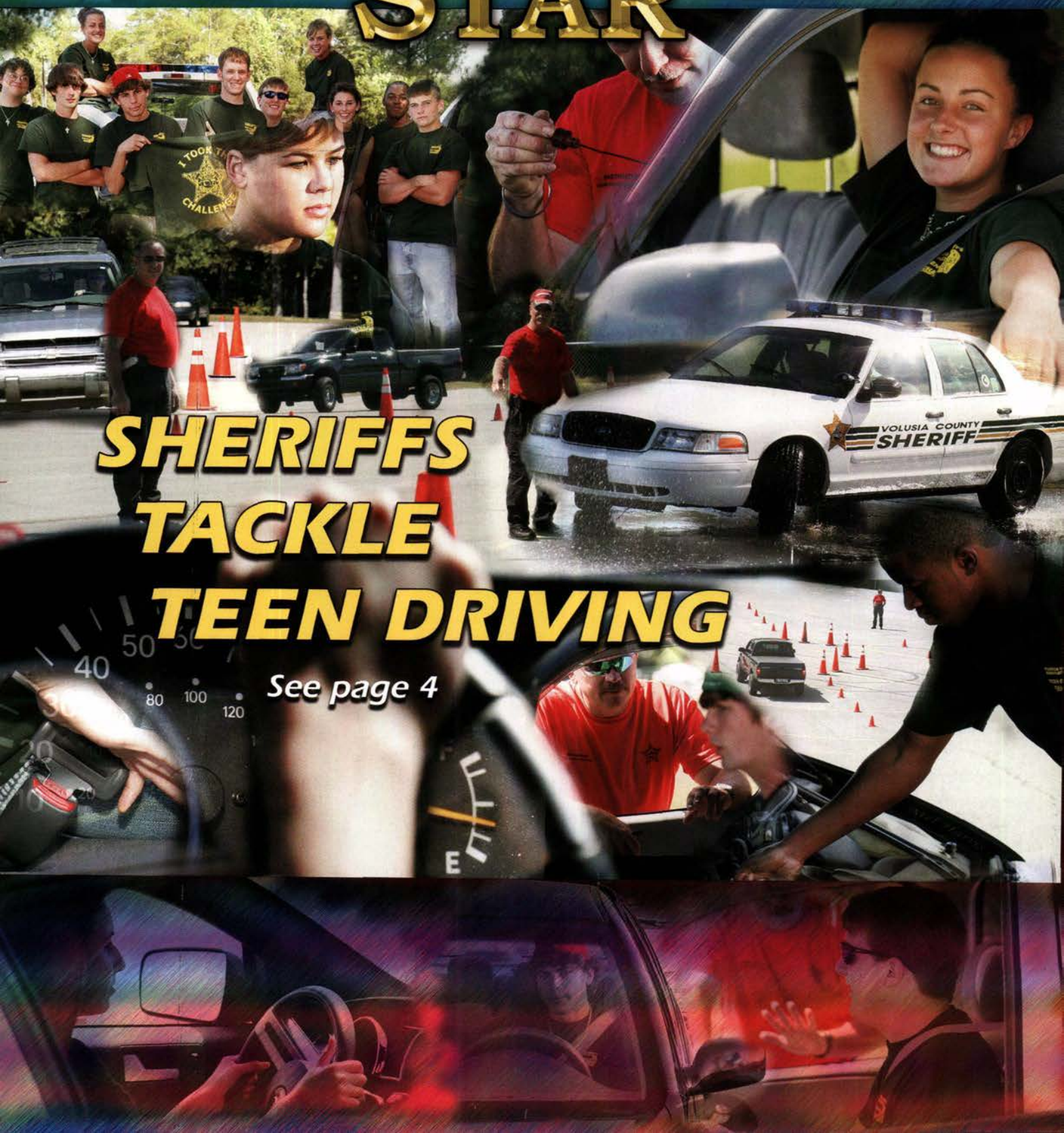


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SHERIFFS TACKLE TEEN DRIVING

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From the desk of . . .

*Gary Perkins, Executive Director
Florida Sheriffs Association*



For an organization like the Florida Sheriffs Association to survive more than 100 years, we have to be able to change with the times. That means working closely with the Sheriffs' Offices, listening to their needs and paying attention to trends in law enforcement.

It's our job at FSA to adapt our programs and training in a way that we think can make a difference through equipping Sheriffs' Offices and making our communities safer.

In this issue of *The Sheriff's Star*, you'll read about two programs that we are helping to promote through our law enforcement network because we see them as serving very real needs in our state.

Our cover story introduces the "Teen Driver Challenge," which FSA just launched this fall. One of the worst tragedies a community can suffer is the loss of a young life as a result of teenage driving. Whether the blame involves underage drinking, lack of seatbelts or just plain inexperienced driving, the entire community suffers when kids are killed on our roads.

The Florida Sheriffs Association recognized that one deterrent is to give teenagers a crash course, if you will, on defensive driving. This year, Sheriffs from several counties committed resources – mostly staff time – to create the Teen Driver Challenge program and our plan is to take it statewide next year. It's something that we think can have a major impact on our roads and reduce the number of teen driving accidents in the coming years. Several high profile sponsors have expressed an interest in helping to offset the costs, and teenagers from the pilot program are already helping to spread the message. We'll continue to bring you updates on TDC here in *The Sheriff's Star*.

CASE comes to Florida

The CASE program, which stands for Communities Against Senior Exploitation, was brought to our attention by Lee County Sheriff Mike Scott. His agency was selected as a test site

by organizers and Sheriff Scott has used the program successfully to help senior citizens in his county to better protect themselves from crime.

Out of all the services his Sheriff's Office provides, he says CASE generates the most enthusiasm. It provides ways for a Sheriff to have regular communication with businesses, organizations and elders in the community. And although the program is still in its infancy, it's expected to be credited with reducing the number of crime victims among our senior population.

While details of the partnership haven't yet been nailed down, we expect the Sheriffs to be on board with it following the FSA Mid-winter conference in January. Training programs and dates will follow in the spring.

Living up to expectations

When you've been providing successful outreach as long as we have, it's sometimes a challenge to live up to expectations. While state politicians, laws and even county Sheriffs continue to change, our role at the Association is more to quietly adapt to whatever shifts we see coming. The fact that we've got staying power is reassurance that the model created by a group of county Sheriffs in 1893 is still working. Please continue to let us know how we're doing, as we count on our members to be the eyes and ears of this organization, so we can keep serving your communities effectively.

On behalf of the 67 Sheriffs of Florida and the FSA staff, we're wishing you a Merry Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year!


