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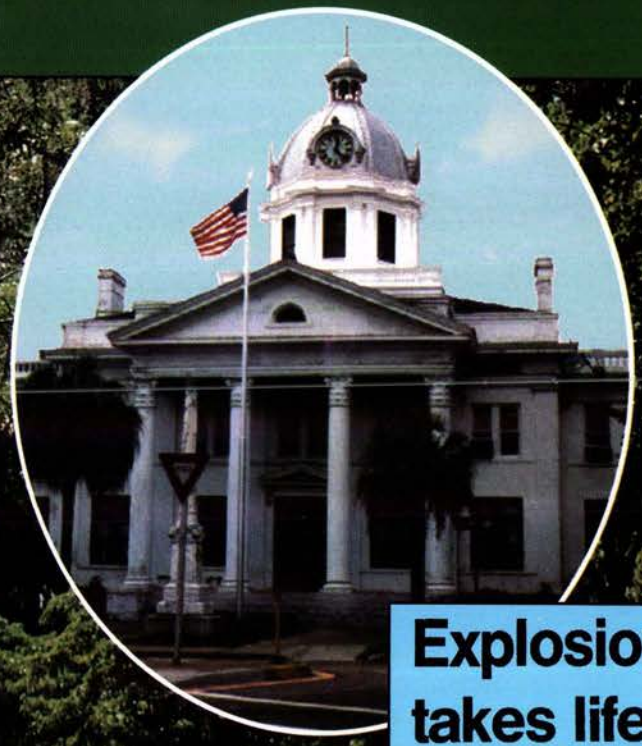

The whole world watches as the violence reaches us

Big time crime jolts rural county down to its antebellum roots

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Explosion takes life of trooper

James Fulford died after a routine traffic stop in Jefferson County. While he was checking the vehicle, something exploded, killing him instantly.

Monticello teens indicted in British tourist's slaying

Sheriff: Case is solid in tourist shootings

A gag order has been lifted, but few details are being released in the

Man found guilty in trooper's death

From the desk of . . .

If you're a new member of the Florida Sheriffs Association, I'd like to welcome you to your first issue of *The Sheriff's Star* magazine. If you're a loyal member from the past, I'd like to thank you for your continued interest in supporting progressive local law enforcement in Florida.

As I travel across the state in my work with sheriffs' offices, I meet many citizens who are not aware of the primary focus of the Florida Sheriffs Association.

Some associate us only with Youth Ranches. Others think only of the law enforcement side. Still others are under the impression our membership is made up of the 67 Sheriffs throughout Florida, alone, and that we cater only to their needs.

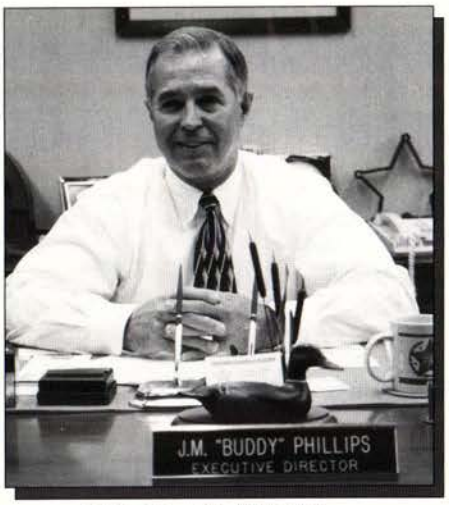
In actuality, the Florida Sheriffs Association is a diverse organization that is more than 85,000 members strong with more than 3,000 business memberships. Our primary responsibilities include: promoting the effectiveness of law enforcement through education and training, educating the public on crime prevention measures and supporting the six Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches child care programs which provide homes and guidance for many of Florida's neglected and troubled children.

As a popular credit card is known to say, "membership has its benefits."

In case you haven't thought of what your annual pledge means, I'd like to summarize the direct and indirect benefits that are supported by your contribution:

★ Boosting the efforts of local law enforcement by making resources and techniques available to help solve crime and give the communities back to law-abiding citizens.

★ Gaining knowledge to assist law enforcement officers in making your community a safer place in which to live and work. Through your membership with the Florida Sheriffs Association, you also have the opportunity to learn how to avoid becoming the victim of crime.



J.M. "Buddy" Phillips
Executive Director
Florida Sheriffs Association

★ Receiving an annual subscription to *The Sheriff's Star* magazine. *The Sheriff's Star* is undergoing some design and content changes in order to bring you the inside edition on law enforcement that you won't get anywhere else. We've added crime prevention tips, stories on new crime-solving techniques, profiles of sheriffs and their personnel and in-depth reports on legislation that will affect the criminal justice system and you.

★ Getting a free copy of the pre-legislative Yearbook edition of the *The Sheriff's Star* with an up-close look at your legislators and the hot issues you should watch during the legislative session.

★ An annual subscription to *The Rancher*. Each quarter, you can find out about what's happening inside the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches by reading this fine publication. The FSA is both the founder and an active partner of the Youth Ranches and its programs.

★ An honorary member bumper sticker to show you're a supporter of law enforcement in your area.

★ A bumper sticker from the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches to affix to your windshield or bumper, also signaling your support.

★ Additional items available for purchase, including auto tags, lapel pins, belt buckles, coffee mugs and more.

In the "Did you know" department . . . . .

As background, The Florida Sheriffs Association is a non-profit educational and charitable association comprised of the 67 county Sheriffs as well as citizens and business owners throughout the state who support and believe in strong local law enforcement. It's one of the oldest law enforcement associations in Florida — founded in 1910.

Sheriffs from each of the 67 counties have directed and continue to direct the efforts of the association. By working together, sheriffs' offices are making a bigger impact on crime throughout the state.

Your sheriff and local law enforcement agency personnel look to the FSA for support as they wrestle with special issues or crime-related problems in your area. They also participate in our statewide Task Force program, which coordinates mass sweeps of illegal narcotics, drug dealers, and "deadbeat parents" who are breaking the law by eluding their responsibility for child-support payments.

And on the budget side, unlike many other membership-based organizations, over 80% of our annual revenue goes right into programs that enhance law enforcement in all counties throughout the state, including yours. We do not employ telemarketers or professional fund raisers and welcome the scrutiny of all our members and the citizens of this state on financial matters.

As you know, effective law enforcement requires a long term, joint effort and we thank you for being a part of that partnership.

As we seek to find new ways to serve our members, I'd like to invite your dialogue through letters, faxes, e-mail or phone calls. And with my first Executive Director's column, I am making a pledge to you — our readers — to spotlight issues you're most concerned about in future editions of *The Sheriffs Star*.

I hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

J.M. "Buddy" Phillips
Executive Director

Crime Prevention Tip:

Don't Be An Easy Target for Fraud



Crime comes cloaked in many different disguises. A phony bank examiner calls to arrange a meeting at your home to verify deposit records. A man who claims to be a home improvement professional knocks on the door — uninvited — and offers to make you a deal on home repairs.

Every year Florida citizens lose hundreds and many times thousands of dollars in personal savings due to fraud.

Crime Prevention units throughout the state are working to help residents avoid becoming the victims of crime through fraudulent practices.

"The biggest thing here is door-to-door fraud," says Lt. Jim Beebe, crime prevention supervisor for the Citrus County Sheriff's office. The most common scams include door-to-door home repair and other unlicensed activity, he says.

Beebe's community education effort to help Citrus County citizens avoid becoming victims includes circulating crime prevention publications through neighborhood watch programs. A popular one is titled "Senior Citizens Beware," which was published by the office of the state attorney, serving Marion, Lake, Citrus, Sumter and Hernando Counties.

Armed with crime prevention techniques

"We give each person several copies and ask them to take them back to their family and friends," Beebe says. "We distributed over 10,000 of them last year."

