The Florida Accreditation conference was held June 23-24, 2015 at the ChampionsGate Omni in Orlando, Florida. Florida Accreditation thanks the Florida Police Accreditation Coalition for their dedication and hard work in making this conference a success. We also thank the Mount Dora Police Department, Orlando Police Department, Kissimmee Police Department, Orange County Sheriff’s Office, Osceola County Sheriff’s Office, Edgewood Police Department and the University of Central Florida Police Department for hosting the conference. The volunteers were greatly appreciated for their many hours dedicated to the conference.

The Florida Corrections Accreditation Commission (FCAC) met on June 23, 2015 for facility reviews and to conduct general business. The main order of business was to grant reaccreditation to the Lee County Pretrial Services Department, Manatee County Supervised Release, Sumter County Sheriff’s Office Detention Center, Osceola County Department of Corrections, Clay County Sheriff’s Office Detention Bureau, Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office Department of Corrections, Suwannee County Jail, and the Marion County Sheriff’s Office Jail. Conditions were removed from the Leon County Jail and the Nassau County Sheriff’s Office. The Standards Review and Interpretations Committee, chaired by Colonel Aldrich, met on June 22, 2015 and recommended changes to FCAC standards.

The Change Notice and updated Standards Manuals are on the website at www.flaccreditation.org.

The Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation, Inc. (CFA) met on June 24, 2015 to review agencies for accredited status and conduct general business. The main order of business was to acknowledge the professionalism of agencies through granting accreditation. Davenport Police Department, West Palm Beach Police Department, Department of Juvenile Justice Office of Inspector General, Rockledge Police Department, and the Sarasota Clerk of the Court and County Comptroller were awarded initial accreditation. Agencies reaccredited by the Commission at this meeting were: Cocoa Police Department, University of Florida Police Department, Division of Insurance Fraud, Ft. Myers Police Department, and the Palm Beach County School District Police Department. The Gulfport Police Department, and the Martin County Sheriff’s Office were awarded reaccreditation by the Commission with recognition as Excelsior Agencies.

The CFA Standards Review and Interpretations Committee met on June 23, 2015, chaired by Commissioner Deryl Loar, and reviewed standards from the Standards Manual rewrite.

The next Florida Accreditation Conference is scheduled for October 6-7, 2015 at the Bonaventure Resort and Spa, Weston, Florida. We look forward to seeing you there.
Message to the Florida Accreditation Community

This year continues to be a busy year for the Florida Accreditation Office, during the June conference we had five agencies that were awarded initial accreditation and 14 agencies reaccredited. We will be considering 26 agencies for accreditation status at the October 2015 conference.

The FAO is still working tirelessly with the committee on the re-writing of the manuals. We are working on completing this task by February 2016. We thank you once again for your patience during this process.

We are consistently adding training opportunities to including the Managing the Accreditation Process Training, August 18-19, 2014 at the Indian River County Sheriff’s Office.

Please let us know if you have any questions, concerns or comments, and we look forward to continuing the delivery of excellent service to each and every one of you.

Sincerely,
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Deputy Chief Financial Officer Jay Etheridge
Department of Financial Services

Jay Etheridge currently serves under Chief Financial Officer Jeff Atwater as Deputy Chief Financial Officer over law enforcement. Jay oversees the Department of Financial Services’ Division of Insurance Fraud, Division of State Fire Marshal and Division of Public Assistance Fraud, commanding over 500 public safety professionals. Jay has more than 32 years as a law enforcement officer in the state of Florida.

Prior to joining CFO Atwater’s team, Jay Etheridge began his law enforcement career in 1982 with the Tallahassee Police Department where he served as a Patrol Officer, Field Training Officer, Narcotics Investigator, D.A.R.E. Officer and was a five-year member of the Tactical Apprehension and Control Team. In 1990, Jay joined FDLE as a Special Agent. He served nine years on the Special Operations Team, completing his tenure as the team leader. In 2000, he was promoted to Special Agent Supervisor for the violent crimes and narcotics squads, where he served until his promotion to Assistant Special Agent in Charge of FDLE’s Orlando Regional Operations Center in 2002. In 2003, Jay was part of a team of law enforcement professionals who developed Florida’s first Child Abduction Response Team. Jay later went on to become the Special Agent in Charge of the Pensacola Regional Operations Center and then served as Florida’s Chief of Domestic Security.

Throughout his career, Jay has spent extensive time working with local law enforcement to help solve criminal justice problems locally, regionally and statewide. In 2004 and 2005, he worked in a command position on every major hurricane in Florida and Hurricane Katrina in Mississippi.

Jay is a graduate of Florida State University and the Federal Bureau of Investigations National Academy Session #238.

Jay also gives of his time serving his community. Currently he serves on his church’s Youth Council, is president of the Men’s Ministry, board member for Big Bend Habitat for Humanity and for the Pregnancy Help and Information Center.

Major Michael Page
Hernando County Sheriff’s Office

Major Michael F. Page is a 40 year veteran of corrections and is dual certified in corrections and law enforcement. Major Page brought an extensive work history in male and female adult prisons and community facilities in the Florida Department of Corrections for ten years before being appointed a Prison Inspector and Regional Supervisor for 19 years. As an Inspector and Regional Supervisor, he was responsible for conducting and overseeing criminal and internal affairs investigations, and inspections and management reviews of local and state level detention facilities in Florida. He retired from Pasco Sheriff’s Office in 2007 after serving six years as the Detention Bureau Commander. His duties included overseeing the Detention Center Operations, Warrants Division, Courthouse Security and Bailiffs Division. Between 2007 and 2010, he continued his service with Pasco as a reserve law enforcement deputy, and as an ACA test certified auditor, Major Page conducted performance audits across the nation in local and state detention facilities, probation offices and parole boards to determine compliance with the National Standards as set by the American Correctional Association.

In May 2010, Major Page was recruited back to full time employment with the Hernando County Sheriff’s Office, where he serves as the Judicial Services Bureau Commander, operating an 818 bed detention facility and overseeing the Warrants, Civil and Bailiff’s Sections, along with courthouse security and the transport units. In August of 2010, then Sheriff Nugent assumed operational control of the County Jail after 22 years of operation by a private vendor, and in less than 100 days, the transition was successfully completed. With his extensive knowledge and experience in corrections and law enforcement he is a definite asset to the Hernando County Sheriff’s Office.

The Major is a Florida native who attended Leesburg High School in Leesburg, Florida. He served in the United States Navy from 1970-1973. He is an active member of the Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency (FCCD) Chapter 30 and serves at the state level as the Executive Secretary for the Board of FCCD. Under the direction of Major Page, the men and women of the Hernando County Sheriff’s Office Detention Center continue to build upon the pride and professionalism he has brought to their County.
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE AGENCIES ACCREDITED AND REACCREDITED AT THE ORLANDO CONFERENCE!

INITIAL ACCREDITATIONS:

Davenport Police Department / Department of Juvenile Justice Office of Inspector General / Rockledge Police Department / Sarasota Clerk of the Court and County Comptroller / West Palm Beach Police Department / Manatee County Supervised Release

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• Clay County Sheriff’s Office Detention Bureau
• Suwannee County Jail

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