Gary Perkins, Executive Director

St. Lucie Launches Counter Attack on Cyberspace Sexual Predators

Sheriff distressed to discover that nearly all of the seized pornographic images depicted children age 12 and under

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

Last spring, with summer about to begin, St. Lucie County Sheriff's Detective Neil Spector feared that children with more free time on their hands might be especially vulnerable to Internet-based sexual predators.

His solution was to join forces with federal, state and local investigators and prosecutors in a concentrated attack on Internet sex offenders. They called their taskforce "Operation Safe Summer."

The results, announced at a news conference, were impressive: 29 arrests from Florida to Washington state, nearly two dozen search warrants served and more than 3,000 pornographic images and videos seized from predators' computers. Reporters sifted through 107 pages of arrest documents for their stories.

For the past six years, the St.

Lucie County Sheriff's Office has been a leader along the Treasure Coast in Web-based investigations of those who try to use the Internet to lure children into sexual relationships.

The summer of intensive investigations was a sobering time for detectives. St. Lucie County Sheriff Ken J. Mascara announced a disturbing trend: Nearly all of the seized pornographic images depicted pre-pubescent children (age 12 and under).

Joining Sheriff Mascara at the news conference was Martin County Sheriff Robert L. Crowder. He told reporters that law enforcement's best work is no substitute for parents who must take an active role in monitoring their children's Internet activities.

Setting the hook

When detectives posing as children enter Internet chat rooms and receive advances, they make note of the predator's screen name. They are then able to obtain information from the Internet service provider to get the suspect's identity.

The message from detectives at the news conference was loud and clear: Internet-based criminals are not anonymous. Investigators can find and arrest them.

For technical expertise, training and other resources, Detective Spector and other investigators rely on the Law

Enforcement Against Child Harm (LEACH) taskforce based in Fort Lauderdale. It's a group of law agencies, led by the Broward Sheriff's Office, dedicated to furthering investigations of Internet sexual predators.

A number of local, state and federal agencies and prosecutors played an important role in Operation Safe Summer.

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement has been actively involved in Web-based investigations for more than three years under the banner of Operation Predator.

According to Customs officials, since 2003, more than 8,000 arrests have been reported nationwide.

The St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention Unit organized a two-hour seminar a week after the news conference, inviting parents to learn techniques and tactics for guiding children to safe use of the Internet. Speakers at the seminar included investigators involved in Operation Safe Summer.

Of course, it's not just the summer that parents need to be worried about, and for that, Detective Spector offers a simple but effective solution: "Talk to your children."

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Rise In Teen Fatalities A Concern for Sheriffs

By Kimberly R. Kitchen, FSA Editorial Coordinator

Did you know that in the United States traffic crashes occur every 12 seconds? In fact, you are more likely to be killed in an automobile crash than in any other way. And vehicular crashes are now the No. 1 cause of death among young adults.

Florida Sheriffs' Offices and the Florida Sheriffs Association have joined forces to reduce the number of fatalities and injuries among teenage drivers and make roads safer for all of us. They've created a new program called the "Teen Driver Challenge," which is expected to be introduced in communities throughout the state in 2007.

Seeking solutions

Creating solutions for the problems associated with teen drivers wasn't exactly an easy project. A small committee made up of deputies from Citrus, Hernando, Leon, Osceola and Volusia counties began wrestling with the issues this past September. Their primary question: What will make teenagers understand that they are not invincible behind the wheel?

"It seems that often the best way to influence a teen is to have the advice come from another teen," FSA Executive Director Gary Perkins says. And that's one of the elements organizers decided to capitalize on with the program. They needed to make it interesting

enough so that teens who participate will then go back and tell their friends.

The committee came up with a two-day curriculum that brought together licensed high-school students and certified law-enforcement trainers to share the styles, privileges and risks of operating cars, trucks and SUVs.

"When all is said and done, these kids will know how to drive like professionals," says Deputy Rob Pacchiarotti of Hernando County. He hopes they will appreciate the newfound control over their vehicles by making safe driving a habit.

Pilot launched

On an early October weekday morning, 11 Leon County students participating in the TDC pilot pro-

gram walked into a Tallahassee classroom where they spent the day learning about safety issues such as vehicle maintenance, basic vehicular dynamics, aggressive driving and impaired driving. Every so often, the participants took breaks from the discussions, PowerPoint presentations and video footage to answer questions in their workbooks. By the end of the day, students were prepared to put their knowledge into practice.

The following morning, organizers simulated dangerous traffic situations to test the teens on the driving range of the Pat Thomas Law Enforcement Academy in Gadsden County. From the comfort of their own (or a family member's) automobile, teens practiced avoiding a collision as they swerved



Photo collage by Mel Harris, Hernando County Sheriff's Office

New statewide driving program challenges young adults to improve their driving



through cones, which represented people. In addition, after sprinklers were used to soak the asphalt, teens practiced braking, swerving and recovering from hydroplaning while behind the wheel of a Sheriff's Office patrol car.

Other lessons included off-road recovery, threshold braking and backing up.

Leon County Traffic Deputy Lonnie Seay, who was responsible for recruiting students in the pilot program, says the teens were still talking about their experience after returning to school. They offered compliments and expressed appreciation for the training.

"Hopefully, they'll tell their friends and family about it, too," he says.

Promotion will be key

The TDC received a boost when the country music group Diamond Rio chose to promote the Teen Driver Challenge during a concert in Osceola County on October 29. Sheriff Bob Hansell went on stage on behalf of the 67 Sheriffs and FSA to thank the band for their support of the program. The group's song,



Maneuvering a Sheriff's Office patrol car on water-soaked asphalt is one of the highlights for participants in the Teen Driver Challenge.

"God Only Cries," also was chosen as a backdrop for a TDC video that includes photos of teens who lost their lives on Florida roads. It seems to help capture the students' attention, as they are affected emotionally by the images and music.

To make the program more available to all licensed teens (and appealing to their elders), the committee also is seeking sponsorships to cover the enrollment fees. Other potential incentives for completing the program are auto insurance discounts and making the class an alternative to driving tests. So far, a CBS television affiliate and an insurance company from Tampa have expressed promotional interest.

Graduates of the pilot Teen Driver Challenge course show off their t-shirts.



Above, Osceola Sheriff's Office Deputy Ron Kelley gives instructions to high schooler Heather Mauldin. At right, Volusia County Sheriff's Deputy Kathy Daniels describes one of the range activity maneuvers.



However, before the organizers make further commitments to encourage young drivers, Sheriffs' Offices statewide must implement the program. FSA plans to roll out Instructor Training sign-ups during its Mid-winter Conference in January. The pilot program's ideal ratio is 11 students to six instructors, so FSA expects some agencies will recruit retired deputies to get involved in this lifesaving endeavor.

