



Florida Sheriffs Association

Honorary Sheriff

Carl Stauffer

Former Executive Director

January 1996

Carl Stauffer is credited with launching the Florida Sheriffs Association's Honorary Membership Program. Mr. Stauffer was one of the founders of the Florida Boys Ranch and forerunner of the Florida Sheriff's Bureau, which is today's Florida Department of Law Enforcement. He also served as Executive Director of Florida Sheriff's Association for 23 years.

Carl Stauffer's legacy lives on in print as well. He created, wrote, edited and handled photography for The Sheriff's Star, and FSA's sister magazine, The Rancher. Aside from working with FSA, Mr. Stauffer was a freelance journalist and reporter for the Florida Times Union and Tallahassee Democrat. He was also an accomplished author, having written a history of St. John's Episcopal Church in Tallahassee, a book titled, "God Willing," which was published in 1985.

At the January 1996 Sheriff's Winter Conference, Carl Stauffer was made an Honorary Sheriff. To recognize his contributions to law enforcement and to the state of Florida, FSA dedicated its library and resource center to him. The library is now known as the Carl Stauffer Library at is located in FSA's Blackburn-Hunt Building.

