The Florida Accreditation winter conference was held February 18-22 at the Belleview Biltmore Resort and Spa just outside of Clearwater. This venue offered attendees the opportunity to stay in a large, wooden, Victorian era hotel with wide sweeping porches, high ceilings and gilded fixtures. The conference was beautifully hosted by the members of the following agencies: Largo Police Department, Clearwater Police Department, Pinellas County Sheriff’s Office, Gulfport Police Department, and members of the Florida Police Accreditation Coalition (FLA-PAC) Executive Board. Florida Accreditation would like to extend its heartfelt thanks to FLA-PAC, the host agencies and all of the volunteers who made this conference exceptionally fun and productive!

On Wednesday, February 20, the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation, Inc. (CFA) reviewed and accredited one new agency, and reaccredited 14 agencies. Eleven Commissioners were in attendance including: Chair – Chief Peter Paielding, Chief Chuck Rinehart, Sheriff Dean Kelly, Chief Bill Hall, Sheriff Rich Nugent, Sheriff Bob Hansell, Colonel Julie Jones, City Manager Jack Schluckebier, Commissioner Gary Wheeler, and Chief Curt Willocks.

CFA is excited and pleased to announce the name of the agency receiving initial accreditation at this conference – the Ocala Police Department. The agencies receiving reaccredited status are: Plant City Police Department, Sanford Police Department, South Daytona Police Department, DeLand Police Department, Flagler County Sheriff’s Office, Tallahassee Police Department, Florida Highway Patrol, Coral Springs Police Department, Martin County Sheriff’s Office, Hollywood Police Department, Miramar Police Department, Pinecrest Police Department, Plantation Police Department, and the Ft. Pierce Police Department. Congratulations to all of these outstanding agencies for their success and commitment to a philosophy of excellence.

A major topic of conversation during accreditation week was the passage of Amendment #1 and the impact on public safety organizations within Florida. In keeping with Florida Accreditation's commitment to a proactive response to any issue concerning our clients, the formation of a new committee was announced. It is the primary mandate of the Process Review Committee to review all of the accreditation processes, to ensure the accreditation community is getting the most efficient, cost-effective state accreditation program possible. Commissioners from Florida Corrections Accreditation Commission (FCAC) and CFA will join staff in this review and the results will be shared with everyone. The FLA-PAC Executive Board is also reviewing possible changes to its format with the same goal in mind. Florida Accreditation represents a community of professionals who are anticipating a future with fewer resources. We want to assure them we are aware of their concerns and have made this review our number one priority. We believe in the value and relevance of accreditation and will demonstrate the cost effectiveness as well.

Standards Review and Interpretation Committee (SRIC) began with the introduction of new members: Ms. Dianne Hill, Ms. Christine Goracke, Ms. Wendy Bentzley, Captain Steve Willis, Captain Tony Taylor, Assistant Chief John Dean, and Lieutenant Steve Harrelson. These individuals are a welcomed addition to a superior committee. SRIC had a moderate
agenda and addressed each issue with careful review and resolution. The Chair of this Committee, Commissioner Dean Kelly did a great job in moving the committee through the standards for discussion. The Change Notice for standard changes approved at February’s meeting is available on our website. The programmers are working on updating the Accreditation Manager© program which should be ready by the time you read this.

Other Commission business included an update on the accreditation program for the Inspectors General (IG) Investigations function – the IG standards committee submitted the first draft of standards for review. CFA hopes to roll out this program by late 2008.

There is a new feature called “Innovations” on our website. This feature serves as a repository for all of the innovative ideas agencies develop for outreach to their communities, more efficient processes to handle routine tasks, training solutions, etc. There is a description of the innovation or exemplary project, and a link to the agency to obtain more information. This is an ongoing feature that will evolve over time.

Our legal advisor, Attorney Steve Brady, proposed a change to the accreditation and reaccreditation agreements that would eliminate the indemnification paragraph. Agencies are forbidden from entering into indemnification and hold harmless contracts by Florida Statute 768.28(19). Also supporting this change is Attorney General Opinion 90-21. This change goes into effect immediately.

CFA presented outgoing Commissioner Chuck Rinehart with a plaque for his years of dedicated service to the Commission and Florida’s accreditation process. Chief Rinehart retires in June and we wish him all of the best. Sheriff Bob Hansell from Osceola County and Sheriff Rich Nugent from Hernando County were introduced as our newest commissioners replacing Sheriff Campbell – Leon County, and Sheriff Dawsy – Citrus County. We welcome them to the family!

The next conference will be in Coral Springs, June 9 – 13 where the Accreditation Manager and Assessor of the Year will be announced in a special celebratory luncheon sponsored by FLA-PAC. Please join us!