FSA's Perkins believes that reducing the number of teenage injuries and deaths from crashes shouldn't be such a challenge. "And if it is, so what?" he asks. "I don't know that I've ever met a teen who's not up for a good challenge."

For more information on the FSA Teen Driver Challenge, contact FSA Special Projects Coordinator Phil Rivers in Tallahassee, 850-877-2165, or via e-mail: privers@flsheriffs.org.

FSA Loses Long Time Friend

With great sadness, the Florida Sheriffs Association reports that our friend, Iven Shelvin Lamb, Jr., died on November 10 at the age of 72. He suffered through a nine-year battle with Parkinson's Plus Syndrome.

For almost 35 years, Lamb served as a legal consultant on civil process for nearly 50 Florida Sheriffs' offices. His knowledge and expertise in the areas of civil law and the serving of judicial process was unsurpassed in Florida.

A former assistant state attorney, he also served as a Criminal Justice instructor at Lake City Community College and an instructor for numerous civil process training seminars for FSA. A graduate of Florida State University and Stetson Law School, Lamb also served his country in the US Army



Iven Shelvin Lamb, Jr.
in Japan, following the Korean War.

Until his illness progressed he was an active member of Shindler Drive Baptist Church and was an ordained deacon and Sunday School teacher.

Our heart goes out to Iven Lamb's family, as we share in their loss. He is survived by his wife of



46 years, Charlotte; his daughter, Lori Hutson (Bruce); his son, Shelvin Lamb (Pam); and three grandchildren, Cara, Catie and Daniel. ☆

Do we really need deputies in our schools today?

By Mark Ward
Assistant Public Information Officer
Santa Rosa Sheriff's Office

Citizens often ask us, "Do we really need deputies in our schools today?" And our answer is some version of, "Without a doubt – yes!"

At the present time, our Santa Rosa Sheriff's Office has School Resource Officers (SROs) in the majority of the schools within the county, mainly for the protection of the community's children. However, this is not the only function of an SRO in today's changing world. The law-enforcement aspect of the job is certainly necessary given the tragedies over the last few years in some of the schools across the nation, but there is more to being an SRO. These officers have three distinct goals in fulfilling their duties: (1) law enforcement (2) education, and (3) counseling.

First and foremost, the officer is there to protect the children or to investigate any crime that takes

place on school grounds. Whether it is fighting, theft, burglary or child-custody issues, the SRO is to be notified and will represent the Sheriff's Office in any and all of these matters.



Sheriff Wendell Hall

There are times that students become involved in situations off campus, and these will also be brought to the SRO's attention as well.

Second, the educational responsibility of the SRO arises when the officer goes into the classroom and teaches about crime prevention and law-related topics. These subjects can range from bicycle safety, personal safety, inappropriate behaviors that can lead to law violations to definitions of state laws and how they pertain to juveniles and drug use. Many subjects also can be related to the students' aca-

demic subjects. For instance, the history of law enforcement may be taught in a history class.

Formulation of equations to determine a car's speed can relate to a math class. In fact, teachers who teach government classes love to get the law-enforcement officer's perspective on how laws are passed through the legislative process.

Third, counseling is a major part of the School Resource Officer's job. Many times, a student who is having personal or family problems will approach an SRO. Sometimes, a student may not have a specific problem, but just needs someone to listen. An SRO may even be approached by a faculty member or parent on various issues. An SRO is there to listen and make necessary referrals, should the need arise.

Put these three aspects of their job together, and the School Resource Officer becomes a very "involved" individual within the educational system.

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A solid deterrent

Now some people have suggested that if a student with a major "attitude problem" is acting out and violates a law, the officer should just arrest the student and be done with it. However, take this same student, add time, effort and a tremendous amount of patience, and you may very likely influence that student to take a more positive direction with their life. This makes the School Resource Officer's job a huge challenge.

In addition to these duties, the SRO acts as a liaison between the parents, school and the Sheriff's Office. If an investigator needs to interview a student regarding a criminal case, it is handled through the SRO, because the SRO is familiar with the procedures by which the school and law enforcement must abide. This facilitates the process and makes it easier for everyone.

Another facet of the SRO's job is

the teaching of the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program. D.A.R.E. has been taught in the Santa Rosa County school system since the early 1990s and is typically taught at the fifth- or sixth-grade level.

D.A.R.E. is a comprehensive program that teaches and reinforces a variety of subjects that are important in a young person's life. These topics may include making the right choices, increasing self-esteem, knowing different ways to say "no" to negative events and resisting negative peer pressure. The program is not just about "drug" education; the D.A.R.E. officers teach the classes while in uniform, which adds credibility to the information presented. It is the program's intent to ignite that spark in a student to make positive life choices.

Remember, every single case an SRO works on involves a juvenile. Juvenile cases, by nature, are

always delicate and oftentimes are more difficult than dealing with adults. And with every new SRO, it takes a tremendous amount of time to build a rapport with the school administration, students and parents. When it's finally established, the SRO becomes an invaluable asset to the overall educational process.

Santa Rosa County Sheriff Wendell Hall has dedicated sufficient positions to place an SRO in almost every school in the county, making this endeavor mutually beneficial to both the community and its children. Clearly, SROs are making a difference in the lives of kids, not only in Santa Rosa County, but in most communities throughout the state. We should support the SROs, as well as the Sheriffs' Offices that provide them.

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receive constant support and encouragement while attending the Sailor Circus program, but the support extends much further. Graduating seniors are rewarded for their positive behavior and hard work with college scholarships encouraging their continued success in school.

Sheriff Balkwill and P.A.L. are fully committed to ensuring this program's long-term future. Shortly after assuming responsibility for the Sailor Circus in 2005, an advisory committee was formed to study the existing facility and make recommendations to Hoyt Architects. The advisory committee includes circus professionals as well as local business owners. Among them: Scott Osgood, head of rigging for Cirque-du-Soleil; Debra Walk, curator of the Ringling Circus Museum; Phil Mancini, Michael's on East Restaurant; John Saputo, Gold Coast Eagle Distributing; Pete Adams, president-elect of the Circus Fans of America; and Jon Swift, president of Jon Swift Construction and current P.A.L. board president.

After several months of careful evaluation and discussions with community and government officials, P.A.L. has launched a Capital Campaign to completely renovate the existing arena and grounds. The

current facility, which is not climate controlled, is utilized by the public only 14 days a year. The goal of this campaign is to raise \$6 million for the complete transformation of the property into a multi-functional community facility. Upon completion, it is anticipated that the new facility will be used between 60 and 70 days a year for events that will serve the community and generate revenue that will fund P.A.L. programs. Funds will go to the Sailor Circus Foundation Endowment to ensure the long-term future of the Sailor Circus in Sarasota County.

