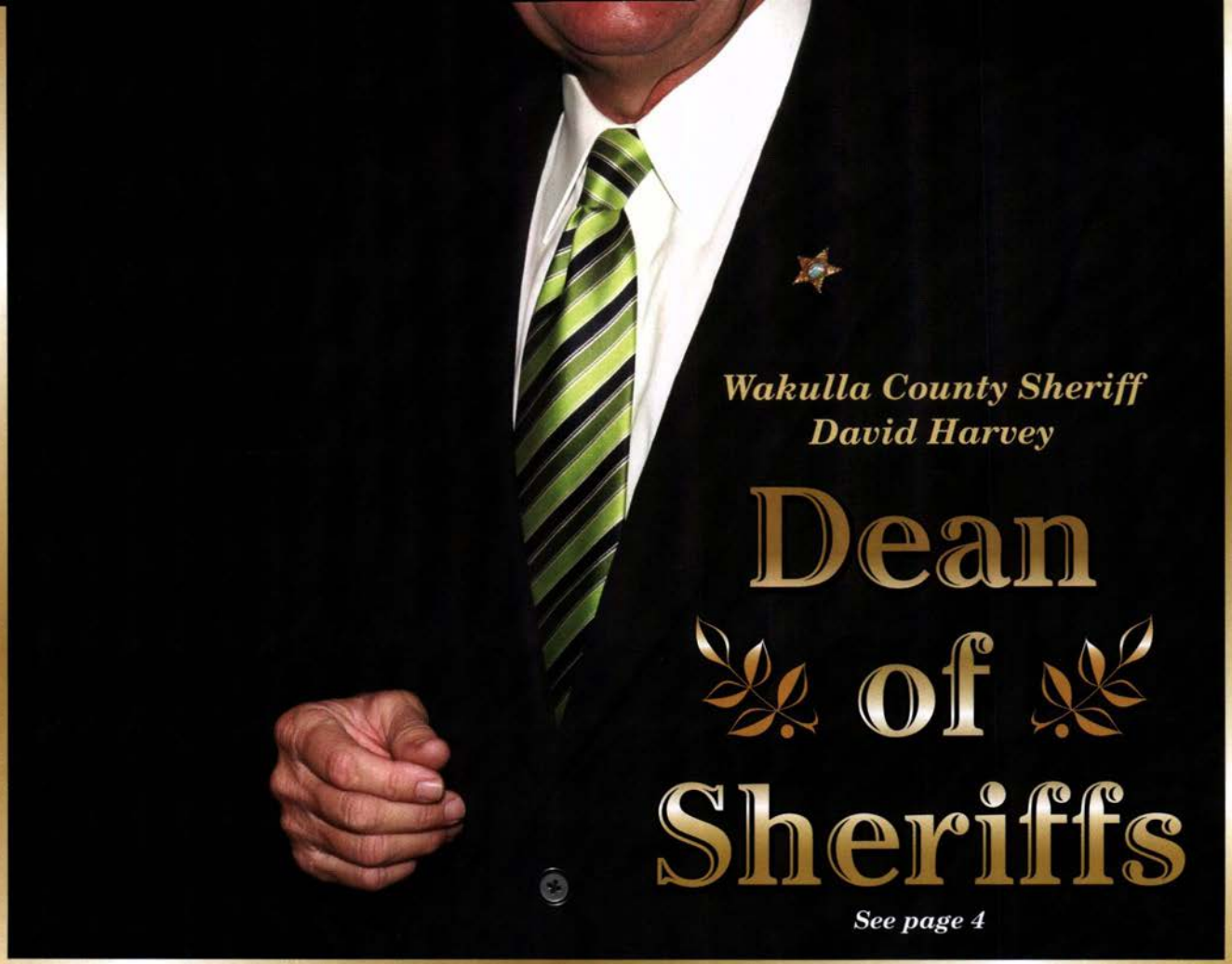

Wakulla County Sheriff
David Harvey

Dean of Sheriffs

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FROM THE DESK OF . . .

Gary Perkins, Executive Director
Florida Sheriffs Association

When an organization has such a long history, as we do here at the Florida Sheriffs Association, it's always good to pause on occasion and look at the milestones.

This year marks the 50th Anniversary of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, which was celebrated in early October with an open house, a banquet and a weekend full of outdoor activities, including a horse show. All took place at the Boy's Ranch near Live Oak. Several thousand people participated, many of them arriving in their recreational vehicles and towing horse trailers.

There also was a large turnout of past and present Sheriffs who followed in the footsteps of their predecessor Sheriffs who founded the organization in 1957.

Although those Sheriffs were said to be dreaming big when they started piecing together what is now the Boy's Ranch and building a residential facility for troubled and at-risk boys, I'm sure they never imagined it would develop to the organization it is today. Who would have thought that the leadership of the Florida Sheriffs 50 years ago could make such a significant impact – credited with forever changing the lives of 100,000 youth over the years, making them lawful, productive citizens and helping to prevent juvenile delinquency in communities throughout this state.

If you've never met a youth who has been influenced by the Youth Ranches programs, it's worth reading the testimonials page on the organization's Web site. Go there direct: http://www.youthranches.org/children.htm.

Planting seeds

Like the Youth Ranches, other programs have been developed through the resources here at FSA, and have continued to grow and become self-supporting. The Florida Department of Law Enforcement, started as the Florida Sheriffs' Bureau, is an example. FSA also founded the Florida Law Enforcement Academy in 1963, the first statewide training center for city, county and state law-enforcement officers.

Yes, the Florida Sheriffs continue to influence the course of history.

We have a more recent example in the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation, Inc., which was launched to encourage law-enforcement agencies to maintain the highest standards of professional law enforcement for our communities.

When lawmakers determined a need for accreditation, they looked to the two professional organizations that serve law-enforcement leadership: the Florida Sheriffs Association and the Florida Police Chiefs Association. And it was a Sheriff – St. Johns County Sheriff Neil Perry, now retired – who was selected to lead the committee that created the first charter.

Since its incorporation in 1995, nearly half of the 67 Sheriffs' Offices have sought and received accreditation and continue to meet re-accreditation requirements. You can read more about the Commission in this issue of *The Sheriff's Star*.

Perhaps most important is the fact that the Florida Sheriffs continue to enjoy a mutually supportive relationship with all of the spin-off organizations and efforts we founded.

Still answering the call

As we have noted in previous editions of this magazine, the Sheriffs are often the ones who get the call when there's a big job to do. Chairing Florida's Regional Domestic Security Task Forces is perhaps the best current-day example.

It is primarily through FSA – the organization you support – that provides Sheriffs the ability to respond. And in case we haven't said it lately, *thank you* for making these and other efforts possible through your continuing membership.

