The Florida Accreditation fall conference was held October 11 - 15, 2010, at the beautiful Hyatt Regency Riverfront, on the east coast of Florida in Jacksonville. Florida Accreditation thanks the FLA-PAC Executive Board and the host agency: Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office and all of the volunteers who made this conference so outstanding.

The Florida Corrections Accreditation Commission held its general meeting on October 12, 2010. The Commission’s first order of business was to grant reaccreditation to two facilities: Santa Rosa County Sheriff’s Office Corrections Division, and the Okaloosa County Department of Corrections.

The Commission approved nine changes to the Corrections standards. The changes are detailed on Change Notice 3.0.19. The Commission approved one change to the Pretrial standards. The change is detailed on Change Notice 1.0.08. Copies of the change notices are available on our website at www.flaccreditation.org.

Commissioner Jeter advised that the Awards Committee will meet at the February 2010 meeting to select the Accreditation Manager of the Year, the Assessor of the Year, and the Distinguished Service Award recipients. The nomination form for each category is available at the FCAC website www.flaccreditation.org.

This was the last meeting for Commissioner Ed Dean and Commissioner Gordon Bass. Both Commissioners were recognized for their exceptional commitment and tireless dedication to the Commission.

The Commission voted to elect Major Keith Neeley of the Broward County Sheriff’s Office as a new FCAC Commissioner.

The Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation, Inc. (CFA) commissioners conducted business on Thursday, October 14, by reviewing, accrediting, and reaccrediting 15 agencies.

CFA has three outgoing Commissioners, Sheriff Ken Mascara, Sheriff Wendell Hall, and Sheriff Richard Nugent. We are sorry to see them go and appreciate all of the hard work they accomplished while on the Commission. The Florida Sheriff’s Association has appointed Sheriff Deryl Loar of Indian River County to replace Sheriff Mascara, and Sheriff Mike Adkinson of Walton County to replace Sheriff Hall, and Sheriff Susan Benton of Highlands County to replace Sheriff Nugent. Award presentations will be made in separate ceremonies for the outgoing Commissioners.

The CFA Standards Review and Interpretation Committee
was chaired pro tem by Commissioner Butch Arenal who did an outstanding job of managing the agenda. The Change notice can be found on our website www.flaccreditation.org.

Other Commission business included the announcement of the new web-based program, “Power Standards”, developed by Innovative Data Solutions (IDS) for clients to use in managing the accreditation process. One of the outstanding features of this new program is that it will render Florida’s accreditation programs paperless – the first in the nation! This will mean less resources used in the accreditation process, and eventually, less time for assessments. Power Standards is part of the IDS Power Suite of products.

Florida Accreditation remains vigilant in researching ways in which to continue its tradition of outstanding customer service, presenting relevant and best practice standards for review, and keeping the cost of professionalism as low as possible. Many agencies new to the accreditation process recognize the value in the accreditation process and have taken first step by signing an agreement and entering into “self-assessment”. We are honored to present the following new CFA agency: Division of Inspector General, Palm Beach County Clerk and Comptroller. We congratulate and welcome this fine agency into Florida’s accreditation family.

The next conference will be at the same beautiful location as last February, the Marriott Hutchinson Island in Stuart. The conference dates are January 31 – February 4, 2011.

Be sure and visit the website, www.flaccreditation.org for more information on training opportunities and other pertinent information about CFA and FCAC.
Colonel Craig Aldrich is a 20 plus year law enforcement veteran. He first became interested in law enforcement after serving in his teenage years as a Jacksonville Police Explorer and then as an investigative aid with the State Department of Alcohol and Tobacco enforcement. He has worked at all levels of law enforcement to include the state, local and county level. He has formerly served as a patrol officer with the City of Green Cove Springs and spent ten years with the State Attorney’s Office, in the 4th Judicial Circuit as an Investigative Supervisor overseeing the State Attorney’s Special Prosecutions Unit.

Colonel Aldrich has had the unique opportunity of having led every major Bureau within the Clay County Sheriff’s Office, which includes their Operations (Patrol and Investigations), Administration (Budget & Finance, H.R., Training and I.T. Sections) and the Detention Bureau. He is currently the agency’s Chief of Staff/Undersheriff, in this position, he is the Sheriff’s principal command staff officer responsible for directing, coordinating, supervising, and training the staff, as well acts on behalf of the Sheriff in his absence.

He holds a bachelor’s degree in Education and Development and a master’s degree in Management and Leadership. He is a graduate of the prestigious F.B.I National Academy and is also a graduate of the Southern Police Institute’s “Executive Leadership” program. He currently serves as a Commissioner on the Florida Corrections Accreditation Commission and is the current President of the Northeast Florida Law Enforcement Executives Association. And one of his more recent and fondest accomplishments is being a graduate of the Clay County Chamber of Commerce’s “Leadership Clay” program.

He remains very active in the community and serves on several academic and criminal justice advisory boards. In his down time he enjoys adjunct instructing, teaching various college level courses to criminal justice majors.
Welcome New Commissioners

Sheriff
Deryl Loar
Indian River County

Sheriff
Susan Benton
Highlands County

Sheriff
Mike Adkinson
Walton County

Major
Keith Neeley
Broward Co. Sheriff’s Office

Congratulations to The Agencies Accredited and Reaccredited at the Jacksonville Conference!

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