Be sure and check our website, www.flaccreditation.org for more information on training opportunities and other pertinent information about CFA and FCAC.

**FLORIDA CORRECTIONS ACCREDITATION COMMISSION**

The Florida Corrections Accreditation Commission met on Tuesday, February 19, 2008. Its first order of business was to review and grant accredited status to the Alachua County Pretrial Services.

The Commission approved the development of standards relating to the legal accessibility for deaf and hard of hearing in local jails for submission to the Commission at its next general meeting. The standards will address the following topics: Signage (TTY or 711 usage), availability of TTY, volume control on inmate telephones, accessibility of interpreters, closed caption televisions, closed caption videos for training and orientation, assignment of ADA coordinator, annual staff training related to ADA requirements, and repairs of hearing devices.

The Commission presented plaques to outgoing Commissioners Robert Seaman (Martin County Sheriff’s Office) and Michael Tidwell (Orange County Corrections Department). These individuals completed three two-year terms of dedicated service to the Commission, which is the maximum allowed by the Commission’s Bylaws. The Commission appointed Commander Susan Jeter (Brevard County Sheriff’s Office) and Director David Diggs (Seminole County Sheriff’s Office) to fill the open Commission seats.

The Commission celebrated its 10th Anniversary with a reception and a luncheon graciously hosted by the FLA-PAC. The keynote speaker for the luncheon was former FCAC Commissioner Bob Brongel. Several former Commissioners attended the luncheon to celebrate this significant milestone. Chairperson Harvey presented Director Kim Bogart with a leadership award for his exceptional commitment and professional guidance to the Commission as Executive Director since its inception.
The FCAC Standards Review and Interpretations Committee presented three recommendations to the Commission for review. The following changes were approved, and are effective as of February 19, 2008:

**PRETRIAL:**

2.09 M: The standard statement is revised as follows: “The agency participates in the Jurisdiction’s Public Safety Coordinating Council or similar body in accordance with Florida Statute. The agency has available for the council at a minimum.” The Bullets and the Proofs of Compliance remain the same.

**CORRECTIONS:**

12.20: The standard statement is revised as follows: “A written directive specifies that pro se inmates are provided reasonable access to legal materials to assist them in filing any type of action cognizable in Florida courts.” The Proofs of Compliance remain the same.

19.06 M: This standard is now mandatory. The standard statement is revised as follows: “A written directive requires each inmate be given a health appraisal, including a physical hands-on examination by appropriately trained medical personnel within 14 days of admission. If the inmate has received a health appraisal within the previous 90 days, a physician or designee shall determine whether a new health appraisal is required. Appraisals shall be on a form approved by the health authority.” The Proofs of Compliance remain the same.

The CFA Standards Review and Interpretations Committee presented four recommendations to the Commission for review. The following changes were approved, and are effective as of February 20, 2008:

7.06M: deleted sub-bullet C.4, renumbered the remaining sub-bullets.

20.02: added compliance key “Equipment list.”

36.10M: new standard, “A directive requires an inventory is conducted whenever the person responsible for the property and evidence control function is assigned to and/or transferred from the position.”

37.01M: made the annual review of the exposure control plan a documented requirement.

The Change Notice in its entirety can be found on our website, www.flaccreditation.org.
Training Opportunities

New Assessor Orientation
June 24 & 25, 2008......8:30am - 4:30pm......No Charge

For members desiring to serve as Assessors. (To qualify to attend this training and become an assessor, you must meet certain criteria and complete an application which can be found on our website at www.flaccreditation.org)

- Commission Philosophy
- Pre-On-Site Activities
- Assessor Tools Software
- Standard Interpretation
- Non-Applicable Standards
- Scenario-based Exercises
- Comparative vs. Full
- Final Report

Accreditation Manager Training
July 8 & 9, 2008......8:30am - 4:30pm......$125.00

Designed for the newly assigned Accreditation Manager or members from agencies that are considering pursuing accreditation or reaccreditation.

- Program Overview
- Commission History
- Standard Interpretation
- Organizational Involvement & CEO Commitment
- Accreditation Mgr. Role & Responsibilities
- Accreditation Manager© Software Demonstration

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FLORIDA ACCREDITATION OFFICE
3504 Lake Lynda Drive, Suite 380
Orlando, FL 32817

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www.flaccreditation.org

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There is a block of rooms reserved at the
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Dean Kelly was born in Jacksonville, Florida, moving to Palatka in 1975. Other than a short time as a Firefighter, Police Officer and Deputy Sheriff in Southern Georgia, Commissioner Kelly’s 29 year Public Safety career has been concentrated in Putnam County. Kelly comes from a law enforcement family with brothers recently retiring from the Florida Highway Patrol (Major), Broward County Sheriff’s Office (Lieutenant) and a brother-in-law with the Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office (Sergeant). Commissioner Kelly is married to wife Kris, who is a career Registered Nurse, and has four children.