The primary function of this new facility will be to serve as the permanent home of the Sailor Circus youth program and headquarters for the Police Athletic League in Sarasota County. The planned renovations include a new roof, floor, seating structure and complete climate control systems for the performance arena. The rigging for the circus shows will be redirected to the ceiling instead of the floor, there will be star dressing rooms and a green room will be added to the arena. A catering kitchen will be constructed to facilitate events requiring food service. All of the old outbuildings will be replaced by the new Educational/Activity Center, which will house a gymnasium, the

Sailor Circus Museum, new restroom facilities and administrative offices.

With the renovation of the existing facility, the community will have a 31,000 sq. ft., climate-controlled arena located in a prime midtown location that will be able to host concerts, artistic performances, trade shows, community fairs, galas and other revenue-generating events. Additionally, the gymnasium facility, located in the new Educational/Activity Center, will be available as a 7,800 sq. ft. meeting or events hall that can be rented out to the business community for meetings, parties or other revenue-generating events.

The success of the capital campaign will rely heavily upon donations made by individuals or corporations. The Sailor Circus is looking for donors that support programs which motivate young people to channel their energies into activities that build character and self esteem, and those who want to see the continuation of the Sailor Circus as a Sarasota institution.

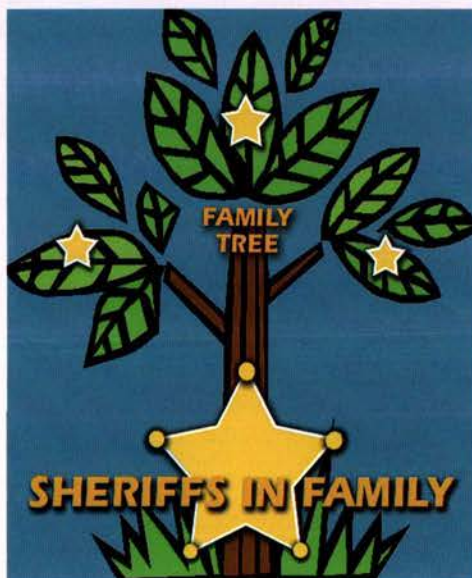
If you are interested in contributing to the future of the Sailor Circus please contact Lt. Keith Muncy at (941) 316-8108 or visit online at www.sailorcircus.org. ★

Is There A Florida Sheriff In Your Family Tree?

Regular readers of *The Sheriff's Star* magazine may recall the excerpts we have been publishing from "The Encyclopedia of Florida Sheriffs," which is being compiled and edited by Victor R. Silvestri.

Silvestri recently wrote to FSA to announce the "final call" for information so he can focus on getting the book published. If you have information on active Sheriffs, retired or former Sheriffs and families of deceased Sheriffs, he wants to hear from you.

The encyclopedia will include a



comprehensive list of Florida Sheriffs, including condensed biographies, family genealogies and history of their service, from 1821 to 2006. The projected date of availability is December 2007.

If you haven't yet responded, send information no later than August 2007 to: Victor R. Silvestri, Editor, 561 Tall Oaks Road, Defuniak Springs, FL 32435-8972, or e-mail him: summers@gdsys.net. His phone is: 850-892-6962.

Please note that this project is independent of the Florida Sheriffs Association, although we support Silvestri in his efforts. Be sure to correspond directly with him (not FSA) for timely consideration. ★

LETTERS

Editor's note:

The following letter was sent to FSA President, Leon County Sheriff Larry Campbell and he gave it to us to share with our readers. Florida Senator Rod Smith has been a tireless champion of Florida Sheriffs Association issues in the legislature. He ran unsuccessfully for Governor, but we are confident his political career isn't over. We look forward to working with Senator Smith again in the future.

Dear Sheriff Campbell:

Now that my life has slowed down a little, it seems like the appropriate time to reach out to my friends to thank you for the friendship and support you have shown me throughout my legislative career. The past six years have been very rewarding for both my wife Dee Dee and me. We were blessed with many special, supportive friends before I entered the Senate and we feel even more blessed today.

I also wanted you to know how humbled I am to have received the Florida Sheriffs Association's Legislative Service Award. Being recognized by members of law enforcement is particularly meaningful to me. I was pleased to have had the opportunity to advocate for our Sheriffs and, among the many efforts we worked on together, I am most proud of the work we did rewriting the Baker Act. The members of the Florida Sheriffs Association have been so supportive of me throughout my career. I can't possibly thank you enough.

As I leave the Senate in November, I will take with me many wonderful memories. I'm grateful and honored to have been given the opportunity to serve in this distinguished body. Again, I thank you for your friendship and your support.

Sincerely,
Rod Smith
State Senator District 14

Editor:

Is there some reason that I don't read about anything that is happening in Broward County in your magazine or have I just missed the arti-

cles? I have a son that is with the Broward Sheriff's Office and would like to keep up on things happening in Broward.

P.S., via e-mail

Editor:

I have been a member of the Florida Sheriffs Association for several years now and enjoy your magazine. However, please explain why there are never articles about the Sheriff's on the east coast - Palm Beach, Martin, Dade, Miami, St. Lucie counties. Everything seems to be about Sheriffs in counties I have never heard of.

CN, via e-mail

Editor replies:

Every once in awhile, we receive letters like the ones above asking why we don't cover particular counties. While *The Sheriff's Star* editorial staff works to keep "fair and balanced" reporting, the truth is that we rely on local contributing writers to tell us what's going on in their counties. Most of this news comes from Sheriffs' Offices, but we also have citizens who are interested enough to give us story leads, or even write stories and send them in.

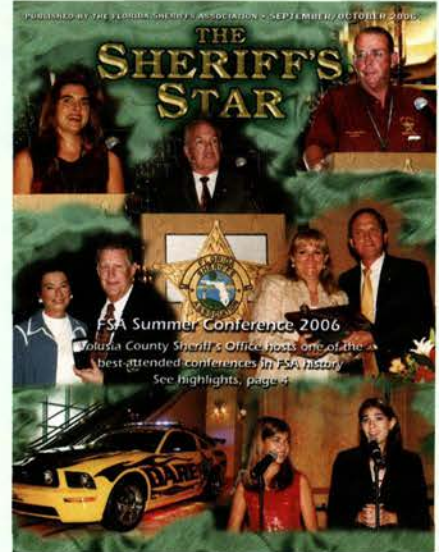
If you have a particular story idea related to your county, please use the contact information box on this page and let us know about it. If it fits with our editorial guidelines, we'll publish it.

You might also want to check out your local Sheriff's Office Web site. You can find the links from the Sheriffs' biographies included on FSA's Web site: www.flsheriffs.org.

Thank you for offering us an opportunity to educate our readers!