Gary Perkins, Executive Director
Florida Sheriffs Association

CRIME TRENDS

$740K Grant Targets Violent Crime and Recidivism

By Carrie Hoeppner
Seminole County Sheriff's Office

In these tight budget times, law enforcement needs all the help it can get to combat crime. Thanks to a $740,000 grant awarded to the Central Florida Community Justice Coalition (CFCJC), central Florida agencies have received a boost in efforts to reduce violence and the revolving door of the justice system.

Provided through the U.S. Department of Justice's Edward Bryne Memorial Discretionary Grants Program, funds will be allocated to the Seminole County Sheriff's Office, the lead agency of the Central Florida Community Justice Coalition. Monies will be disbursed throughout partnering agencies including: the Florida Department of Corrections, Federal Bureau of Investigations, Orange County Sheriff's Office, Orlando Police Department, Seminole County Sheriff's Office and Volusia County Sheriff's Office. These agencies will be eligible for reimbursement for operations that are geared toward reducing violent crime and/or recidivism within their jurisdictions.

Boosting "best practices"

The purpose of this program is to assist state and local jurisdictions to improve the criminal justice system and assist communities in preventing drug abuse and crime. The program also seeks to support national efforts including training and technical assistance programs designed to target local needs. Funds may be used for demonstration, replication, expansion, enhancement, training and/or technical assistance programs.

Law-enforcement leaders established the CFCJC as a partnership between their agencies and other government departments at the county and state levels. Statistics indicate that 10 percent of the offender population commits 60 percent of the crime – which is why the goal of the Coalition is to reduce violent crime by specifically focusing on recidivism rates and crime trends.

The Coalition's first operation was conducted over three days last May. During the initial operation, multi-agency teams comprised of law enforcement and state probation officers in Orange, Seminole and Volusia counties conducted 1,515 compliance checks with offenders on probation or with outstanding warrants. Teams made contact with convicted felons to ensure that they not only understood the terms of their probation, but that they also were in compliance with such terms. The operation also provided an opportunity for additional contact between law enforcement and offenders who live within the community. The multi-agency operation resulted in 96 arrests, the seizure of 50 grams of cocaine and eight pounds of marijuana; the closure of one "meth" lab and one "chop shop."

The newly awarded grant will be utilized to fund operations for participating agencies throughout Central Florida. Operations will be determined based upon recommendations from the Coalition's Governing Board, chaired by Seminole County Sheriff Donald Eslinger. The committee will review crime trends and violent crime within the participating jurisdictions in order to best meet the current needs of the communities. The Coalition hopes to host its second operation in the fall.

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1976 Youngest Sheriff

Now... Dean of Sheriffs

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It's a down-home, dream-come-true kind of story for Wakulla County Sheriff David Harvey. A native of Wakulla County, he grew up in Crawfordville where he skipped rocks across the local Lost Creek swimming hole. Now he is the "Dean" of Florida's 67 Sheriffs, which means of the sitting Sheriffs, he has served the longest.

Sheriff Harvey graduated from Wakulla High School in 1968, with his sights on professional baseball and later a criminology degree from Florida State University. Before graduating from FSU in 1970, he married his high school sweetheart (homecoming queen and valedictorian) Rhonda Quigg Harvey. She is a Sopchoppy girl who is a successful local pharmacist and who is fondly referred to by the Sheriff as "the biggest drug dealer in the county."

In 1976, Harvey, the probation officer, was elected to his first of eight terms as Sheriff of Wakulla County...at the tender age of 26. This year marks his 30th anniversary as Sheriff.

"Since I was a shirt-tail boy, all I ever wanted to be was Sheriff of Wakulla County," the Sheriff says. "My deep respect and admiration for former five-term Sheriff Bill Taff, a great gentleman-farmer Sheriff, sparked my desire. Sheriff Taff said and did things that made me think about a life of serving people."

Comparing the Office of Sheriff in 1977 to 2007, Harvey says, "When I got elected in 1976, the county had about 6,000 inhabits. Then I had 11 employees and an average daily inmate population of 12. Nowadays, I have 155 employees and an average daily local inmate population of 150 and a countywide population of 30,000."

It has been said that time changes things, but the truth of the matter is, sometimes you have to change things yourself, and that's what the Sheriff has done. He is recognized among statewide law-enforcement circles for being very progressive.

Accreditation serves him well

The Wakulla County Sheriff's Office is fully state accredited in corrections and law enforcement.

"I have seen Wakulla County become more and more diverse – religiously, ethnically and otherwise," the Sheriff says. "In that light, my 30-year tenure has allowed me a lot of firsts. I have had the privilege of swearing in the first black Deputy Sheriff, the first female Deputy Sheriff, the first female black Deputy Sheriff and retiring the first female Captain from the force."

He says Wakulla County's crime rate is extremely low compared to the state average. "One of my pledges as Sheriff has been to make sure we never have to see bars on our homes and businesses." He says many people move to Wakulla County because of the great public education system (ranked perennially among the top three in the state) and because it is a safe place to live and work.

"I'm proud to say that in my 30 years as Sheriff, we've never had an unsolved murder."

Sheriff Harvey says part of the credit goes to the county commissioners who have allowed him a budget to do what needs to be done, whether it's investing in technology or training.

"We are unique in the sense that we have no city police departments, so the burden falls entirely on the Sheriff's Office," he says. "We handle about 40,000 calls for services and over 82,000 telephone calls during each year."

Still serves with heart

Undersheriff Donnie Crum, who has served shoulder-to-shoulder with Sheriff Harvey for the past 31 years, says, "Sometimes we call it 'Harvey's Welfare' because he helps the wives and children of inmates to a fault. Far too often these families are 'serving sentences' and they are guilty of nothing and they turn to (the Sheriff) for help." Crum adds, "I think his legacy as Sheriff will be that he practiced strong law enforcement, while at the same time compassion and mercy to the little man."

To those who know him well, David Harvey is never *not* Sheriff. He is available and the people trust him because his door is always open.

A graduate of the FBI Academy and past president of the Florida Sheriffs Association, Sheriff Harvey was asked if he would seek re-election in 2008. "I am 57 years old now, which is the same age that former Sheriff Taff was when he got elected," he says, "and he served 20 years and retired at the age of 76."

While he says he doesn't want to work *that* long, he adds, "I am not ready to go home and be Martha Stewart and hang up my badge, either. There is still a lot of work to be done and hopefully the voters will see fit allow me to continue to serve them. I feel blessed to serve as Sheriff in the finest county inhabited by some of the finest people in the United States of America."

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State's oldest sheriff hands office to youngest sheriff

David Harvey

CRAWFORDVILLE—Florida's oldest sheriff, W. R. "Bill" Taff, retired last Friday at midnight and Florida's youngest sheriff, David Harvey, 27, look over.