Commissioner Kelly’s law enforcement career has allowed him to be involved in practically every aspect of the profession. After serving as a Police Officer and Deputy Sheriff in Kingsland and Camden County, Georgia, Commissioner Kelly started with the Putnam County Sheriff’s Office as a Correctional Officer in 1982. Afterwards, he worked as a Patrol Deputy, Criminal Investigator, Patrol Sergeant, Patrol Lieutenant, Director of Personnel, Training & Internal Affairs, Accreditation Manager, Chief of Corrections and Undersheriff. Commissioner Kelly also served on a number of specialty units to include the SWAT Team as a medic, Bicycle Unit and Motorcycle Unit.

Commissioner Kelly has instructed many hours in the law enforcement academy and specialized for a number of years in DUI Breath Testing instruction and operation. Having an early background in Fire/Rescue & Emergency Management, in 1994 Commissioner Kelly was appointed by the Putnam County Board of County Commissioners as the Public Safety Director for a 3 ½ year period. This management experience, in conjunction with his many years in law enforcement management positions, prepared Kelly to ultimately run for the Office of Sheriff in 2004. Commissioner Kelly was elected and began his term in 2005.

Commissioner Kelly has contributed many hours of his time serving on various boards, committees and volunteer groups, to include: Putnam County Federal Credit Union Board of Directors, Putnam County Fair Authority, Boy Scouts of America District Chairman, Putnam County Chamber of Commerce, Putnam County Volunteer Fire Service, Blue Crab Festival Committee, Florida Sheriff’s Association, National Sheriff’s Association, Governor’s Hurricane Conference Staff, Member of various Home Owners Associations, Salvation Army Unit Chairman, Caring Center Board of Directors, Putnam Behavioral Board of Directors, Keep Putnam Beautiful Board of Directors, Kiwanis of the Azalea City, St. Johns River Community College Advisory Council, Putnam County United Way Board of Directors, National Sheriff’s Association Sheriff’s Institute Advisory Council, Putnam Rural Enterprise Zone Development Board of Commissioners, Commissioner-Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation, Habitat for Humanity Board of Directors and Member-Palatka Masonic Lodge #34.

Commissioner Kelly was educated in the schools of Jacksonville, Florida and attended St. Johns River Community College and the Bachelors Degree program at Flagler College and also holds an Associates Degree from Vincennes University. He has participated in numerous Fire/Rescue/ Law Enforcement and Management training courses and academies and recently graduated from the National Sheriff’s Institute.

Greg Smith was born and raised in Collier County where he and his wife Mary are life long residents. Greg and Mary reside in Naples and have 2 grown children, Angie, an elementary school teacher and Greg, a Firefighter/EMT. Greg is an avid boating and fishing enthusiast and outdoorsman who also holds a private pilot’s license. Greg is very active in his church (Baptist) and community serving on various Committees, Boards and Councils.

Greg serves as the Chief of Administration for the Collier County Sheriff’s Office. Greg began his career in Collier County in 1977 at the age of 18 as a Correctional Officer and has continuously served for over 30 years in the fields of Law Enforcement and Corrections. Greg progressed through the ranks of the agency and served as the Jail Administrator from 1994 through 2005. Greg has been granted the professional distinctions of Certified Jail Manager (CJM) from the American Jail Association as well as Certified Correctional Executive (CCE) from the American Correctional Association.

Greg holds a BA in Social Science from the University of South Florida and will soon complete coursework at Hodges University toward a Master of Public Administration degree. In addition to holding certifications in Law Enforcement and Corrections, Chief Smith has amassed over 3000 hours of professional development training. Chief Smith is a two time attendee of The National Institute of Corrections in Colorado where he has received certifications in Jail Management and Jail Security Design as well as attendance at The University of Wisconsin, School of Architecture where he has completed courses of study in jail design and construction.

Chief Smith has provided technical assistance to several jurisdictions within Florida on Corrections related topics and has been a presenter at various conferences.
Congratulations to The Agencies Accredited and Reaccredited at the Clearwater Conference!

- Plant City Police Department
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- Hollywood Police Department
- Miramar Police Department
- Pinecrest Police Department

Ocala Police Department  
(Initial Accreditation)

Alachua County Pretrial Services  
(Initial Accreditation)

- Plantation Police Department
- Ft. Pierce Police Department

Upcoming Accreditation Conferences

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- Commander Susan Jeter  
  Brevard County Sheriff’s Office
- Chief Kenneth Pachnek  
  Lauderhill Police Department