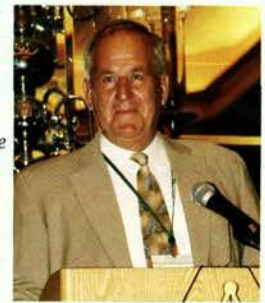
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Just wanted to tell you that I found several interesting articles in this issue of *The Sheriff's Star*, particularly the one on "radKIDS" programs. I am a volunteer with Girl Scouts of Gateway Council and currently serve as a Board Member as well as with special events at the local service unit level. Is the "radKIDS" program available to areas outside Polk County? I've sent the Web site reference to our local groups . . . seems like a VERY worthwhile program!



The Sheriff's Star
September/October 2006

We recently ran an incorrect caption. Pictured right is former Pinellas County Sheriff Everett Rice. At the time of the article he was the State Representative for House Seat 54. Our apologies for the error.



HAVE A COMMENT?

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

Editor, *The Sheriff's Star* Magazine,
P.O. Box 12519, Tallahassee, FL
32317-2519, or e-mail:
jbettinger@flsheriffs.org.

Carolyn A. Hogue, Girl Scouts of Gateway Council, Board Member

Editor replies:

We're happy to know you liked the article. As a service to our readers, *The Sheriff's Star* typically publishes contact information at the end of each article. The people we write about often contact us after the story has been published to say that they received inquiries, and they appreciate how *The Star* contributed to their networking efforts. Thanks for allowing us a chance to remind our readers that if you have ideas after reading an article - contact the person listed at the very end of the story.

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Five Traffic Stop FAQ's

By Sgt. Rick Hord
Okaloosa County
Sheriff's Office



It happens to most drivers, sooner or later: the dreaded sight of flashing blue lights in the rearview mirror. The unwelcome experience leaves many motorists with unanswered questions. Let's tackle five of the most common:

Q. Why did I get stopped instead of someone else?

A. Not everybody who commits a violation gets caught. It may be that the officer didn't see the other car, or that traffic or road considerations made it unsafe to make a traffic stop, even though the other driver may have been deserving of a ticket. Yes, it could just be your bad luck.

Q. Couldn't the officer have given me a warning instead of a ticket?

A. Traffic enforcement doesn't accomplish much unless it encourages voluntary compliance with the laws. I remember riding in a car driven by a friend a few years ago. He eagerly stopped for a yellow light instead of trying to "beat the red," and explained, "I got a ticket at this light three years ago." That's exactly why we write tickets. That one is still generating voluntary compliance, several years later. It made the roads safer for everyone. Do you think he would have said, "I got a warning at this light three years ago?"

Q. How can the officer justify writing me a ticket when I didn't even see the red light/speed limit sign, etc.?

A. This is a common argument by drivers who don't believe they deserved a ticket. It holds no weight. Anyone driving on a public

road is responsible for paying attention to all those signs, lights, pavement markings, obstructions and other vehicles.

Q. How do I complain about the ticket or the officer?

A. Two separate issues could be involved: either you don't believe you deserve the citation, or the officer was less than courteous and professional.

A rude officer should be reported



to his or her supervisor. Your complaint will probably carry more weight if you wait a day or two to compose your thoughts. Make some notes to organize your message, and make one or more telephone calls to find out the appropriate supervisor before sending a letter or e-mail.

If you have a difference of opinion with the officer over the alleged violation and the merits of the ticket, contact the Clerk of Courts Office and request a hearing date. A Judge or Hearing Officer will listen to you and the officer, hear from any witnesses, ask a few questions, and make a ruling. The Judge or Hearing Officer is an independent arbiter who works for the citizens, not for a law-enforcement agency.

Q. Does a traffic citation make me a criminal?

A. Usually not. Speeding, failure to yield, careless driving, running a red light and most other common violations are legally classified as

infractions, not crimes. DUI, racing on a public highway, knowingly driving on a suspended license, violation of license restrictions and a few other offenses are crimes. If you have the option of paying a fine instead of going to court, it's an infraction, not a crime.

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. ☛

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Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks to the Sheriffs' Offices for all their hard work and dedication during the hurricanes. I would especially like to thank the officers who helped those of us in the shelters. They gave us hope and brought a smile and peace to everyone, especially the children. There is no word that can describe how grateful I am to have had these officers during such a difficult time. They were an inspiration to all in our time of need.

Thank you and God and bless you all.

LFM, Orlando

Editor:

I was reading the letter published in your July/August issue of *The Star* about someone who doesn't want the magazine. I never respond to letters because every person is entitled to their own opinion, but this time I could not resist to let you know how much I enjoy reading *The Star*. It gives one a good look at what it is all about being a Sheriff or deputy and how often they have to put their lives on the line for us. The article about Bridges of Hope gave a good inside picture. I also read the (Youth Ranches) *Rancher* magazine.

MQ, Beverly Hills, FL ☛

A Hunt Insurance Christmas

Florida Sheriffs Insurer Carries Out Holiday Tradition

By Mary Lou Powis
Hunt Insurance Group, LLC

The Hunt Insurance Group has been involved with the Florida Sheriffs since 1978 when the agency developed the Florida Sheriffs' Self-Insurance Fund for law-enforcement liability – the first of its kind. Since first partnering with the Florida Sheriffs, they have shown continual support of FSA's sister organization, the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches. Hunt Insurance participates in many ways, but there's one project they are best known for – their holiday gifts project.

The Hunt employees have actually made their annual "tradition" a yearlong effort with the goal of making Christmas brighter for children at the Ranch.

For the last few years, Hunt Insurance's collection has been boosted through the talents of Helen German, an outside claims adjuster with Ward North America. She's handled claims for Martin County Sheriff's Office and Indian River Sheriff's Office since 1992.



Friend of Hunt Insurance is a friend of youth: Claims Adjuster Helen German creates ceramic items like those above for more than 120 youth annually as part of Hunt's Christmas gift project for the Youth Ranches.

Hearing about the Hunt Insurance Christmas for the Youth project, she started making ceramic gifts for each child and for each cottage at the Ranch. For each of the past four years, nearly 80 boys have

been on the receiving end of her handmade gifts.

In the last two years, German added more than 40 girls at the Youth Ranches to her list. This year, she had some help from friend Loretta Santiago, who learned of the project and offered to fire and paint some of the ceramic items.

The most rewarding part, of course, is seeing the excitement of the youth. Just before Christmas, a few members of the Hunt Insurance Christmas Giving Committee travel to Live Oak to act as "Santa" and deliver the presents. Boys of all ages are always there to greet us. The cottage "parents" and FSyr staff show almost as much excitement when they see our van pull up to the entrance loaded with gifts.

Thanks to Helen German's efforts, the young people at the Youth Ranches enjoy a much brighter Christmas.