He passed along some tips that can help seniors and other citizens of the state avoid becoming a target for crime.

Be suspicious of :

▲ The person who comes to your door — without being invited —offering to improve your lawn, inspect your home, or do repairs.

▲ The door-to-door home improvement contractor. Ask for a state license and verify the license by calling the Florida Department of Business & Professional Regulation's toll free number: 1-800-342-7940.

Common Scams :

HOME IMPROVEMENT

▲ Always get more than one estimate.

▲ Always get a written and complete contract.

▲ Always verify that the contractor is licensed.

▲ Never pay in cash — use a check.

▲ Never pay for the job until the work is completed and you are satisfied.

PHONY BANK EXAMINER:

▲ Will appear very business-like and well mannered.

▲ Will tell you that he or she needs your help to catch a crook.

▲ Will often offer to take you to your bank.

▲ Will ask you to withdraw your money and give it to him telling you he will need to check the serial numbers of your money.

▲ Will have you wait for him or her, but will not return.

CHARITY FRAUD:

▲ Check the charity with the Florida Division of Consumer Services by calling their toll free number: 1-800-435-7352.

GENERAL PRECAUTIONS:

▲ Never let a stranger into your home to use a phone. Instead, take the number and make the call.

▲ Never keep large amounts of cash in your home.

▲ Never let a stranger take you to a bank.

▲ Always remember that the promises you make may be enforceable by law even if not written down.

REMEMBER: The typical con man or woman will try to gain your confidence. He or she may appear to be a polite, well-groomed individual. Regardless of how he or she may appear, always investigate and ask questions.

IF YOU BECOME A VICTIM:

Notify your sheriff's office immediately. Only then can these people be prevented from cheating you further or cheating another victim. Don't be afraid or embarrassed to call. ✪

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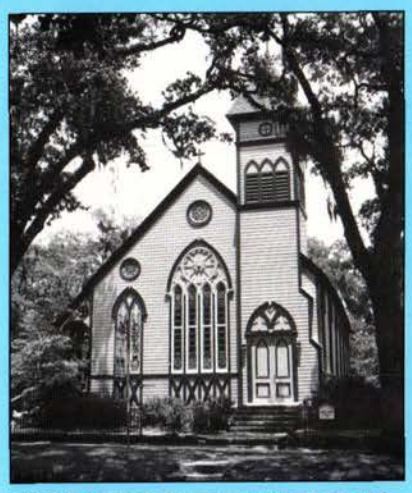

Christ Church is one of Florida's oldest and most attractive Episcopal sanctuaries.



Built in the 1830s and totally restored in modern times, the Wirick-Simmons House is one of many residences that bear witness to Jefferson County's colorful antebellum past.



For many years the ghosts of vaudeville performers and light opera divas were the only inhabitants of Monticello's historic Opera House. Now restored to its former glory — and beyond — it frequently offers musical and dramatic performances to patrons of the arts.

Big time crime jolts rural county down to its antebellum roots



This monument on the courthouse circle honors "fallen heroes" of the Confederacy.



When you see watermelons for sale on the courthouse circle, you know you're in Monticello.

Jefferson County Courthouse resembles in profile the former residence of Thomas Jefferson.

Monticello, FL, July, 1995 . . . . Rural, quiet, peaceful Jefferson County is famous for its plant nurseries, watermelons, pecan groves, picture book scenery, deep south heritage and friendly, "ya'll come" image. It is difficult to imagine a more serene, pastoral, bucolic, "down home" place — or rather, it was until two prime-time murders with national and international repercussions jolted the county all the way down to its antebellum roots. Now it is unlikely that the county or Sheriff Ken Fortune will ever be quite the same again. Jefferson County residents have learned that violent, bizarre crime is everywhere, not just in cities or on the nightly news. But, what about Ken Fortune? What has he learned?

To find out, Associate Editor Julie S. Bettinger went to Jefferson County; and when she came back, this is what she wrote:

Inside County Lines:
Sheriff Ken W. Fortune, Sr.



Jefferson County Sheriff Ken Fortune (second from right) faces news media "heavy hitters" covering the murder of a British tourist – a crime that made headlines at home and abroad. (Monticello News photo by Lazaro Aleman)

By Julie S. Bettinger

Jimmy Fulford, Florida Highway Patrol Trooper, murdered February 1, 1992
Gary Colley, British Tourist, murdered September 14, 1993

These events marked major turning points for Sheriff Ken Fortune and one of Florida's rural panhandle counties.

You'd have to be living in a cave if you haven't heard of these cases by now. Jimmy Fulford, a veteran state trooper, died when a bomb exploded during a routine traffic stop in Jefferson County. Gary Colley and his girlfriend, Margaret Jagger, were sleeping in their car at a rest stop on I-10 between Monticello and Tallahassee. Colley was shot and killed during a failed robbery attempt. Jagger was wounded, but recovered.

Three defendants received the death penalty in the Fulford case. The outcome of the Colley/Jagger case is still undetermined.

Ken Fortune says he's learned some hard lessons from the ordeals. He said the cases have caused emotional adjustment, administrative challenges, and personal sacrifices.

CASE ONE: Fulford murder

"I was a trooper with Jimmy," Fortune begins. He recalls how he and his wife, Wanda, offered their assistance when Fulford and his new bride were making the adjustments to married life on a law enforcer's schedule. There was the erratic duty schedule, nights alone for Fulford's wife when he was on patrol. And fear.

"She had never been married to a cop," Fortune says, "she didn't know what to expect." Somehow the two adjusted. Still, nothing could have prepared her for what was to come.

Jimmy Fulford was a church deacon — an outgoing sort and well-liked among his peers. His loss was felt for miles around.

"It was devastating personally and to the guys in the department," Fortune says.

Coping with his own emotions was one battle Fortune faced. Helping his officers to cope was another. Then there were the demands of the investigation that involved an element that exceeded his expertise — bombs.

"My knowledge of bombs was limited to: they go off and someone gets hurt," Fortune admits.

At the crime scene, as Fortune wrestled to sort out details, the local Alcohol Tobacco & Firearms (ATF) supervisor Bill Alfree pulled him aside and told him about the Federal ATF National Response Team. They're the same team that assisted in the World Trade Center bombing and more recently in Oklahoma City.

These bomb specialists are made available on some state cases, Fortune was told, and fortunately, they were available to Jefferson County.

"It took a lot of weight off my shoulders," Fortune says. "Not much impresses me anymore in law enforcement, but the investigation they conducted — the way they worked the crime scene — it was unreal. They were on their hands and knees, collecting little pieces of metal in the grass and dirt. But it took all of that to piece it together."

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement's assistance was also critical to the case, he says, as the investigation spanned

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the Florida peninsula, from Monticello to Broward County.

The bomb had been planted in a microwave oven and giftwrapped. Prosecutors said it was destined for a woman in Marianna who was a witness to a crime in South Florida. A prisoner in a Broward County jail, and brother to the man eventually found guilty of making the bomb, was also linked to the crime.

It takes a cop to know one

There was a question about what made Jimmy Fulford open the microwave oven in the first place. The suspect transporting it was first pulled over for speeding, and found to be driving with a suspended license. The car was searched. A sheriff's deputy had been called to transport

"He just knew there were drugs in that car"

the driver to jail and Fulford was waiting for the tow truck.

"I know what he was doing," Fortune says. "He was making an inventory search of the vehicle." Fulford probably realized he had neglected to open the gift wrapped package in the trunk.

"He just knew there were drugs in that car," Fortune continues. "So after unwrapping it, he opened the microwave."

The outcome was more than Fortune or any of his men were prepared to face.

"Death is a hard thing for any law enforcement officer to handle," he says. "Every death I've seen is still in my memory. It doesn't go away. You've just got to make sure it stays in the back of your mind."