The 76-year-old Taff did not seek re-election in the fall and 15 candidates filed to get his job. Harvey emerged victorious after two primaries and the general election.

Taff was sheriff the past 20 years. Harvey, a state parole officer the past four years, is a graduate of Florida State University in criminology.

Retiring with Taff will be Fred Oliver, 70, who for 30 and a half years has been a deputy sheriff here. Fifteen of those years he was court bailiff.

W. R. Taff

How the Office of Sheriff Has Changed, According to the "Dean"

I remember putting a letter in a time capsule about 28 years ago that is now buried at the Wakulla County Courthouse. I wrote some things in there, including the advice that we need to always keep our Sheriff elected. He or she (and I said "she") will serve you far better than an appointed bureaucrat.

So now we have two female Sheriffs, an African American Sheriff and we've seen the education levels increase among Sheriffs. Back then you didn't see the education level you do now – many Sheriffs have master's degrees and some have law degrees. The level of professionalism certainly has changed – especially in terms of management, because it is such a big job.

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One of the unique experiences that come with longevity in this position is to be dealing with generations of the same family. Those I'm dealing with now, I've already dealt with their momma, daddy and granddaddy. I feel so blessed to go to work every day and help children or grandchildren of the people I went to high school with. Knowing their heritage helps you do a better job.

In my view, the job of Sheriff is not just about carrying a gun. It's about management and being a good administrator and dealing with the families of victims of crimes and inmates at the jail. Wakulla County is well below the state average on crime, with about 600 to 700 index crimes annually. And while my office gets a lot of calls for service, they are not all for the violent crimes you read about in most other parts of the state.

New, innovative approaches to old crimes are creeping in, and we're challenged daily to stay ahead of the trends. There are more statutory regulated programs and monitoring to do through the Sheriff's Office. You have the Amber Alerts and cyber crimes – those things weren't there when I came into office. Property crimes are no longer just local, either. We are dealing with offenders in other counties, states and foreign countries. The sex offender issue has increased focus on tracking and monitoring sexual predators and offenders. Criminals, who use to carry only revolvers, may today be armed with automatic weapons, which is changing the way our deputies have to train. You just didn't have that 30 years ago. The tragedies of Sept. 11, 2001 changed us forever, too.

Technology is perhaps the biggest change in the Office of Sheriff. We used to take calls for service on 4x6 complaint cards and keep manual logs. Now we have computers in all the patrol cars and when a 911 call comes in, it comes up in real time on computer screens in the deputy's car.

I believe every Sheriff needs a supportive county commission. That's the only way to stay ahead of the curve. If you get behind, in manpower or necessary equipment for your law enforcement officers, you can't catch up again.

Also, having a supportive professional association has made a huge difference for Sheriffs in this state. I served as president of the Florida Sheriffs Association in 1984 and have worked with four executive directors during my tenure as Sheriff. I feel honored to have served with great Sheriffs like the late Hillsborough County Sheriff Ed Blackburn, the late Gadsden County Sheriff W.A. Woodham, the late Seminole County Sheriff John Polk and the wonderful FSA Executive Directors Carl Stauffer, Berwin Williams and Buddy Phillips. I think the services FSA provides to Sheriffs have always been excellent and they continue to adapt to our needs. I've also served as one of the founding board members of Florida Sheriffs Self Insurance Fund, now 28 years old and $150 million strong. I am the only founding board member Sheriff still living.

Other than establishing the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, and launching what is now the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, one of the biggest accomplishments by Florida Sheriffs is to make sure a Deputy Sheriff has on-the-job insurance, and that was made possible through the Self Insurance Fund.

Because of the fund, we have great coverage and we can handle any crisis for the Sheriff and his or her deputy with efficiency and professionalism.

I remember a time before the Self Insurance Fund. Sheriffs had no control in a lawsuit. I remember getting sued by an inmate who said the Sheriff's Office harmed his vision, and the next thing I know, the insurance company had settled. They wouldn't litigate, and I had no say in what happened in the case. Those insurance companies were ill prepared to represent the public safety sector. With the Self Insurance Fund, the decisions still go through a Sheriffs Board of Managers, who understand public safety issues.

When we're wrong, we pay. When we're right, we litigate and the HRH/Hunt Insurance Group does an outstanding job as our administrator.

The Office of Sheriff goes back thousands of years. You can listen to your citizens and learn about their concerns and develop community partners to make a difference. For example, by listening to residents concerns, I found out that animal problems and litter control were big issues. Through the Office of Sheriff, we were able to partner with the humane society to provide animal control and reduce the number of stray animals. We also keep inmates busy collecting approximately 1/2 million pounds of litter annually along our roadways. The Sheriff's Office and Keep Wakulla County Beautiful, a non-profit corporation, have partnered together and we're involved in several countywide cleanups each year.

A Sheriff is in a unique position to learn what people want – we don't have to worry about what the city or county manager wants us to do; we do what the people want. That's what makes a person want to be in this office and I am a lucky and blessed man to have served for three decades in my home county.

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Rural County Deputy Gaining State and International Attention

He may be based in one of the nation's poorest communities, but Hamilton County Deputy Michael Cohen is finding a way to make a difference. And he's gaining a little personal fame along the way.

At the time of this writing, Deputy Cohen was in Shanghai, China, in the official position as coach of a Special Olympics Basketball team called, "The Stompers."

He was featured in the October issue of *Sports Illustrated Kids* and earlier this year was named "2007 School Resource Officer of the Year" by the Florida Attorney General's Office.

We'd say Deputy Cohen is a busy guy.

Hamilton County Deputy Michael Cohen was named "School Resource Officer of the Year," by the Florida Attorney General's Office. He was recognized during the annual Florida Association of School Resource Officers (FASRO) meeting in July. Congratulating him is Robert Tricquet, (left) president of FASRO. More recently, he was featured in a national magazine and traveled to Shanghai, China as coach of a Special Olympics Basketball team.

Committed to youth

Deputy Cohen began his career in law enforcement with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office after retiring from a 20-year term of service in the United States Army. For the past seven years, he has been assigned to the Hamilton County Schools and has been actively involved in a variety of extracurricular activities with the schools, including teaching the Drug Abuse Resistance Education programs, acting as an advisor for the Sheriff's Explorer Troop, coaching for the Summer Police Athletic League and driving school bus routes when there is a shortage of drivers.

"Mike represents the epitome of a dedicated School Resource Officer," says Hamilton County Sheriff Harrell Reid. "The children always come first with him, and he truly has a keen feeling for what is in their best interests. He never fails to give selflessly whatever is necessary to help the children of Hamilton County."