Contact writer Mary Lou Powis at Hunt Insurance Group, by phone: (850) 521-1845, or e-mail: marylou.powis@hrh.com. ☛



Boys at the Youth Ranch always run to meet the Hunt Insurance van as it drives up to deliver the gifts.

How We're Helping Seniors Protect Themselves from Fraud

By Lee County
Sheriff Mike Scott



If you're older than 60, crooks pay special attention to you. They think you're weak or foolish; they think they can trick you and steal your hard-earned money. They're often wrong, but that doesn't keep them from trying. Sometimes they get away with it; sometimes they get caught.

As Sheriff, I am committed to arresting the scam artists and identity thieves preying on our senior citizens. While arresting these individuals is important, equally or even more important is providing information that seniors can use to avoid becoming victims in the first place.

This year, the Lee County Sheriff's Office launched the CASE program – which stands for Communities Against Senior Exploitation. This program began in Denver in 2002 and in February 2006 our Sheriff's Office was one of only 23 sites in the country selected to replicate it. In addition to implementing CASE in Lee County we have been selected to train other law enforcement agencies across Florida on how to start a CASE Partnership program in their community.

Exploitation growing

The scammers are out there trying to steal our identities and our money, oftentimes to feed their drug habits. Although some of us wonder how anyone could fall for the scams, these criminals are quite convincing and will do just about anything to get our money.

Seniors often are targeted for all the reasons that make them part of the "Greatest Generation." They were raised in a time when a person's handshake meant something. They were taught to trust others

and they believe in doing what they can to help others.

Because seniors are a common target, I believe that our community and professionals in law enforcement have an obligation to help protect them from becoming victims of fraud.

What's CASE

The CASE program is fairly simple. My office has contacted faith communities and other organizations that have regular contact with seniors in Lee County and invited them to become partners with us.

Each month, we send CASE partners, via e-mail, a "fraud alert" that they can post on bulletin boards, use in newsletters, place on Web sites, or send via e-mail to their members, volunteers, friends, etc. They may use the alerts in whatever way they see fit to get the information in front of as many people as possible, including seniors.

My main role as Sheriff is to arrest criminals. However, it is extremely important for law-enforcement professionals to do everything we can to prevent crime before it occurs. CASE is just one example of how we're accomplishing this mission in Lee County.

I'm happy to say that we will be presenting information about our CASE program at the Florida Sheriffs Association's Mid-Winter Conference in January. We are optimistic that all Sheriffs in the state will choose to help spread the word by sending representatives to be trained at CASE workshops next spring.

In the interim, if you'd like to learn more about the CASE partnership, or be added to our "Fraud Alert" list, please contact Stacey Payne, Lee County Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention Coordinator, via e-mail: spayne@Sheriffleefl.org or call her at (239) 477-1481. ☺

Avoiding Home Improvement Fraud

Following is an example of information included in CASE Partnership Fraud Alerts:

Warning Signs:

- A contractor solicits you at your door, insisting you have a problem that must be repaired right away
- A contractor offers a bargain price or claims to have materials left over from another job
- A contractor requires a substantial payment in advance or charges significantly more after the work is completed
- An inspector appears at your door, claiming to work for the city or a utility company and insists on coming into your home to inspect your water heater, furnace or other appliance

Preventative Steps:

- **BEWARE** of door-to-door contractors who use high-pressure tactics to get an immediate decision
- **DON'T** do business with someone who comes to your door offering a bargain or who claims to have materials left over
- Get at least 3 written bids. Don't always choose the lowest bidder - you get what you pay for!
- Require the contractor to use a written contract that lists materials, costs, and the completion date
- Don't allow any stranger into your home, no matter who they claim to be. City inspectors do not go door-to-door! ☺

Star Brief

Florida Retail Federation Selects Law Enforcement Officer of the Year

Orange County Deputy is runner up

The Florida Retail Federation held its annual Law Enforcement Officer of the Year awards banquet November 14 in Key West. Tampa Police Department Detective Sergeant James R. Contento was chosen as the winner. The finalists were: Deputy First Class Danny Weil of the Orange County Sheriff's Office, Detective Gary Boyer of the Titusville Police Department and Officer Allen Randolph of the Coral Springs Police Department.

Sgt. Contento was lauded for his innovative approaches that have not only reduced crime rates in all major Tampa shopping districts, but also have strengthened the partnership between the police and the city's retail community.

To combat the 2005 holiday season's shopping crime, Sgt. Contento coordinated various teams of law-enforcement officers to work cooperatively with shopping mall opera-



Orange County Sheriff's Office Deputy First Class Danny Weil (right) was recognized for his work with retailers at the Florida Mall, which enhances the safety of shoppers. Congratulating him is LEOY award committee chair Dan Doyle, vice president of loss prevention and human resources for Beall's, Inc., Bradenton.

tors and retailers. "Operation Holiday Routine" resulted in a 65-percent decrease in crime from the previous year. In addition, he initiated "Operation Triple Play" this past June in response to increased crimes during summer months related to juveniles being out of school. Using existing resources that included school resource officers who know the juveniles from the school year, the number of serious offenses in targeted areas dropped more than 25 percent from the same

period the previous year. These crimes included murder, sex offenses, aggravated assault, robbery, burglary and auto theft.

The Florida Sheriffs Association congratulates Sgt. Contento and the finalists, including Deputy First Class Danny Weil.

DFC Danny Weil joined the Orange County Sheriff's Office in 1996. For the past two years he has been assigned to the Uniform Patrol Division - Florida Mall Liaison. He maintains an office in the mall with full-time responsibilities focusing on enforcement and crime prevention. When not managing ongoing incidents ranging from shoplifting to armed robbery, Deputy First Class Weil proactively meets with store employees, mall security teams and retail loss prevention specialists to build rapport and enhance the overall safety of shoppers. He initiated a loss prevention information network, which includes quarterly meetings with all anchor store loss prevention managers.

Again, our hearty congratulations to these and all nominees of the Retail Federation's LEOY awards. ☺

Star Brief

Four Years Running: Indian River County S.O. Again Named "Best Place to Work"

For the fourth year in a row, Indian River County Sheriff Roy Raymond was notified that his agency had been selected as one of the "Best Places to Work" in Indian River County.

Among the agency's forward-thinking approaches highlighted were the "Sick Bank," favorable retirement benefits and screening methods for prospective employees.

The Sick Bank was started in the



Sheriff Roy Raymond

1980s, after employees needing time off to care for a terminally ill spouse were caught in a bind.

Under the Sick Bank, employees donate enough unused paid time off to keep the

bank full. And if an employee needs more paid time off than they have available, they may apply to a panel of employees to receive up to 12 weeks in three-week increments.