But this was an especially gruesome death. Fulford was in a kneeling position when he opened the microwave. The bomb blasted a three-foot crater in the ground and his legs were blown off. Parts of the bomb and the microwave were flung across the interstate.

CASE TWO: The Colley murder

The headlines dubbed it: The I-10 Tourist Killing. Fortune calls it simply: The Gary Colley Case. "He was the [murder] victim," he says.

It was 2:30 in the morning when Fortune arrived on the scene at an I-10 rest stop. "The deputy said the guy in the car died in his hands," he says. "The other victim was in the ambulance." As soon as Fortune heard the woman's British accent, he knew the world was about to fall on his shoulders.

The timing could not have been worse. This was only two weeks after a German tourist had been killed by a man in South Florida during a failed car jacking. That case was already making international headlines. European countries, one of the prime origins for international travelers visiting Florida, questioned whether their citizens were being targeted for crimes.

Fortune says he made sure the Governor was notified immediately. By noon the next day, Monticello was making national and international news. Reporters camped out at the county jail for weeks. Fortune says it looked more like a National Championship football game than a county lock up. At one point, there were 12 satellite reporting trucks.

Calling it a media feeding frenzy is an understatement. Still, as much as the case has challenged the county and state, Fortune manages to see the bright side.

"I like to think that Gary Colley did not die in vain," he says. "The case made people become very vocal about juvenile crime." They were finally convinced that juvenile justice should be taken away from HRS, he says. So much violence had been occurring around the rest of the state, he says, "but in this case rural America had been attacked."

The 1994 legislature put juvenile crime front and center by creating the Department of Juvenile Justice. And that was good news for Fortune and his fellow sheriffs.

Ken Fortune says he never thought he'd see the day when he was considered a spokesperson for tourism in Florida. However, people from out of state kept calling to ask if Florida was safe. His reply: "If I didn't think Florida was safe, I wouldn't be here with my wife and kids." ✪



Just a few facts

Ken W. Fortune, Sr. was appointed Sheriff of Jefferson County April 16, 1984 during Governor Bob Graham's administration. He is now in his third elected four year term.

Born in Toluca, North Carolina, he served as a Florida Highway Patrol officer for over 12 years. His wife, Wanda, is a school teacher at Chaires Elementary in Leon County. The couple have twin daughters, Kendra and Kelli, age 17, and a son, Ken, Jr. who's 15. They call him "Kent."

Jefferson County has a total population of 13,500. It's called the "keystone county" because, unlike neighboring counties, it stretches from the Georgia border to the Gulf of Mexico. It has five major highways running through it: U.S. 98, 27, 19, and 90 plus Interstate 10.

"If you go east to west, you've got to go through Jefferson County," Fortune says. That makes it a haven for transient crime.

Lessons learned by Sheriff Ken W. Fortune, Sr.

LESSON #1: Look out for the mental health of your officers.

Fortune made a point to meet individually with each person in his department following Jimmy Fulford's murder, spending time with them on patrol to talk it out. A team of psychologists from Tallahassee also held a group therapy session for the officers and their spouses.

"You've got to spend time to meet with the officers individually," Fortune says. "If you don't, you're going to lose some good cops."

An accident like Fulford's makes people in law enforcement re-think their jobs. "It could have been anybody," Fortune says. "Anyone of us. Me or anyone else."

LESSON #2: The budget takes a beating

Both cases have taxed Jefferson County's financial resources like never before. Even though Fortune had some financial assistance from outside of the county, he and county commissioners are still reeling from the financial blow.

"You've got to watch it," Fortune says. "The money's not going to just magically appear."

A state grant provided $17,000 to recoup investigative costs due to overtime duty on the Fulford case.

Another $100,000 that came from the Victims of Crime Council helped in the Gary Colley case. A grant in the amount of $285,000 from the Bureau of Justice Assistance also helped offset costs of informants, investigation, rental cars, gas, food and lodging for witnesses in the trial. "Still," Fortune says, with the costs for depositions, printing the depositions, expert witnesses, psychological evaluations and more, "It didn't begin to cover it."

When asking for money, Fortune says, "Be prepared."

"No one will just automatically give it to you," he says. "If you don't spend time on it, you're not going to get the money. You've got to sell yourself, sell your department and show them what you're doing. I had to tell my story 50,000 times."

LESSON #3: Don't let the criticism get to you.

Fortune says he has become more knowledgeable from the Colley case.

"It will wear on you. There was a lot of negative press that in my heart I knew was wrong. But you can't lose your composure or they've got their front page story."

There was an unfair portrayal of the roundup of black youths, he says. "I saw this one television show where the cops were in blue uniforms handcuffing young black men. Our uniforms are green."

"Besides," he says, "do you know how many young men we took in to interview — total? Nine."

The Reverend Jessie Jackson accused Fortune of being "a southern racist sheriff."

"He had no idea what was going on," Fortune says. "He was criticizing me based on what he saw in the media."

There were investigations into Fortune's personal and professional life by the Civil Rights Division of the FBI, the Justice Department, the NAACP, the Congress and the Human Services director of the state.

"It got out of hand there for awhile," he says.

When there were no adverse findings, the case was dropped and never made headlines. It was a non-story. ✪

Counties Approaching Critical Point Trying to Fund State Court Costs

Jefferson County's burden of elevated state court costs gravely illustrates the need for increased state assistance to support Florida's court system. Lawmakers are working toward a solution to lighten the load, predicting near certain disaster if no action is taken.

During the 1995 Legislative session, State Senator Ronald A. Silver (D-Dade) proposed an amendment to the Florida Constitution that would help relieve the disproportionate tax burden borne by county taxpayers because Florida doesn't bankroll all of its state court system's costs. Unfortunately, it failed.

Senator Silver's legislation would have amended the Constitution to provide full state funding of the court system, as was envisioned with the adoption of Article V in 1972. Article V was marketed to Florida voters as the way to consolidate a fragmented court system of justices of the peace, constables and municipal courts, in favor of a unified state court system which would dispense fair, impartial justice. While the unified court system has come into being, state funding for that system has not. County taxpayers must supplement court costs — currently to the tune of $530 million, or more than 53 percent of the cost of running the court system.

In a press conference during

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'95 Legislative session shows promise of better days for Criminal Justice

Compiled by Maury Kolchakian, General Counsel/Legislative Director; and Michelle E. Smith, Legislative Assistant; with foreword by Tom Berlinger, Director of Operations

TALLAHASSEE — This year, Florida's recently completed legislative session may prove to do more for criminal justice and your personal safety than any session in recent memory.

All told, the 1995 Legislative session passed significant criminal justice and prison legislation long advocated by Florida's Sheriffs.

"We're extremely pleased with the Legislature's continued acknowledgment that crime remains the No.1 concern on the minds of Florida's citizens," noted Manatee County Sheriff Charlie Wells, the Florida Sheriffs Association's 1994-95 President.

Wells, along with Pinellas Sheriff Everett Rice (FSA's Legislative Chairman), Columbia County Sheriff Tom Tramel, and a host of other Sheriffs "staked out" the halls of the Capitol faithfully during the sixty-day session, and their presence was felt everywhere they went.

To provide our readers, with the full list of bills passed would require a special edition of *The Sheriff's Star*. That's impossible. Therefore, the following summary is limited to significant bills that passed and will soon become law.



Representative Bob Sindler-D Apopka, chairman of the House Corrections Committee, discusses the repercussions of sentencing guidelines and prison legislation with Maury Kolchakian, FSA general counsel/legislative director, (second from left), FSA past president/Columbia County Sheriff Tom Tramel (second from right) and FSA president/Manatee County Sheriff Charlie Wells at the Florida Sheriffs Association Winter Conference.

SB = Senate Bill
HB = House Bill

SB 82 - Crimes Against Elderly/Disabled

Creates a new chapter of law which provides for enhanced penalties for commission of crimes against, or exploitation of elderly or disabled persons.