Deputy Cohen's volunteer work also keeps him on the go. Formed seven years ago, the basketball team that he coaches has won six straight Special Olympics state titles and lost only one game in seven years. They started competing in the Special Olympics in 2001.

Though most of its players, ranging in age from 16 to 25, had never left the state, the team has since traveled by plane several times, including a trip to Washington, DC, where they met President George W. Bush. (See a video of The Stompers playing basketball online at: www.sikids.com/video.)

SRO job comes first

Despite the travel, Deputy Cohen's official duties haven't suffered, and that's why his peers chose him as the No. 1 SRO in the state. The Attorney General's annual School Resource Officer of the Year award includes a three-step process. First, SRO supervisors across the state submit nominations to the Attorney General's Office. Next, a committee of three former law-enforcement officers who are not affiliated with any agency employing School Resource Officers reviews the nominations. This committee then selects the top three nominees. Finally, the committee selects the individual School Resource Officer to receive the top award.

Deputy Cohen received the SRO award during the annual Florida Association of School Resource Officers Association meeting in July. More than 600 law-enforcement officers from around the state were there to congratulate him.

"School Resource Officers are truly dedicated men and women who put the safety of Florida's children first every day," said Attorney General Bill McCollum. "Deputy Cohen is an exemplary model of what a School Resource Officer should be."

Accreditation Encouraged Among Sheriffs

By Julie S. Bettinger

During FSA's 2007 Summer Conference in July, the Sheriffs made a bold move. They passed a resolution reaffirming the need for accreditation among all the 67 Sheriffs of Florida.

It's not often that Sheriffs take an official position about the qualifications among their ranks, but with threats to the Office of Sheriff and greater challenges in law-enforcement management in general, the Sheriffs felt the need to take a stronger stance.

The Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation, Inc. (CFA) is the organization charged with accrediting agencies – and it's not just for Sheriffs.

The CFA was developed through a joint task force with executive members from the Florida Police Chiefs Association and the Florida Sheriffs Association formed in 1993. It creates "best practices" for professional law-enforcement agencies in Florida, which is used to assist agencies in the accreditation process.

Citrus County Sheriff Jeff Dawsy, who is in his fifth year serving on the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation, says, "We are the finest accreditation commission in the U.S. We are a leader."

Peg Gant, executive director of the Commission, says, "FSA has been a huge supporter of accreditation and a great partner in helping Sheriffs realize the many benefits to being an accredited agency."

Why should Sheriffs seek accreditation?

The benefits of Florida law enforcement accreditation include:

- Providing professional review of an agency's operations
- Offering an objective view of personnel practices and training policies
- Ensuring policies and procedures are documented in writing and defendable
- Increasing community support through transparency of operations
- Assuring that agency personnel are trained and functioning according to agency policies and procedures
- Reinforcing the agency's ability to maintain the highest standards of professional law-enforcement service
- Strengthening the agency's defense against lawsuits and complaints
- And establishing a framework of systems that ensures a quality work environment that aids in retaining and recruiting qualified personnel

Housed at the Florida Department of Law Enforcement offices in Tallahassee, the CFA provides a program manager, training and other tools to assist agencies in the successful attainment of accredited status. It also provides financial assistance to any agency that needs it.

Through the resolution adopted in July, the Florida Sheriffs Association recognized the Florida law-enforcement accreditation process as a professional management tool for any Florida law enforcement agency and endorsed the standards developed by the CFA.

Rich history, backed by Sheriffs

In 1993, Florida Statute 943.125 encouraged a joint partnership between the Florida Sheriffs and Police Chiefs to create an independent voluntary law enforcement agency accreditation program. The desire to create an accrediting body was in response to a need to ensure the public that quality services are delivered in accordance with recognized and accepted standards.

Representatives from FSA and FPCA developed an accreditation program, modeled after the national accreditation program, which requires compliance with more

than 275 professional standards designed specifically for Florida law enforcement agencies. These standards are practical, easily understood, and achievable, even for the smallest law enforcement agency. The program was designed with consideration for the following goals:

- to establish and maintain standards that represent current professional law-enforcement practices
- to increase effectiveness and efficiency in the delivery of law-enforcement services
- to establish standards that address and reduce liability for the agency and its members
- to establish standards that make an agency and its personnel accountable to the constituency they serve
- to implement a Florida accreditation program that establishes standards that do not conflict with national standards

A feasibility study and status report was delivered to the Speaker of the House of Representatives in November 1993. A joint FSA/FPCA Charter Review Committee was then formed, headed by now- retired Sheriff Neil J. Perry of St. Johns County. This committee developed the charter for the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation, Inc. and established the overall framework for its operation.

The CFA was established by charter December 13, 1994 and was incorporated on February 9, 1995. It is an independent, tax-exempt, not-for-profit corporation designated as the accrediting body for Florida law-enforcement accreditation. The Commission's purpose is to establish a program for accreditation that can be achieved by all Florida law enforcement agencies. The Commission comprises 11 volunteer members:

- Four sheriffs appointed by the Florida Sheriffs Association
- Four police chiefs appointed by the Florida Police Chiefs Association
- A mayor, city commissioner, or city manager appointed by the Florida League of Cities
- A county commissioner appointed by the Florida Association of Counties
- An appellate or circuit court judge appointed by the Florida Supreme Court

The Commission appoints the executive director, who manages its staff and the accreditation program. The executive director and staff have the responsibility and authority to carry out all policies, procedures, and activities of the Commission and its committees. This staff supports agencies working toward accreditation or re-accreditation, oversees the on-site process, coordinates Commission review and handles the Commission's business matters.

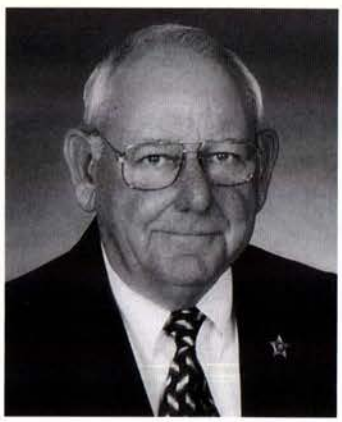
Steps to accreditation

The Commission offers two ways for a law-enforcement agency to become state accredited. Agencies may choose to comply with all applicable state standards (full compliance) or, if the agency is currently nationally accredited under CALEA, it may choose to comply only with the standards outlined as additional to the national process (comparative compliance).

Agencies begin the accreditation process with a request for an application. Once the application is completed and submitted to the Commission for review to determine eligibility, an agreement and invoice are sent to the applicant agency. The formal accreditation process begins when the agency executes this agreement, which specifies the obligations of the agency and the Commission. The agency has 24 months to complete the self-assessment phase from the date the executive director signs the accreditation agreement.