There are other low-cost benefits, such as making Spanish-language courses available to help front-line staff communicate with the community.

A benefit that has been credited with helping to reduce turnover is the SO's careful screening of applicants. A three-employee panel from the department they'll be working in reviews prospective employees, to assure they'll be a good fit—before they receive a job offer.

Another contributor to the IRC Sheriff's Office retention rate is its retirement plan. Personal benefits the Sheriff offers not only keeps his overhead lower, by retaining employees, it's attracted multiple generations. The Sheriff recently hired a third generation employee in one family.

In receiving the honor, Sheriff Raymond credited the dedication of

employees, sworn and civilian as well as the community. "I am enormously proud of this group of exceptional people," he says. "We not only 'protect and serve' but we really do care. I, too, believe we have a great place to work." ☼

Star Brief Two New Faces Among Florida Sheriffs

FSA welcomes two new Sheriffs among the ranks. Lake County Sheriff Gary Borders took over the helm of LCSO following the sudden death of Sheriff Chris Daniels. He's been permanently appointed by the Governor to serve through 2008.



Sheriff Gary Borders

Alachua County Sheriff Sadie Darnell was elected November 7th. She replaces former Alachua County Sheriff Stephen Oelrich, who resigned to run (successfully) for Florida Senate. He now represents District 14. Sheriff Darnell is our second female Sheriff serving currently, and is only the third female to be elected to the Office of Sheriff in the history of Florida.



Sheriff Sadie Darnell

We will publish full biographies of Sheriff Borders and Sheriff Darnell in the January/February issue of *The Sheriff's Star*, our Annual Guide to Government. Please join us in congratulating these Sheriffs and supporting them and their staff in the transition. ☼

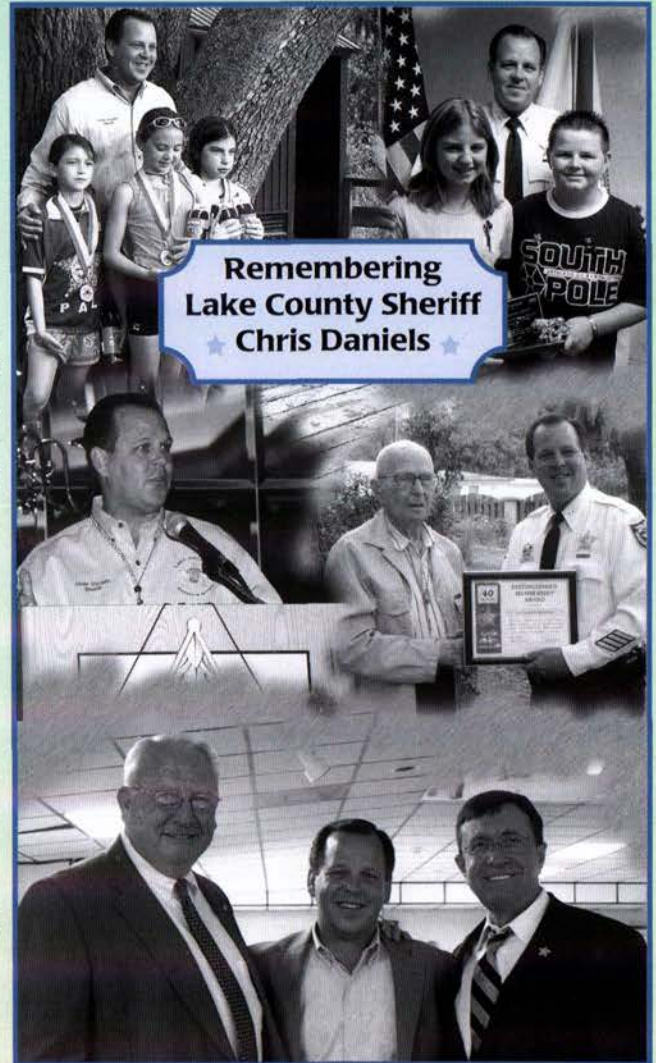
Christopher Cooper Daniels, Sr. 1959 – 2006

Born in Morristown, NJ, October 14, 1959, Lake County Sheriff Chris Daniels died on his 47th birthday. He was killed after being ejected from his vehicle during the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches "Battle of the Badges" bus race at the New Smyrna Speedway.

Sheriff Daniels earned his AS degree in Criminal Justice from Lake-Sumter Community College and his BA in Criminology from Saint Leo College. He also was a graduate of the FBI National Academy, 173rd session.

Prior to being elected to the office of Sheriff in November 2004, Sheriff Daniels had served the Eustice Police Department (1982-1985), Tavares Police Department (1985-1989) and the Lake County Sheriff's Office (1989 until his death).

He served in the US Army Military Police Corp. from 1978 to 1981. Sheriff Daniels also was very active in the community, including working with the Lake County PAL program, serving in



Remembering
Lake County Sheriff
Chris Daniels

Leadership Lake County and on the Lake-Sumter Community College Criminal Justice Advisory Board.

He is survived by his wife Michelle and three children: Ashley, Christopher and Lindsey.

The Florida Sheriffs Association joins the law-enforcement community in Florida, and all youth whose lives he touched, in honoring the memory of Lake County Sheriff Chris Daniels.

We will miss you. ☼

Walton Opens Firing Range

The Walton County Sheriff's Office has opened a new firing range just outside the city limits of DeFuniak Springs. With 25 short range firing points for pistol shooting and two long range firing points for rifle shooting, it will provide deputies the resources needed for testing and training. The range also features a classroom for instruc-

tion and a "shoot house," that can be used for scenario-based live-fire training.

Citizens also will be allowed to use the range for concealed weapons permit training and eventually a youth hunter safety course.

For more information, contact Lt. Dennis Ward, (850) 892-8186. ☼

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This awards program gives special recognition to individuals who have demonstrated their commitment to progressive law enforcement by supporting the Florida Sheriffs Association. Certificates are given to those who have been Honorary Members for 25 years or more. A special "Lifetime Honorary Member" plaque is reserved for those individuals who give \$2,500 or more and for law enforcement personnel who have served at least 40 years. Business leaders who support the Florida Sheriffs Association and its anti-crime activities are recognized with plaques and yearly renewals at the following levels: Gold (\$500), Silver (\$250) and Bronze (\$50). For membership information, please email us: membership@flsheriffs.org or visit our website: www.flsheriffs.org



Jeremy Plumley, Counter Revolution
BAY COUNTY – Gold Business Member awards presented by Bay County Sheriff Frank McKeithen (right) to Jeremy Plumley, owner of Counter Revolution and William Pelton, owner of The Pelmel Group.



William Pelton, The Pelmel Group



PUTNAM COUNTY – FSA Lifetime Honorary Member plaque presented by Putnam County Sheriff Dean Kelly to Verben Bryant.