SB 168 - Enhanced Penalties

Requires that serious repeat offenders convicted of forcible felonies such as robbery, burglary, and aggravated battery, serve enhanced sentences. The bill also focuses on increasing penalties for certain other crimes, especially violent crimes, crimes that involve children, the use of weapons, and the death of victims.

SB 2944 - Sexual Predators

Authorizes the sheriff's office or other law enforcement agency to release information regarding the presence of a released sexual predator from prison, and protects the agency from civil liability. The bill also allows counties to deduct an inmate's medical expenses from his inmate jail bank account, and to place a lien against any future balances. Additionally, the bill expands the number of offenses for which a blood specimen must be drawn for DNA analysis. This applies to both juveniles and adults.

SB 172 - Sentencing Guidelines

Revises the Sentencing Guidelines Ranking Chart to provide for enhanced penalties for certain crimes.

HB 687 - Prison Sentences

Requires that an inmate must serve at least 85% of his/her sentence before becoming eligible for release.

SB 94 - State Prison Capacity

By statute, increases the lawful design capacity of the state correctional system from 133% to 150%. The net effect will be the addition of 4,000 usable state prison beds within existing prison facilities.

SB 56 - Sexual Predators

Requires the Sheriff to notify the public if, after a hearing, the court finds that a sexual predator poses a threat to public safety. And, the Sheriff must notify a sexual predator who is registered or required to be registered that he must go before the circuit court of the county where he resides in order to determine what level of threat he poses.

Law will take driver's licenses from young graffiti vandals

Florida's young graffiti vandals will lose their driver's licenses for up to a year under a new law that will take effect October 1. Governor Lawton Chiles allowed the measure to become law without his signature.

Youths can reduce the license suspension by cleaning or painting over their graffiti. Offenders too young to drive can be made to wait up to a year to get a license after they become old enough.

—From *USA Today*

SB 102 - Victim Notification

Requires the sheriff's office to make a reasonable effort to notify a victim (or the victim's next of kin) of an offender's release (including release on bail) from the county jail. The Sheriff must make notification within four (4) hours of the offender's release, where possible.

HB 41 - Sexual Battery by Public Officers

Provides that a law enforcement officer, correctional officer, or correctional probation officer who commits sexual battery by using his/her position of authority as an agent of the government to commit the offense, is guilty of a first degree felony.

SB 576 - Agricultural Officers

Allows an agricultural law enforcement officer to issue uniform traffic citations to those vehicles illegally passing through an agricultural inspection station.

HB 229 - Police "Back-up" Officers

Requires the chief of a municipal police department to have "backup" officers, or to establish a means for municipal officers to communicate with the county sheriff's office to request routine backup support.

HB 67 - Contagious Disease/Emergency Personnel

Provides that any law enforcement officer or emergency rescue worker who contracts hepatitis, meningococcal meningitis or tuberculosis that requires treatment or results in death is presumed to have contracted the disease in the line of duty, unless proven otherwise.

SB 654 - Clothing Allowance for Deputies

Clarifies that a Sheriff can pay his plainclothes deputies a clothing and maintenance allowance.

HB 103 - Service of Subpoenas

Allows for the service of witness subpoenas by US Mail in the case of criminal traffic cases, or second or third degree felony cases. ✪

Counties Approaching Critical Point Trying to Fund State Court Costs

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the legislative session, Senator Silver said, "It should be borne in mind that crime is everyone's problem. When we transfer the burden back to the county we make it a property taxpayer's burden. That is not right. The tourists should pay their share, the non-property owners should pay their share and the property owners should pay their share. We cannot put the burden solely on the property owners of this state to fight crime."

Florida Association of Counties president Charley Richards added his appeal: "It's more than just funding, it's a matter of equal justice under the law. There are literally counties that cannot afford to pay court costs. . . . the voters approved Article V because they believed we were going to have an equal justice system and the liability would be properly funded at the state level. That did not happen. . . Counties' ability to pay for these services varies greatly. The smaller counties are literally devastated, while the larger counties have to take money away form other services to put into funding the court system."

Senator Ken Jenne (D-Broward) stated, "In '72, we decided that there would be an independent Article V, we mandated it, we took the courts away from the counties — we took everything except the expense away from the counties. . . It is a burden that ought to be with the state government and when people start talking about unfunded mandates, this has got to be at the top of the list."

In an opinion piece written by the Miami Herald last March, Dade County Budget Director Stephen Spratt told the Article V Task Force: "Unless some revenue or expenditure relief is provided in the interim, by the year 2004, approximately 84 percent of our general fund will be directed toward criminal justice activities, of which Article V-related costs are a major component. Only 16 percent will be available for all other local tax supported responsibilities . . ."

The state has more resources from which to fund the courts, reason proponents, while County tax millages are capped at 10 mills. Approximately one third of all 67 counties are at or approaching the 10-mill cap and still need to provide basic, essential services such as police protection and health care. Continued funding of the state court system is crippling many counties financially and may break the back of many small counties.

The Florida Sheriffs Association supported the original legislation and will continue to support this position in coming legislative sessions. Watch for new developments in the coming years, as more examples, such as that of Jefferson County and Alachua County — with the Danny Rolling Case — continue to surface. ✪

Where Do Your Dollars Go In the Name of Charity



When a public service representative telephones you at your home or place of business to ask for your sponsorship, donation or "continued generous support" of their charitable event or organization — do you react with a healthy dose of skepticism?

According to a *St. Pete Times* article published this past spring — you should.

In the article titled, "They Dial For Dollars, Give Away Only Cents," it was revealed that in the majority of cases, the biggest beneficiaries of charitable solicitations were the independent fund raising firms hired to act on the charity's behalf. And worse, many times the money raised was solicited under the guise of boosting law enforcement and fire fighting efforts.

The 21 law enforcement and fire fighting groups registered to raise money in Pinellas County were required for the first time to disclose their money-raising practices in January, 1994. When reviewed by the Times, the documents and disclosures told a surprising tale about the local and statewide fund-raising practices: Among the revelations:

☛ Each year, millions of dollars pledged with good deeds in mind were spent on telemarketers, out-of-town fund-raising companies and other costs. Only a handful of the groups managed to keep costs below the industry standards set by consumer advocates.

☛ Two groups — one state and one national — reported spending more money on fund raising than they took in. The reports showed nothing was left for charity.

☛ Some groups say they can do little to direct more money to their programs, though examples of better performance exist — including that of the Florida Sheriffs Association and Youth Ranches. Still, other group officials say high costs are inherent in fund raising. The president of one police group called it "a necessary evil."

You spent *how much* on non-charitable purposes?

One example outlined how an $8 gift to a statewide non-profit police program would be spent:

☛ $3.16 paid to solicitors who do the calling

☛ 91 cents to cover office rent where they work

☛ $1.31 paid for the phones they used

After other costs, the group was left with 46 cents for its programs. County records showed that about 15 percent ($391,000) of the $2.5 million raised in 1992-93 went to the group's programs.

The National Charities Information Bureau says at least 60 percent of a group's annual budget should go to the purpose for which the money was raised. In Pinellas, five of the 21 police and fire fighting groups examined by the Times met the bureau's guideline. The remaining 16 fell below it.

The Florida Sheriffs Association (FSA) rose above the pack. It spent 81 percent of its budget on its programs in 1992-93 and plans to spend at the 80.7 percent level in 1994-95.

The Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, which the FSA sponsors, spent 65 percent of its budget on charity.

Executive Director Buddy Phillips explained that the Sheriffs Association does its own direct mail appeals, which are cheaper than telemarketing.

"We're not paying outsiders to raise money for us," he told the Times. "We shy away from telemarketing because of the number of complaints."