For more information, contact the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation, Inc. by phone (800) 558-0218, or visit their CFA Web site www.flaccreditation.org.

FSA Mourns Passing of Former Okeechobee Sheriff



Retired Okeechobee County Sheriff O.L. Raulerson died of kidney failure July 8, 2007. Born in 1941, he made history by becoming the first Florida Sheriff to be elected to the post in two counties.

He was a descendent of one of Okeechobee's founding families and his great uncle, Smith Dawdry, was Okeechobee County's first Sheriff. Beginning his law enforcement career with the Florida Highway Patrol, he and his wife, Judy, moved to Highlands County, where he first served as Sheriff from 1970 to 1977. He transferred back to Okeechobee and worked for the Sheriff's Office for six years before he was appointed Sheriff in 1986 after the death of then-Sheriff John Collier.

A Democrat, Sheriff Raulerson was elected to the position two years later and served until 1996 when he lost to a Republican. Four years later, he returned, beating a Republican in the 2000 election. He retired for good at the end of that term.

Sheriff Raulerson is survived by his wife of 42 years, Judy; a son, Todd; a daughter, Judy Stephen; a sister and three grandchildren. The family asks for donations on his behalf to be made to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches Inc. P.O. Box 2000, Boys Ranch, Fla. 32064, or: www.youthranches.org.

Sheriffs' Office Fights Marijuana Grow House Increase

Some of the 152 marijuana plants discovered in an undercover effort involving more than two dozen deputies from Pasco and Pinellas County Sheriff's Offices.

By Doug Tobin
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Earlier this summer, undercover narcotics detectives donned their black facemasks and had their weapons at the ready as they prepared to raid a potentially dangerous drug lab. What was unusual is that this lab is located in an unassuming Pasco County neighborhood, where comfortable middle-class homes sit on multiple acre-lots – spacious enough not to warn a nosy neighbor, but urban enough to appear as if nothing unusual is going on inside.

But as undercover detectives across the country are learning, what was happening in this house seems to be part of an alarming trend. Elaborate marijuana grow houses are popping up in more and more places. In fact, they are replacing meth labs in sheer numbers, at least in Pasco County, according to Lt. Robert Sullivan who supervises Pasco County Sheriff's Vice & Narcotics Unit.

This multi-agency effort got underway shortly after sunrise July 30, raiding two Pasco homes just miles apart. Undercover detectives from the Pasco Sheriff's Office Vice/Narcotics Unit and the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office's federal drug task force, dubbed "High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area," successfully executed the two federal search warrants. Neighbors seemed surprised when detectives started hauling out dozens and dozens of potted marijuana plants.

Three men were arrested for the grow houses on these properties, and the information gained from the search warrants led to a dismantled grow house at a third location. In all, the operation netted a total of 152 marijuana plants and 25 marijuana stalks from three west Pasco County homes.

Elaborate "grow houses" are replacing meth labs in sheer numbers.

Once reserved for rural farm areas, grow houses in suburban homes are becoming more common. The Florida Attorney General's office reported grow houses in 41 of Florida's 67 counties.

A synopsis of the July 30 raid in Pasco County:

• 7:06 a.m. A large detached shed/garage on the property is where the grow house is located. The shed looks like a regular work shed, but there is a false back that leads to a hidden grow house. Inside, detectives found 117 potted marijuana plants.

• 7:15 a.m. A second home is searched and detectives find two separate grow rooms inside. One area is hidden behind a linen closet, the other is accessed by a door in the garage. Thirty-five potted marijuana plants were discovered inside these two rooms. Upon entering, it looked like a normal house with a living room filled with a sofa and regular furniture. The two grow areas were hidden from the main entryway inside the home.

• 8:15 a.m. A third home is searched after the resident consents. During the search, 25 pounds of marijuana stalks were found, and the homeowner admitted to using the home to grow marijuana. Dismantled grow house materials such as power sources, air-conditioning units, fertilizer, potting soil and transformers also were found.

The grow houses appeared to

Stolen electricity is common for marijuana operations. The amount of electricity required, if detected, would lead electric companies to suspect a growing operation.

have some connection but the nature of the relationship is still being investigated. According to Sullivan, the street value of the plants is at least $380,000.

Still busting them

Drug Enforcement Administration statistics show the Pasco County Sheriff's Office led central and south Florida in meth lab busts, making 25 busts in 2005 and 22 in 2004. But this year something changed, as detectives have found only two meth labs since the end of August. In their place have been marijuana grow houses. Sullivan said this may be an organized effort to build grow houses in west central Florida since many of those arrested appear to have a Miami and Cuban connection.

Sullivan cautions it may be too early to tell if we're seeing a new trend, but the numbers from Pasco County are rather dramatic. "Last year we found a total of five marijuana grow houses all year, compared to 13 since August so far this year," he said.

And grow houses in suburban homes isn't just a Pasco County problem. A marijuana grow house recently discovered in Polk County shows the dangers of these operations in residential neighborhoods to unsuspecting residents. On September 29, Polk deputies rushed to a report of a woman shot. The suspects allegedly shot the victim while attempting to steal the marijuana plants inside her home. When deputies arrived they discovered a marijuana grow house, one of 20 found this year in Polk County.

The Florida Attorney General's Office reports that in 2006, grow houses have been detected in 41 of Florida's 67 counties. Only California uncovered more grow houses in the United States, according to the DEA. Even more alarming, is the fact that the techniques used in many of the grow houses create a higher potency in the marijuana grown indoors.

"These are not your average growers. The marijuana plants we are finding in these homes are top grade, and they can get top dollar for this on the streets," Sullivan said. The national Drug Intelligence Center stated in the 2007 Threat Assessment that "although marijuana use has declined slightly in the U.S., the threat associated with the drug is increasing because of the rising prevalence of high potency marijuana throughout the country."

The Florida Attorney General is looking to attack the problem in the 2008 legislative session with the newly announced "Marijuana Grow House Eradication Act." Lawmakers and the Attorney General have teamed up to help ease some of the requirements on law enforcement to store confiscated grow house equipment. The bill will allow the equipment to be photographed or have the videotape introduced as evidence. It also creates tough new penalties for those growing 25 plants or more and will crack down on growers who exploit current federal and state laws. Additionally, the bill has harsher penalties for those who own a house for the purpose of cultivating marijuana.

In the July crackdown on the Pasco marijuana grow houses, the operation came together with a tip from the public. An alert clerk at a home improvement store had her suspicions raised when the men said they were going to start a lawn service company. The problem was they were buying lamps and electrical wiring instead of lawn mowers and weed trimmers. "That tip gave us enough intelligence to continue with the undercover investigation and eventually get a search warrant," Sullivan said.