Mary L. Ham

PUTNAM COUNTY – 25-year certificates presented by Putnam County Sheriff Dean Kelly to Mary L. Ham and Dot Driggers.



Dot Driggers



Mr. & Mrs. John C. Sillasen



Mrs. Gary L. Armstrong

PUTNAM COUNTY – 30-year certificates presented by Putnam County Sheriff Dean Kelly to Mr. & Mrs. John C. Sillasen and Mrs. Gary L. Armstrong.



PUTNAM COUNTY – 35-year certificate presented by Putnam County Sheriff Dean Kelly to Clint Snyder.



COLLIER COUNTY – 25-year certificates presented by Collier County Sheriff's Office Under Sheriff Kevin Rambosk (left) to Sgt. Cathy W. Lambert and Sgt. Herman E. Lambert.



Mr. & Mrs. Steve Futch

BRADFORD COUNTY – 30-year certificate presented by Bradford County Sheriff Bob Milner (right) to Mr. & Mrs. Steve Futch; 40-year certificate presented to Mr. & Mrs. Jim Lawson.



Mr. & Mrs. Jim Lawson



Tina Johnson and Jay Patella for John C. Wingate, Jr.

SARASOTA COUNTY – 25-year certificates presented by Sarasota County Sheriff Bill Balkwill to Tina Johnson and Jay Patella, receiving on behalf of John C. Wingate, Jr., and Philip J. Rindone.



Philip J. Rindone



COLLIER COUNTY – 25-year certificate presented by Collier County Sheriff Don Hunter to Sally Kirkland.



Mr. & Mrs. Virgil Huckaby

CLAY COUNTY – 30-year certificate presented by Clay County Sheriff Rick Beseler (right) to Mr. & Mrs. Virgil Huckaby and William Shedd.



William Shedd



ST. LUCIE COUNTY – 25-year certificate presented by St. Lucie County Sheriff Ken J. Mascara to Archie Ralph Hamm.

FLORIDA SHERIFFS YOUTH RANCHES

HONOR ROLL



SARASOTA COUNTY – Presented by Sarasota County Sheriff Bill Balkwill (left) and FSyr Director Bill Brown (right) to Richard Enos, receiving on behalf of the Kenneth and Mildred Gammons Charitable Foundation.



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

❖ New Lifetime Honorary Members ❖

New Lifetime Members from 9/30/06 to 12/6/06.

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Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth R. Mosher
Ms. Rhonda Mott
Mrs. Mary J. O'Linn
Ms. Janice Parrish
Mr. Ralph Parrish
Mr. James A. Passanante, Jr.
Mr. Herbert L. Perkins



PUTNAM COUNTY – Presented by Putnam County Sheriff Dean Kelly to Pablo Rivera.



MARTIN COUNTY – Presented by Martin County Sheriff Bob Crowder (right) to Faith C. Mazzota and her husband Vincent and Tom Schmidt, receiving on behalf of his mother Mary Mannion Schmidt.



Tom Schmidt.



MARION COUNTY – Presented by Marion County Sheriff Ed Dean to Frank Tona.

PINELLAS COUNTY – Presented by FSyr staff to Marjorie Philbrick (front left) and Mr. & Mrs. John Gonska (back right and center) and to the family on behalf of the D.U.C.K. Foundation. Other members include: Davis Gonska (back left), Lindsey Gonska and Kelli Eaton (front right).



Dr. and Mrs. Jack Phillips
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Mr. Ronnie Williams



PINELLAS COUNTY – Presented by Pinellas County Sheriff Jim Coats (center) and FSyr President Roger Bouchard (right) to Doug Graska, Vice President of Investments for UBS Financial.



Mr. & Mrs. Bob Zook



Mr. & Mrs. J.D. Dunlap

POLK COUNTY – Presented by Polk County Sheriff Grady Judd to Mr. & Mrs. Bob Zook and Mr. & Mrs. J.D. Dunlap.



**Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office
Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches**



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Mr. & Mrs. Amelio Albanesi



Michael Anthes



Charles J. Lonsdale



Clyde W. Milor, Jr.

PALM BEACH COUNTY – 25-year certificates presented by Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Col. Michael Gauger (right) to Mr. & Mrs. Amelio Albanesi, Michael Anthes, Charles J. Lonsdale and Clyde W. Milor, Jr.



Barbara Thomas



Mr. & Mrs. Aurin Collins

DESOTO COUNTY – 25-year certificates presented by DeSoto County Sheriff Vernon Keen to Barbara Thomas and Mr. & Mrs. Aurin Collins.



ST. LUCIE COUNTY – 25-year certificate presented by St. Lucie County Sheriff Ken J. Mascara to Mr. & Mrs. Raldo C. Capitani.



LEE COUNTY – 30-year certificate presented by Lee County Sheriff Mike Scott to Paul F. Meloy.

Attention Members:

Has your address changed? Please send us . . .

. . . your new address so that you'll continue to receive The Sheriff's Star. And please remember to let us know when moving again.

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

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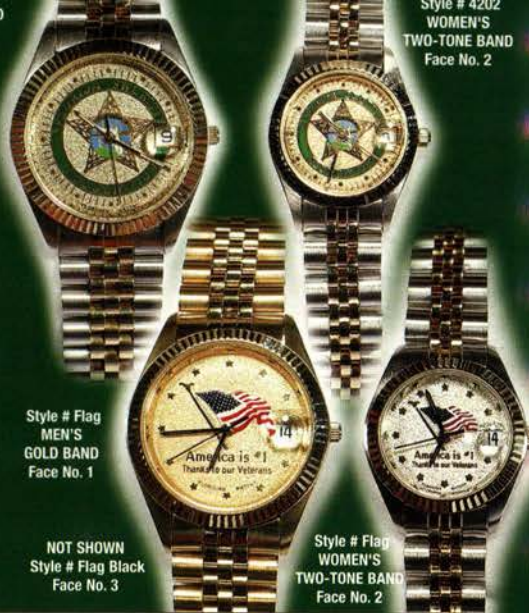
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MEN'S
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GOLD BAND
Face No. 1

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Style # Flag Black
Face No. 3

Style # Flag
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Face No. 2

MEMBERSHIP ITEMS ORDER FORM

Public safety is a concern to all citizens, and one way you can support public safety in your community is to show your pride in local law enforcement. To help you demonstrate your pride in crime-fighting efforts, the Florida Sheriffs Association has designed several items displaying the Sheriff's Star logo, and made them available to the general public. These quality items make great gifts too. Just fill in the order form above and return it with your payment.

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with multi-colored embroidery including
metallic gold thread, adjustable band



Honorary Member LAPEL PIN
die cast metal with
or enameled finish



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