In the majority of cases, other organizations cited in the Times article were not using volunteers. The people doing the soliciting were neither police officers nor firefighters and to date, there is no reliable way to catch them when they intimidate mislead or violate the law. At least not in Florida.

In Michigan, solicitation calls are recorded and the tapes kept for 90 days.

Fund-raising a lucrative business — for the fund-raisers

Three examples cited in the Times article suggested questionable practices.

☛ A Fort Lauderdale company raises money for three Pinellas-based groups. Through their work, one of the non-profit associations is collecting hundreds of thousands of dollars in that area. Unfortunately, they're also falling far below the recommended guidelines for percent of monies going directly to programs.

A fund-raising drive last year brought in $307,583. Expenses chewed up all but 15 percent. Just over $46,000 was left for the association's programs, which includes lobbying.

☛ A Tallahassee-based coalition raised $171,231 its first year and spent $176,570 on fund raising. No expenses were reported for its programs.

The people who head the group also own the company that is paid to do the group's fund raising.

☛ A national association sought $5 donations last year from Pinellas residents. Nationally, the group reported raising $7.4 million from December 1992 to March 31. It spent $9 million on fund-raising expenses and reported no expenses for its programs.

According to state and local officials, there is no way to regulate how much of a group's donations must be spent on charity because the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that it would inhibit free speech.

WHAT YOU CAN DO: There are certain precautions you can take to assure your support for charitable programs and public service is not wasted. The best way is to ask questions about the group and how much it spends for fund-raising. Don't accept vague answers. State law requires groups to mail a financial report within 14 days if you request it. ✪

Drugs and Weapons Seized, Arrests Made During Second Task Force of 1995

Over 1,800 arrests and the confiscation of drugs and street level narcotics valued at $28,432,510.

That's the result of the Florida Sheriffs Association Task Force Operation "Narcotic Enforcement" which took place May 31 and June 1 and involved all 67 counties throughout Florida.

Sgt. Bob Diemer, from the Pinellas County Sheriff's office, coordinated the effort and reported that the crack down resulted in 2,498 drug related charges, and seizure of $521,360 in currency; 110 vehicles valued at $459,129; and 69 firearms valued at $15,875.

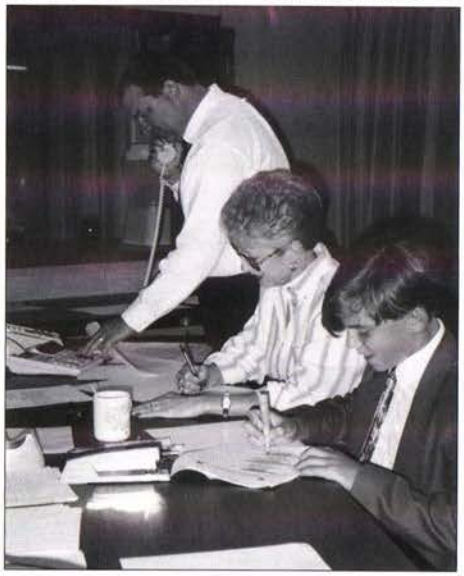
Teams of deputies assisted by local, state and federal law enforcement agencies used a variety of investigative techniques to carry out the crackdown, such as reverse sting drug sales, buy/bust operations and service of search warrants.

Despite a hurricane looming in the Gulf of Mexico, which caused torrential rains in many northwestern counties, the operation was a tremendous success, according to Leon County Sheriff Eddie Boone, FSA Task Force vice chairman.

"This operation is viewed as a major league success," Boone told reporters at a press conference following the narcotics sweep.

During the Task Force effort, all sheriffs were in communication, exchanging information and using the FSA as a central clearinghouse.

"The coordinated effort makes the difference," Boone said. "There's activity in all parts of the state and across county lines. Sharing intelligence information is the name of the game. That exchange of information helps us to know who's making county to county buys."



Sgt. Bob Diemer (left), from the Pinellas County Sheriff's office Narcotics Division, served as coordinator of the Narcotic Enforcement Task Force. FSA staff member Lynn Meek and Diemer's son, Bryan, helped tally the final results.

The Florida Sheriffs' Association Task Force was created to coordinate statewide law enforcement efforts in areas of particular public concern. The first of the this year's operations was conducted in March, when Sheriffs' deputies throughout Florida focused on a full-scale round up of "Deadbeat parents" who were avoiding payment of child support. Based on the success of that effort — which yielded $500,000 in child support payments - -the sheriffs in the state called upon the task force to also centralize the efforts for narcotics enforcement and send a loud and clear message to drug traffickers that illegal narcotic activity will not be tolerated.



Following a press conference, television and print media reporters flank Sgt. Bob Diemer to find out more about the Narcotic Enforcement Task Force results, which resulted in 2,498 drug-related charges, and seizure of $521,360 in currency; 110 vehicles and 69 firearms.

"The number of weapons seized — some of which were fully automatic — underscores the fact that drugs and violence go hand-in-hand," said Sgt. Diemer. That made the Narcotic Enforcement effort a big contributor in prevention of violent crime.

The two-day campaign is the first of many similar operations which will be mounted in the future. "They will send a clear and convincing message to those who plague our society with drugs and violence," Boone said.

History of success

The Florida Sheriffs Association Task Force was created in 1989 in response to the rising epidemic of crack cocaine. A task force dubbed "Operation Rock Pile" was conducted throughout the state. It served as a forerunner to the concept of statewide coordinated task force operations.

In the task force plan, the state is divided into six geographic zones. Each zone has a sheriff as chairman and another as vice chairman. The entire operation is under the direction of Sheriff Everett S. Rise, Pinellas County, who serves as state chairman. He may draw on any of the other 67 sheriffs for personnel to spearhead particular phases. Presently the task force is becoming increasingly computerized, thus providing access to information and resources for even the smallest departments.

The coordinated effort is seen as a major leap forward in isolating the criminal element — and not allowing them to avoid prosecution by moving through the state or within their county.

Although future special efforts can't be revealed, Boone pledged that the Florida Sheriffs Association would continue its Task Forces to make significant strides in fighting crime.✪

Charlie Rhoden's death on July 3, revived tales of his uncanny ability

JASPER — When former Hamilton County Sheriff Charlie Rhoden died on July 3, his passing at the age of 70 gave old timers an opportunity to recall his uncanny ability to track fugitives, as well as his remarkable ability to win eight consecutive elections and retire undefeated.

His 32 years in office (1956-88) placed him within four years of Florida's all-time tenure record for Sheriffs.

But, it was his ability to capture fleeing felons that made him a legend in his time. According to Hamilton County folklore, Charlie could track down bad guys with or without a dog, across fields and streams, and actually on paved roads where footprints are usually invisible.

The files of *The Sheriff's Star* offer a few examples:

- Consider the gunslinger who shot and ran, leaving heavy brogan tracks until he reached a paved road. Charlie, unaided by a dog, tracked him through a pulpwood yard, along a paved road and right up to his front door.
- And then there was the holdup suspect who was caught before he could spend any of his convenience store loot. Charlie caught him pronto, even though he had to follow his trail at night, on and off a paved road.
- One of Charlie's greatest displays of persistence occurred when, accompanied by deputies, he trailed a fugitive through the woods and across a pond. He lost the trail a couple of times, but kept moving by instinct until he picked it up again and stopped at a thick stand of huckleberry bushes. The search party was in favor of beating the bushes, but Charlie told them to lay low and the fugitive would think they had given up the chase. "He'll come out," said Charlie, and sure enough he did.



This 1985 photo shows former Hamilton County Sheriff Charlie Rhoden with jail dockets dating back to 1957 in which he posted nearly all of the jail bookings. In this small, rural county he not only locked 'em up, but also wrote 'em up.