Electric is a clue

Stolen electricity is another issue that was so important to a Pasco electric company that they person-

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ally sent out a representative to inspect the two homes. Electric meters had been bypassed in a way that didn't show any additional usage of power to run air conditioners and water pumps commonly used in grow house operations.

When the growers get more sophisticated and bypass the meters, not only does the electric company lose out in stolen electricity, but law enforcement also loses out on a valuable tip that may come in through a utility. Sullivan added these marijuana grow houses are very elaborate, and those responsible for setting them up know what they are doing.

The Electricity Distributors Association thinks the problem is so serious that they have compiled a list of things to look for that might lead to a possible marijuana grow house.

Some of the tips include:

- Evidence of tampering with the electric meter.
- Homes made to look lived in by light timers, but very few people are seen coming in and out of the home.
- Strange smells or overpowering smells of fabric softener to hide the smell of marijuana.
- Water lines and/or electrical cords running to the basement or shed.
- People bringing unusual items into the house, such as bags of soil, lots of plant roots and potting plants.
- People continually bringing items and taking items away in garbage bags.
- Windows that are always covered.
- Garages with air conditioners.
- Little or no garbage being put outside the home.
- Unexplained and unseasonably high utility bills.

It was one of these clues about unusual activity called in from the public that tipped off law enforcement in Port St. Lucie. On May 8, 2006, police officers saw a white van pull into the driveway and identified two men unloading what appeared to be fertilizer, plant food and chemicals. They approached the suspects and obtained consent to search the home. Inside, they found a fully operational indoor marijuana grow house and 29 marijuana plants.

Those who engage in such illegal activity will continue to change their methods and it's important law enforcement stay one step ahead in identifying these trends. Additionally, pending legislation should give Sheriffs' Offices and law enforcement agencies another tool to fight the drug trade that continues to seep into our suburban neighborhoods like never before.

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Five Signs of a Clever Rip-Off Artist

Sgt. Rick Hord
Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office

Sellers of merchandise, products, gadgets and services call on shops, restaurants, professional offices and other businesses throughout the state.

A salesman visiting a community-spirited manager or proprietor may find a receptive audience if he offers an opportunity to buy advertising while also supporting a local school.

"We're supporting the local school sports teams," says the salesman, "You can support the school by placing your ad on this poster." Before long, the business is proudly displaying a poster or calendar.

What if the business operator later learns neither the school nor the sports team ever authorized the project, didn't get a penny from its sales and knows nothing about the salesman? To make matters worse, you may learn that only a few dozen posters were printed – one for each advertiser. The businessman will feel like a victim and wonder, "How quickly can we arrest the salesman?"

The surprising answer: probably never. He's just a glib salesman, not a law-breaker.

No grounds? C'mon!

We've had such complaints in Okaloosa County and attempted to pursue criminal charges. Both the victimized business and the school felt cheated and wanted to press charges. In one case, the poster project had resulted in virtually no advertising for the business, no tangible value for the school or its sports team, and a thousand dollars or more in pure profit for its purveyors.

The poster company and its salesmen were safe from prosecution because they had skillfully and meticulously avoided breaking the law. They said you'd get a poster, and you got one. They said you'd have an advertisement, and there it was. They said they support the school and the team, and they never said they meant anything other than moral support. They never made any false claims; never said they were endorsed by the school, nor promised that the team would receive any money.

The poster scheme is a common example – but by no means the only example – of a slick salesman who adroitly dances at the edge of legality. A citizen recently told me about an advertisement for government jobs that seemed suspicious. I called the toll-free number and listened to the sales pitch, and in the process noted at least five subtle, but classic clues that a rip-off artist is at work. Here they are:

1-An official sounding name. A favorite ploy is to invent a name for your business that makes people think it's some kind of official state or federal agency.

2-Constant reinforcing. The salesman gets you in the habit of agreeing with him by pausing to ask questions such as, "Does that sound like something you might be interested in?"

3-All promises are inferred, not implied. That means it's the listener, not the speaker, reaching conclusions. The salesman stops short of promising or even strongly implying results.

4-A scripted answer for every question. The salesman never ad-libs, although the most skillful ones don't sound like they're reading from a script.

5-A subtle urgency to act now. The salesman doesn't want you to take your time to think about his offer, which is exactly what you should do.

Send your crime prevention and personal safety questions to Rick Hord, c/o Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office, 1250 Eglin Parkway, Shalimar, FL 323579-1234 or via e-mail: rhord@sheriff-okaloosa.org.

Sheriff Joseph "Joe" Nugent

Sheriff Al Lamberti

FSA Welcomes New Sheriffs

The Florida Sheriffs Association extends a warm welcome to two of our newest Sheriffs. Gulf County Sheriff Joseph "Joe" Nugent was recently appointed to lead this northwest Florida coastal county. Beginning as a deputy in 1987 with the Gulf County Sheriff's Office, he also served as a Sergeant and Shift Supervisor and eventually Chief Deputy.

Broward County also has a new chief law enforcement officer. Sheriff Al Lamberti, a 29-year veteran of the Broward Sheriff's Office, was appointed as acting Sheriff September 4, 2007. Full biographies of these and all of Florida's 67 Sheriffs are available on FSA's Web site: www.flsheriffs.org.

Welcome, gentlemen.

Regular Blood Donor, Sheriff Finds Herself on Receiving End

Blood donations were vital to Alachua Sheriff Sadie Darnell's health following a recent medical incident

By Gary Kirkland
LifeSouth

Alachua County Sheriff Sadie Darnell was a regular blood donor, she just never thought she'd be on the receiving end because she had a back-up plan –her identical twin sister, Norma Darnell.

But life had a couple of surprises in store.

In late July, Sheriff Darnell, age 55, was preparing to attend the Florida Sheriffs Association summer conference in Ponte Vedra Beach. As part of her regular fitness plan, she and Norma were climbing the 239 steps of Florida's most famous and scenic sinkhole, the Devil's Millhopper Geological State Park – just a few blocks from her home. After seven circuits up and down, she noticed her heart was racing, but she didn't really pay attention.

Then, during the opening session of the Sheriffs' conference, she knew there was a problem. When she stood to salute the flag being carried into the room, she was so dizzy she had to grab the table to keep from falling over. A mid-day nap didn't help, either.

"My arms and legs felt like they weighed a hundred pounds," she recalls.

By the next morning, she was feeling so weak that she couldn't walk the 100 yards from the elevator to her room without taking a break. She also was beginning to feel tightness in her chest, and she suspected she might be having a heart attack. She was determined to get home before that happened. "I said to myself, 'If I'm going to die, I'm going to die in Alachua County.'"

So she packed up and began the 70-mile drive back to her doctor in Gainesville.