Although he was a quiet man, Charlie didn't have a quiet, peaceful career. He bore the scars of a bullet that pierced his body from shoulder to shoulder, barely missing his spine. He admitted he "saw stars" after a jail inmate clobbered him during an unsuccessful escape attempt. However, it was a very serious stroke on his 63rd birthday, April 15, 1988, that finally laid him low and caused him to speed up his retirement plans.

Charlie was a lawman skilled at his craft, but he will be remembered longest for the handouts he quietly slipped to transients, unemployed constituents faced with having their utilities turned off, and an impoverished grandmother needing a bus ticket so she could visit her first grandchild.

This man didn't merely make his mark in Hamilton County — he cut him a big swath. ✪

Training + Professionalism = Accreditation

In an exciting and historic step forward in assuring professionalism for all law enforcement officers in the state of Florida, the Florida Sheriffs Association and the Florida Police Chiefs Association have combined forces and created the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation, Inc.

This program is designed to enable all Florida law enforcement agencies to participate and comply with uniform standards that are workable, practical, easily understood and specific to Florida.

First announced in the Yearbook Edition of the Sheriff's Star, the commission members have made great strides in establishing the program. Four sheriffs, four chiefs of police and one representative each from the Association of Counties, League of Cities, and the Judiciary serve on the Accreditation Commission with St. Johns County Sheriff Neil J. Perry serving as chairman.

A meeting held in Ocala this past April produced the latest draft of the standards, which are expected to be finalized in the very near future. A fee structure will also be established before the program for accepting agencies into the process of accreditation can begin.

Several pilot agencies have been selected as initial participants in the process. They are: Leon, Columbia, Sarasota, and Pasco County Sheriffs' Offices; and Ft. Lauderdale, Homestead, and Biscayne Park Police Departments.

There are numerous benefits for agencies to become accredited, including lessening liability and developing a better partnership with the community.

By jointly establishing a Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation Program based on positive and attainable standards and procedures, Florida law enforcement leaders will keep their agencies on the leading edge of professional law enforcement. ✪

"Law Enforcement Officer of the Year" named

Two Sheriff's Deputies were among those honored during the Florida Retail Federation "Law Enforcement Officer of the Year" ceremony which took place at this year's Law Enforcement Games in Tallahassee.

Deputies Ivan Pato and Richard Tarrant, of the Broward County Sheriff's Office (Ft. Lauderdale), were first runners-up for the prestigious award. Officer Thomas Matava of the Delray Beach Police Department was named the 1995 Florida Retail Federation Law Enforcement Officer of the Year. Second runner-up was Ronald Ghianda, a detective with the West Palm Beach Police Department. The finalists were selected from over 50 nominations from around the state, representing various sectors of Florida's law enforcement community.

Nominated by Broward County Sheriff Ron Cochran, Pato and Tarrant received numerous accolades over the past year recognizing their success in implementing programs to enhance communication and trust between the law enforcement officers and the citizens they serve. Their efforts have resulted in the establishment of six neighborhood associations, a successful National Night Out on Crime celebration, and several other programs, including: Red Ribbon Week, a Safe House Program in which homes in their "adopted" South Dania community are identified and marked so that children can seek safety there if they feel threatened; MAD DADS, and Business and Neighborhood Watch Programs.



Broward County Sheriff's Office Deputies Richard Tarrant (left) and Ivan Pato (center) take center stage to accept their First Runner Up awards during the 1995 Florida Retail Federation "Law Enforcement Officer of the Year" program which took place at the opening ceremonies of the Law Enforcement Games. Calvin Ross (right), secretary for the Florida Juvenile Justice Department and former chief of police for the Miami Police Department, presented the awards.

As first runners-up, Pato and Tarrant each received $1,500 cash awards and personalized plaques recognizing the honor.

The Florida Retail Federation Law Enforcement Officer of the Year program has been an annual event since its inception in 1974. The purpose of the program is to support and encourage outstanding police work throughout the state and to recognize the important contributions made by Florida's law enforcement professionals in promoting safety and security in places of business. ✪

Sheriffs' Offices Bring Home the Gold . . . and the Silver . . . and the Bronze

It's been an active summer for sheriff's offices — and we don't just mean chasing criminals.

Sheriffs and deputies from around the state joined other athletic types from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, the Department of Corrections, police departments, FBI, and Customs to compete during the 1995 Law Enforcement Games held June 18 - 24 in Tallahassee.

More than 4,000 participants representing a total of 130 agencies competed in everything from table tennis to a triathlon.

Perhaps the most anticipated event was the "Toughest Cop Alive" contest which included a 3-mile run, shotput competition, 100-meter dash, 100-meter swim, rope climb, bench press, pull-ups, and obstacle course.

Barbara Weber, a deputy with the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, proved to be the "toughest" competitor in the women's "Toughest Cop Alive," as she walked away with the Gold title in the Women's Open division. Weber was also winner of the "Toughest Cop Alive" title which was awarded during the 1994 International Police Olympics.

Other "Tough Cop" winners from Sheriff's Offices, include:

GOLD

Thomas Stroup, Orange County, Men's Master Division

Danny Perkins, Jacksonville, Men's Senior Master Division

John Candler, Broward County, Men's Golden Master Division

Karen Blood, Sarasota County, Women's Senior Division

Carrie Palmer, Sarasota County, Women's Master Division

SILVER

David Clark, Alachua County, Men's Open

Phil Rivers, Leon County, Men's Golden Master

Catherine Crow, Sarasota County, Women's Open

BRONZE

Tony Molinda, Orange County, Men's Open

Congratulations to all of the sheriffs, deputies and other law enforcement officers for their grand performance at the Law Enforcement Games. ✪

FLORIDA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION
HONOR ROLL

This Honor Roll gives special recognition to individuals who have demonstrated a strong commitment to progressive law enforcement. Distinguished Service Certificates are awarded to those who have supported the Sheriffs Association as Honorary Members for 25 or 30 years. Lifetime Honorary Memberships are awarded to veteran law enforcement officers whose careers have spanned 40 years or more; and to supporters whose donations to the Florida Sheriffs Association total $1,000 or more.

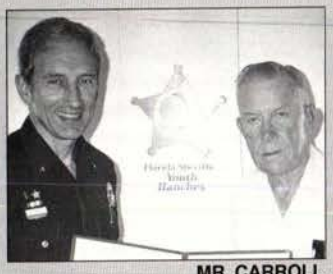


Maurice "Sonny" Israel (right) with Sheriff Charles A. McCutcheon



George Carter (left) with Undersheriff Joseph Bradshaw

WEST PALM BEACH — Lifetime Honorary Memberships in the Florida Sheriffs Association were recently presented to Palm Beach County Sheriff's Deputies Maurice "Sonny" Israel and George Carter in recognition of their 40-year law enforcement careers. The presenter for D/S Israel was Sheriff Charles A. McCutcheon. D/S Carter received his membership from Undersheriff Joseph Bradshaw.



MR. CARROLL



MRS. BRUMMER



MR. AND MRS. GERMAN



KEY WEST — Monroe County Sheriff Richard D. Roth presents a 30-year award to Mrs. Rachel Mira.

SARASOTA — Sarasota County Sheriff Geoff Monge presents awards to Mr. James H. Carroll (30 years); Mrs. C. William Brummer (30 years); and Mr. and Mrs. George R. German, Sr., (25 years).



MR. AND MRS. EMMONS



THE REV. DAVID CRONIN

PUNTA GORDA — Charlotte County Sheriff Richard Worch presents 25-year awards to Mr. and Mrs. William R. Emmons and The Rev. David B. Cronin.



TAVARES — Lake County Sheriff George E. Knupp, Jr., (left) presents a 30-year award to Mr. Robert D. Stetler.



NAPLES — Collier County Sheriff Don Hunter (left) presents a 25-year award to Mr. Morton Byrd.



WAUCHULA — Hardee County Sheriff Rickey Dick (left) presents a 25-year award to Mr. M. L. Coker.



MR. FELLER



MR. SMITH



MR. NEWTON



MR. GRAHAM

ORLANDO — Orange County Sheriff Kevin Beary presents awards to James F. Feller (25 years); Milford W. Smith (25 years); Richard E. Newton, Jr. (30years); Ralph W. Graham (30 years); Howard J. Swarthout (25 years); and Gene M. Cline (25 years).



MR. SWARTHOUT



MR. CLINE

Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches

Honor Roll

Home towns eliminated
from Roster of
Lifetime Honorary Members

To protect our Lifetime Honorary Members from receiving unwanted solicitations and junk mail, we have discontinued printing their home towns when we print their names.

We decided this was necessary after we learned that certain organizations of questionable legitimacy were adding our Lifetimers to their mailing lists. Obtaining a complete mailing address was relatively easy for them as long as they had the Lifetimers' home towns. Without the home towns, it will be extremely difficult.

We have never permitted other organizations to use our membership lists, and we will continue to do everything possible to protect the privacy of our members.

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 $1,000 or more to the Youth Ranches. Each Lifetime Honorary Member receives a plaque, a lifetime identification card and a lifetime subscription to *The Sheriff's Star*. Under a regulation which became effective in 1984, those whose gifts total over $5,000 will 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.

Presentations

We regret that photos of Lifetime Honorary Members are not always available when their names appear on the membership roster. Consequently, we often find it necessary to print the names in one issue of *The Sheriff's Star* and the photos in a subsequent issue.

New Lifetime Honorary Members

A. C. Electronics
Mr. Norman Adase
Ms. Eula Anderson
Dr. And Mrs. Ephraim Asher
B.P.O.E. Aripeka Lodge #2520 – Hudson
Mr. And Mrs. Lawrence E. Bainbridge
Mr. Jack Baker
Mrs. Philip N. Balsam
Mr. And Mrs. C. W. Benner
Mr. Jim Brettman
Mr. And Mrs. Harold B. Brewster
Mr. Oliver T. Burgess
C & H Baseball – Bradenton
Dr. Edward Carvallo
Mrs. Harry W. Caulsen
Mr. Bob Cericola
Mrs. Frances H. Childers
Mrs. Robert Clough
Mrs. Janet Clymer
Mr. And Mrs. Cross Collins
Mr. Richard O. Conboy
Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Consi
Mr. And Mrs. Steffan Cress
Mr. And Mrs. John M. Davies
Mr. And Mrs. Mark DeAltley
Mr. Larry Duchanois
Elvire & Lucien I. Levy Foundation
Mr. Stanley Fields
Fraternal Order of Eagles – #3153 Ladies Auxiliary Bingo – New Port Richey
Fred Lasswell, Inc.
Mr. And Mrs. J. Robert Fry
Mrs. Pam Gildersleeve
Mr. J. M. Gill
Mrs. Aline G. Granado
Mr. Diep Ngan Ham
Mrs. Okie T. Harris
Mr. And Mrs. Dallas H. Hartley
Heilig Meyers Furniture – Live Oak
Mr. And Mrs. Michael Hirjak
Holiday Inn Oceanside – Jensen Beach
Home Depot – Clearwater
Mr. Harry S. Hughes, Jr.
Mr. And Mrs. John Jerdeman
Mr. Stan Kaconas
Mrs. Bertha D. Keenan
Mr. D. J. Keister
Mr. John Kievit
Mr. Karl Kline
Mrs. Fritz W. Klopfenstein
Mr. And Mrs. Kenneth C. Kramer
Ms. Mary Rebecca Kraut
Ms. Irma D. Lebing
Mrs. Dora C. Lee
Levenger Tools for Serious Readers – Delray Beach
Dr. And Mrs. Joseph Liggera
Mr. Rex Martin
Mrs. Erna M. Masseria
Mr. And Mrs. Lee McCauley

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KEY WEST — Presented by Monroe County Sheriff Richard D. Roth (right) to Warren Y. Russell.



PENSACOLA — Presented by Escambia County Sheriff Jim Lowman (right) and Youth Ranches Vice President for Planned Giving, Linda Crews, to John E. Taylor.



NAPLES — Presented by Collier County Undersheriff Bob Burhans (right) to Mr. and Mrs. George E. Williams.



MR. AND MRS. CORNELIUS



MR. HARDIN



MR. FOSTER



MR. BECKER

TAMPA BAY AREA — Presented by Youth Ranches Vice President for Planned Giving Terry Gregg to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Cornelius, representing the Joseph F. Cornelius Family Foundation, Pinellas County; Mr. Jay Hardin, Hillsborough County; Mr. Peter Foster, Pinellas County; and Mr. Clair Becker, Pinellas County.

Youth Ranches Honor Roll continued . . .

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Mr. Ralph W. McCauley
Ms. Linda McNeal
Mrs. Beatrice Miller
Mrs. Dorothea M. Moorman
Mr. And Mrs. James Muzik
Palm Harbor Newcomers Club
Mr. Frank Peri, Jr.
Ms. Kathrine Pirri
Ms. Ruth Pittinger
Point Brittany Men's Round Table –St. Petersburg
Presbyterian Towers Residents Association – St. Petersburg
Mr. And Mrs. Michael C. Pucillo
Ms. Claire Riley
Colonel Fred M. Robinson
Mrs. Sue Anne Rogers
Ms. Linda Scott
Ms. Kathleen M. Shand
Mr. And Mrs. Fred E. Sherwood
Mr. And Mrs. H. Shitlet
Mr. And Mrs. Edmund T. Shubrick
Mr. Ron Sickman
Mr. and Mrs. Gerald J. Slade
Mr. Ron Smith
Mr. And Mrs. James E. Spann
Mr. Jim Spears
Mr. Robert P. Swan
Mrs. Josephine L. Taylor
Mr. And Mrs. J. Earl Templeton
The Richard H. Driehaus Foundation
Mr. Roy Trees
Mr. Armond Trio
Mrs. Yvonne Ulrey
Mrs. Esther S. Wadlin
Ms. Edith Widelitz



MRS. WILLIS



OMEGA OMEGA OF ESA



FORT MYERS — Presented by Youth Ranches Regional Director Bill Aust (left) to Mr. Orvall G. McCleary.

LARGO — Presented by Pinellas County Sheriff Everett Rice to Mrs. Florence Willis; and to Omega Omega Chapter of ESA represented by Ms. Jill McIntosh, Ms. Janet Whiston and Ms. Jean Maretta.



MS. CURRIE



SEN. McKAY



MR. LOEBELL

BRADENTON — Presented by Manatee County Sheriff Charlie Wells to Ms. Darlene Currie, Sen. John McKay, Robert Loebell, Clarence Meyers, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bakker, Mr. and Mrs. Gail Bowman; and to Dee Dee Davis, representing the ECHO Club of Tropicana, Inc.



MR. MYERS



THE BAKKERS



THE BOWMANS



ECHO CLUB



GLADYS HART



OUIDA HART

MAYO — Presented by Lafayette County Sheriff Dwayne Walker to Gladys and Ouida Hart (center in each photo). Sheriff Walker was assisted by Youth Ranches Vice President for Planned Giving Linda Crews.



FORT LAUDERDALE --- Presented by Broward County Sheriff Ron Cochran (right) to Ron Pierce.



DeLAND — Presented by Sheriff Robert L. Vogel, Jr., (left) to Mr. Gerald Rillstone (center). Pictured at right is Mr. Rillstone's brother, who is also a Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches supporter.



SARASOTA — Presented by Sarasota County Sheriff Geoff Monge (second from left) to Mr. Gene Dailey (third from left), representing Friends of Gulf Gate Library. Assisting in the presentation were Youth Ranches Governing Board Member Ben Sizemore (left) and Youth Ranches Regional Director Bill Aust (right).