Diagnosis, unexpected treatment

The physician checked her over, took a blood sample and sent her home. An hour later he called her back. "You've got a major bleed somewhere," was his message. He went on to say that her blood level was down nearly two-thirds from normal. He recommended that she get someone else to drive her to the hospital. She drafted Norma as her official "someone else."

"As a twin, I always thought I had an ace in the hole. I've got an extra kidney and I've got blood," she says. So, when Sheriff Darnell got to the hospital she joked, "Great, here's my sister, plug me in!"

But it wasn't that simple. The doctors began running a series of tests, checking everything from the most dire – a deadly disease – to the most simple causes. It turned out that the answer was in her medicine cabinet. The over-the-counter supplements she was taking to boost her antioxidant intake and lower her cholesterol were having a negative reaction with a prescription she was taking for blood pressure.

The diagnosis was that she was suffering from "hemolytic anemia," a condition she describes best in law-enforcement terms: "My red blood cells were destroying themselves, and my white blood cells were going out there like a SWAT team."

It also took her "ace in the hole," twin sister Norma, out of the line-up of options. Norma's blood was too close of a match and would suffer the same problems as her own. So three units of blood, donated by three complete strangers, put the Sheriff on the road to recovery.

Sometimes "planning" doesn't apply

Sheriff Darnell says she always associated needing blood with car accidents or major surgeries, so being on the receiving end for a no-incident condition was a surprise. And requiring blood from an anonymous donor was an even bigger shock.

"I never would have thought; never, never would have predicted it," she says. "I started feeling great immediately."

She also felt a little foolish, because she thinks her problem could have been prevented. It's one of those lessons that she's learned that she's now trying to pass on to anyone who is willing to listen.

"Tell your doctor everything you are taking, even vitamins and other supplements," she says. "As conscientious, and as very practical as I am, and as I've been, I've been humbled because I did not do a very simple thing (and it) could have killed me."

Her close call was also an eye-opener. She's amended her favorite slogan from "Life is good," to "Life is good *every day*."

"There's nothing like nearly dying to make you appreciate being alive every day," she says.

And when it comes to donating,

she has a better understanding of the importance of donating blood, calling herself a "blood donor evangelist."

J.D. Pettyjohn, the district director for LifeSouth Community Blood Centers' North Florida District, says when people are touched personally by the need for blood, it changes them.

"They'll either start donating themselves or spread the word to increase the awareness for the need for blood donations," Pettyjohn says. And raising that awareness is critical.

"Most people think they'll never need blood in their life, or they just assume that it will be readily available when they do," he says. "The truth is if we don't have donors, we can't meet the needs of our communities."

Sheriff Darnell says she offers her thanks to those anonymous donors who helped save her life. She also appreciates the efforts of LifeSouth.

"What LifeSouth does, being so very involved in the community and so out there, I think it's life saving," she says. "It could very well be called LifeSaving instead of LifeSouth."

Citrus SRO Program, "One of a Kind" and National Model

The Citrus County Sheriff's Office School Resource Officer program, recognized as a model for the nation, has hit the streets telling their story. They Sheriff's Office participated as an exhibitor at the Florida Sheriffs Association annual summer conference, and the agency now has a video for viewing online at their Web site (www.sheriffcitrus.org).

Citrus County Sheriff Jeff Dawsy and SRO Scott Farmer (left) and Kevin Purinton (right) are helping to spread the message of effective SRO programming. Says the Sheriff, "Sheriffs in the state of Florida have the ability to put a stamp on school safety, and we need to take advantage of it."

At the 2005 annual conference, the National Association of School Resource Officers recognized Citrus County Sheriff's Office as a "Model SRO Agency." Additionally, U.S. President George W. Bush paid tribute to the program during the national Conference on School Safety, held in October 2006, where Sheriff Jeff Dawsy was invited to serve as a panelist.

As the Sheriff's Office Web site explains, a School Resource Officer is a law enforcement officer who is assigned to either an elementary, middle, or high school. The main goal of the SRO is to prevent juvenile delinquency by promoting positive relations between youth and law enforcement. The SRO position encompasses three major components, which allow the SRO to achieve this goal: law enforcement, education, and counseling. These three components allow the SRO to take a proactive approach to law enforcement. SROs are not just "cops" on campus. SROs provide all law enforcement responsibilities on their assigned campus. They educate the students by teaching law related classes and other related subjects in the classrooms and counsel both students and parents on various topics. The SRO becomes involved in the students' lives as a positive role model. The intent is that the positive experiences students have with the SRO will bridge the gap between juveniles and law enforcement, and in doing so, help prevent juvenile crime.

There are currently 14 resource officers assigned to Citrus County schools. Each high school, middle school, and the alternative school (Renaissance Center) has a School Resource Officer. There are four Resource Officers that serve the 10 elementary schools. The program also as two supervisors who divide the county and assist by providing additional coverage in the schools.

While SRO programs are not new, and have been part of the education landscape in Citrus County since 1985, Sheriff Dawsy says his program is one of a kind.

"We developed our own program, because I felt we could do a better job," Sheriff Dawsy says. Called FOCUS (Filtering Out Crime United with Students), he says, "Sheriffs in the state of Florida have the ability to put a stamp on school safety, and we need to take advantage of it."

Citrus County School Superintendent Sandra "Sam" Himmel says, "Probably one of the most important things about our program is that the officers are part of our school district – they're part of the family, they are here with us everyday." She says they build relationships with staff, also. "People feel very comfortable that they're in our schools, they're on our campuses. They're at the extracurricular activities. They have just been a great friend to education."

For more information about the Citrus County Sheriff's Office SRO program, call the Sheriff's Office at 352-726-4488, and ask for Sgt. Purinton, ext. 279, or Sgt. Frink, ext. 285.

HONOR ROLL

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

HARDEE COUNTY – 40-year certificate presented by Hardee County Sheriff J Loran Cogburn (right) and Col. Arnold Lanier to Milton Lanier.

CLAY COUNTY – 25-year certificate presented by Clay County Sheriff Rick Beseler to Hill Brannon, Jr.

OKEECHOBEE COUNTY – 30-year certificate presented by Okeechobee County Sheriff Paul May to Rita M. Hetrick.

POLK COUNTY – 30-year certificate presented by Polk County Sheriff Grady Judd to Rev. & Mrs. William Wynn.

ST. JOHNS COUNTY – 25-year certificate presented by St. Johns County Sheriff David Shoar to Patrick J. Williams.

PASCO COUNTY - Presented 30-year award presented by Pasco Sheriff Bob White to Ed Graham. Mr. Graham is 100 years old and has been a part of his Regency Parks security patrol for 29 years and still volunteers three days a month.