Youth Ranches Honor Roll continued . . .



MR. DITERLIZZI



MR. AND MRS. PHILLIPS



MR. AND MRS. FENNIMAN



AMVETS AUXILIARY

STUART — Presented by Martin County Sheriff Robert L. Crowder to Mr. Michael Diterlizzi, from Highway Tire and Auto Co.; Mr. and Mrs. Eddie P. Phillips; Mr. and Mrs. John Fenniman; Ms. Rio Schisler and Ms. Norma Phoenix, representing Amvets Women's Auxiliary #92; Ms. Carolyn Miller, President, Hartman Tilton Insurance Agency; Mr. and Mrs. Douglas A Grant; Mr. Tom Lamb; and Mr. and Mrs. George A. Joyce.



MS. MILLER



MR. AND MRS. GRANT



MR. LAMB



MR. AND MRS. JOYCE



BELLEAIR BLUFFS — Presented by Youth Ranches Vice President for Planned Giving Jean Newell to Mr. and Mrs. Gary Dawson, representing Belleair Cleaners.



PORT CHARLOTTE — Presented by Youth Ranches Regional Director Bill Aust (right) and Charlotte County Deputy Sheriff Larry Germain to Nancy Jordan, representing World Book Encyclopedias.



BOYS RANCH — Presented by Resident Director Pat Monogue (right) to Derald and Gayle Hickcox, from Maple Lake, MN.



BRADENTON — Presented by Youth Ranches Vice President for Planned Giving Bill Brown (left) to Darlene and Jerry Couchois.



MS. TARPEY



MR. PRESCOTT



MS. SEARS



BOYS RANCH — Presented by Youth Ranches Vice President for Youth Services Roger Bouchard (right) to Youth Ranches Family Social Worker Don LaBrecque. The Lifetime Membership was awarded to Mr. LaBrecque and his wife.



SERTOMA

CENTRAL FLORIDA — Presented by Youth Ranches Vice President for Planned Giving Doug Medlin to Joanne Tarpey, Hernando; Rochelle Prescott, Summerfield, in memory of his wife Johnnie O'Neal; Doris Sears, Homosassa Springs, representing West Citrus Ladies of the Elks; Nature Coast Sertoma, Dunellon, represented by (from left) Doris Fleming and Kathy Claffey (Steve Claffey pictured at right, also participated in the presentation. He is a Senior Group Leader at Caruth Camp.): and Roy Brown, from Suncoast Lincoln-Mercury.

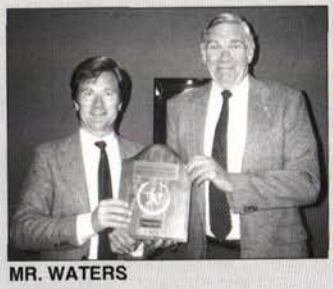


MR. BROWN

Youth Ranches Honor Roll continued . . .



MS. PACHOVIS


MR. WATERS

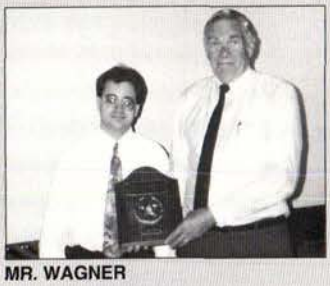

DETTMERS


MICHAUDS

SAFETY HARBOR — Presented by Youth Ranches Regional Director Mac Stones to Tammy Pachovis, representing Wal-Mart Store #01-1513; Bill Waters, from Fletcher Music Center; Al and Grace Dettmer; Mr. and Mrs. Lou Michaud; Sylvia and Jesus Garcia; Paul Mistretta, manager, Bravo Provisions, Inc.; David Wagner, manager Walgreen Store #1108; Thomas Seiter; Mrs. Elmer Scott; Kevin Stacy, manager, Winn Dixie Store #603; John Slaughter, representing the Rotary Club of Clearwater; and Peggy Kuhn.


GARCIAS


MR. MISTRETTA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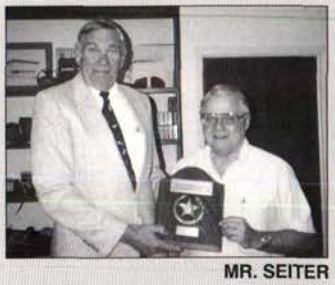
MR. SEITER


MRS. SCOTT


MR. STACY



MR. SLAUGHTER


MS. KUHN

School behind bars gets high marks

TAMPA — A survey of two dozen education programs in county jails around the nation gave high marks to the "school behind bars" provided in the Hillsborough County Jail by the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office.

Schoolrooms in the "slammer" offer training to about 5,000 inmates per year, teaching basic literacy, sewing, cooking, horticulture and carpentry. There are also self-improvement courses dealing with alcoholism, drug abuse, AIDS awareness, nutrition, job hunting tips and parenting skills.

Linda G. Smith, an assistant professor of criminology at the University of South Florida, conducted the wide ranging schools-in-jails survey as part of a study to be published in The Prison Journal. She found that Hillsborough inmates who participated in computer-assisted literacy training advanced about 2.4 grade levels in six weeks. That's the average. Others did even better.

In an editorial salute praising the Sheriff's program, The Tampa Tribune declared that the need for basic education opportunities in jails is undeniable. "A person who cannot read is nearly unemployable in the 1990s," stated the Tribune. "But if an inmate learns to read or picks up a marketable skill while in jail, and that person finds a job, then a onetime convict becomes a taxpayer repaying the system instead of draining it." ✪

"Busy guy" pauses for an award

TALLAHASSEE — When Leon County Sheriff's Sgt. Paul Phillips was chosen Law Enforcement Officer of the Year by the Committee of 99 in recognition of his general excellence in crime prevention activities, his boss applauded.

"You find that many dependable, talented officers like Sgt. Phillips can go through a whole career and never be recognized," said Sheriff Eddie Boone after the award was announced.

He nominated Phillips, whose law enforcement career spans 28 years and includes eight years in the Sheriff's crime prevention unit.

" Sgt. Phillips coordinates more than 500 crime prevention programs each year," said Boone. "This guy stays busy!" ✪

Youth Ranches Honor Roll continued . . .



MR. McBRAYER



HERRINGS



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MR. NORRIS

NORTH FLORIDA — Presented by Youth Ranches Vice President for Planned Giving Linda Crews to Mr. Hoyt McBrayer, representing Jackson County Sheriff's Posse; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Herring, Live Oak; Mr. and Mrs. Norm Protsman, Live Oak; Mr. John Norris, manager, K-Mart Store of Live Oak; Mrs. Myron Collins, Live Oak; Mr. Gerald Driggers, Live Oak, accepting a plaque awarded to him and Mrs. Driggers; Mrs. Pat Morgan, Live Oak; Mr. and Mrs. Deadrick Browne, Live Oak; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Daniel, Live Oak; James Welder, representing Veterans Home of Florida members advisory council; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Skierski, Live Oak; and Lt. Floyd Rose, representing the Escambia County Sheriff's Posse.



MRS. COLLINS



MR. DRIGGERS



MRS. MORGAN



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LT. ROSE



Sheriff's verdict: "A job well done"

BROOKSVILLE — Hernando County Sheriff Tom Mylander (right) presented an Employee of the Quarter Award to Richard Foti and praised him for his handling of press passes, public passes and courtroom seating during a highly sensitive murder trial. "His actions and efforts were of utmost importance," said Mylander. Foti is a Public Service Aide in the Sheriff's Office.



His work load was — in a word — impressive

BROOKSVILLE — During the first three months of 1995 Detective Joe Ramby (left) processed an extremely large number of background checks for applicants seeking Community Personnel Services positions in the Hernando County Sheriff's Office. As a result, he was chosen Deputy of the Quarter and received his award from Sheriff Tom Mylander.



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