OSCEOLA COUNTY – 25-year certificate presented by Osceola County Sheriff Bob Hansell to Helen B. Rogers.

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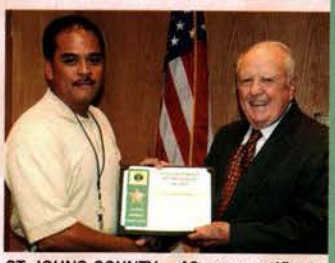

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HONOR ROLL

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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George DiFalco

John Smith

POLK COUNTY – Presented by Polk County Sheriff Grady Judd to George DiFalco and John Smith.

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY – Presented by Indian River County Sheriff Roy Raymond (left) to Jim Coffey.

MARION COUNTY – Presented by Marion County Sheriff Ed Dean to Hannah L. Poremba.

ST. JOHNS COUNTY – Presented by St. Johns County Sheriff David Shoar to MDI (Medical Development International), represented by Ashley Mulligan (left) Richard Willich, CEO, Stacey Gillespie and Kelli Mazza.

Det. David Causey

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ST. JOHNS COUNTY – Presented by St. Johns County Sheriff David Shoar to Det. David Causey and Lon Shealy.

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SUMTER COUNTY – Presented by Sumter County Sheriff Bill Farmer to Edward and Irene Lapp and Scott Stephens.

Robbie Roberson

Dennis J. McGuire

VOLUSIA COUNTY – Presented by Volusia County Sheriff Ben Johnson (right) and FSYR Officer Joe McLeod (left) to Robbie Roberson, Quality Brands, and Dennis J. McGuire.

At this year's FSA Summer Conference, the Richard A. Purdy Youth Ranches Motorcycle Riders covered 225 miles, departing the Marriott Sawgrass in Ponte Vedra on July 29, and raising $680 for the Youth Ranches. Twenty-eight riders, escorted by motorcycle officers from the St. Johns, Flagler, Putnam and Volusia Sheriffs' Offices, rode to St. Augustine then the Florida Sheriffs Youth Camp at Barbourville. This ride is open to all law enforcement and business members of the Florida Sheriffs Association. For information on the next ride, contact Terry Meek, meekt@mindspring.com, or 850-545-5775.

NEW License Tag Frame Now Available!

The Florida Sheriffs Association is offering another opportunity for you to show your support for law enforcement in your community through a newly-designed License Tag Frame. **Unlike many tag frames on the market, this handsome frame conforms to the Florida Statute 316.605 licensing of vehicles requirements, by not covering any type or numbers on the face of the tag.** The tag frame will fit most any style vehicle. Demonstrate your support for FSA and the crime fighting efforts of Sheriffs by ordering your License Tag Frame today. And don't forget: These frames make great gifts, too!

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FLORIDA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION
P.O. BOX 12519, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32317-2519

I wish to purchase ___ Tag Frames
@ $25 each $_____

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** Please add 6% Sales Tax* Tax $_____

(Please allow 4 to 6 weeks for shipping) TOTAL $_____

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Attention Members:

Are you moving north for the summer? Please send us . . .

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

We don't want to lose you as a valuable member, but if your address has been changed, you may not be receiving your FSA mailings.

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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Tallahassee, FL 32317-2519

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

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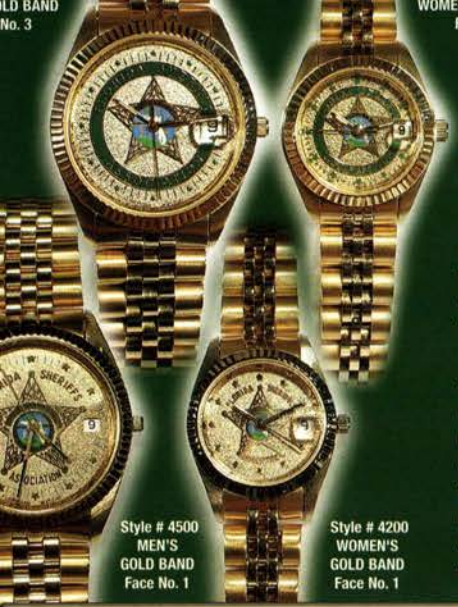
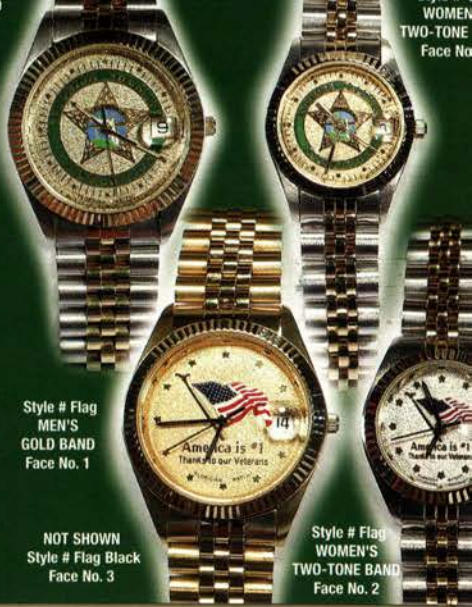


NOTE: These water resistant, ETA Swiss quartz analog timepieces featuring a beautifully engraved "Sheriff's Star" in an all gold dress medallion, or a multi-colored sports style are available in both all gold or gold/steel two-tone as depicted. In addition to the gold and two-tone bands, we also offer all silver. Also displayed are the patriotic Flag watches. These are available in three background faces: Face 1 - Gold; Face 2 - Silver and Face 3 - Black. All watches carry a 6-year limited warranty from the date of purchase against failures due to defective materials or workmanship. Gold or two-tone bands can be purchased with either of the four available faces. Style 4500 denotes men's gold band; 4502 denotes men's two-tone band; 4503 denotes men's all silver band. Style 4200, 4202 and 4203 are the women's gold, two-tone and silver respectively.



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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No.____ *Golf shirts at $30.00 each. $____
Quantity ___ White (size S ❑, M ❑, L ❑, XL ❑, XXL ❑)
Quantity ___ Green (size M ❑, L ❑, XL ❑, XXL ❑)
____ *Honorary Member Lapel pin(s) at $8.00 each. $____
____ *Belt buckle(s) at $28.00 each. $____
____ *Watches at $165.00 ea. Style No.____ Face No.____ $____
Flag Style Watches Face: ❑Gold-1 ❑Silver-2 ❑Black-3
____ *Hats (❑ white or ❑ green) at $17 ea. $____
____ *Coffee Mugs at $14 ea. $____
(postage & handling cost included in prices) Total $____
** Please add **6%** Sales Tax for membership items* $____
(Please allow 4 to 6 weeks for shipping) **Total enclosed $____**
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green or white with
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or enameled finish

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