The Florida Accreditation winter conference was held February 1 – 5, 2010 at the beautiful Hutchinson Island Marriott Resort in Stuart, on the Treasure Coast of Florida. Florida Accreditation thanks the FLA-PAC Executive Board and the host agencies: Martin County Sheriff’s Office, St. Lucie County Sheriff’s Office, the Stuart Police Department and all of the volunteers who made this conference so outstanding.

The Florida Corrections Accreditation Commission held its general business meeting on February 2, 2010. The Commission’s first order of business was to grant initial accreditation to two facilities: Walton County Department of Corrections, and the Indian River County Sheriff’s Office Corrections Division. The Commission also granted reaccreditation to three facilities: Martin County Sheriff’s Office Department of Corrections, Charlotte County Sheriff’s Office Bureau of Corrections, and the Seminole County Sheriff’s Office John E. Polk Correctional Facility.

The Commission approved several changes to the Corrections standards. The changes are detailed on Change Notice 3.0.17. The Commission approved one change to the Pretrial standards. The change is detailed on Change Notice 1.0.07. Copies of the change notices are available on our website at www.flaccreditation.org.

The Commission’s Awards Committee met and selected the recipients of the FCAC 2009 Accreditation Manager of the Year, FCAC 2009 Assessor of the Year, and the FCAC 2009 Distinguished Service Award. The winners will be presented awards at a luncheon to be held in their honor on June 29, 2010 immediately following the FCAC General Business Meeting in Bonita Springs. The FCAC thanks the FLA-PAC and its membership for graciously sponsoring this luncheon and invites everyone to attend.
The Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation, Inc. (CFA) conducted business on Wednesday, February 3, 2010 by reviewing, accrediting, and reaccrediting 16 agencies. The five agencies that received initial accreditation were: Pinellas County Clerk of the Circuit Court – Office of Inspector General, Department of Environmental Protection Division of Law Enforcement, Division of State Fire Marshal Bureau of Fire and Arson Investigations, Auburndale Police Department, and the Titusville Police Department.

In addition, the following agencies received reaccreditation: Altamonte Springs Police Department, Winter Park Police Department, Margate Police Department, Jupiter Inlet Colony Police Department, Miami Beach Police Department, Palm Beach Gardens Police Department, Tequesta Police Department, Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Bay County Sheriff’s Office, Broward County Sheriff’s Office, and Indian River County Sheriff’s Office. Congratulations to all of these outstanding agencies for their success and commitment to a philosophy of professional excellence.

The CFA SRIC is chaired by Commissioner Julie Jones who did an outstanding job of managing the lengthy agenda. The Change Notices for standard changes approved by the Commission at February’s meeting are available on our website at www.flaccreditation.org.

Other Commission business included selection of the 2009 Accreditation Manager and Assessor of the Year award winners, who will be announced on July 1 during a FLA-PAC sponsored celebration luncheon.

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 agencies: Miami-Dade County Office of Inspector General, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Office of Inspector General, Florida Department of the Lottery, Walton County Sheriff’s Office, and Lake City Police Department. We congratulate and welcome these fine agencies into the Florida accreditation family.

The next conference will be at the same beautiful location as last June, the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point in Bonita Springs. The hotel will provide the same great room rates as last year. The conference dates are June 28 – July 2.

Be sure and visit our website, www.flaccreditation.org, for more information on training opportunities and other pertinent accreditation information.
Sheriff Wendell Hall was elected Santa Rosa County Sheriff in 2000 and re-elected in 2004 and 2008. During Sheriff Hall’s career he served with the Escambia County Sheriff’s Office holding the ranks of Deputy Sheriff through Sergeant.

Sheriff Hall attended Pensacola Junior College and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from Troy State University graduating with the honor of cum laude.

Sheriff Hall lives in Pace, Florida with his wife. The Halls have three children.

Honors and Affiliations: Leadership Santa Rosa Alumni Class 16; National Criminal Justice Honor Society; Law Enforcement Officer of the Year, Elks Lodge # 2787, 2002-2003; Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency Law Enforcement Distinguished Service Award, 2003; Pace Rotary Club Rotarian of the Year for Exceptional Dedication and Commitment, 2003-2004 and 2006-2007; member, Florida Sheriffs Association (FSA) District One Board of Directors, 2005 to 2007; member, Navy League Santa Rosa County Board of Directors; member, Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency; Chair, FSA Deputies Disaster Relief Committee; member, Pensacola Jr. College Criminal Justice Technology Advisory Committee; member, National Sheriffs Association, Pace Quarterback Club, Pace Rotary Club, Think First of NW Florida, and Chambers of Commerce in Gulf Breeze, Pace, Jay, Navarre and Santa Rosa County; past president, NW Florida First Judicial Circuit Law Enforcement Juvenile Council, 2002-2003; past chairman, United Way of Santa Rosa County, 2002; Jay Elementary School Partnership in Education, 2001-02; 919th Special Operations Wing Family Appreciation Day; Outstanding Contribution of Project Graduation, 2003.

Gary S. Borders was appointed by Governor Jeb Bush in November 2006, as the Sheriff of Lake County, and re-elected in November 2008. Sheriff Borders has spent his 27 year career in the field of law enforcement, to include the Corrections aspect as well. Prior to joining the Lake County Sheriff’s Office in 1989, he was employed by the Osceola County Sheriff’s Office, where he was selected as the Assistant Jail Administrator at the young age of 24.

Sheriff Borders is very humbled by the confidence Lake County citizens have displayed in his ability to effectively and efficiently oversee this 755 member agency. Since his appointment, the Sheriff’s Office has received its Certificates of Accreditation from the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation and the Florida Corrections Accreditation Commission, created a Street Crimes Unit as well as a Cyber Crimes Unit, and initiated the Sexual Offender Watch Program. The Sheriff was also the driving force in the Office’s partnership with Help Them Call Home.org, an organization that collects used cell phones in exchange for calling cards for Military Personnel to call home to their loved ones.

The Sheriff spends a great deal of time in the community which enables him to partner with the citizens to ensure a safe and secure community for all. Under Sheriff Borders’ leadership, the dedicated men and women of the Lake County Sheriff’s Office work diligently to best serve the citizens of their great community.
Congratulations to The Agencies Accredited and Reaccredited at the Hutchinson Island Conference!

INITIAL ACCREDITATIONS

- Department of Financial Services Division of State Fire Marshal
- Pinellas County Clerk of Circuit Court Division of Inspector General
- Titusville Police Department
- Auburndale Police Department
- Indian River County Sheriff’s Office
- Walton County Department of Corrections

REACREDITATIONS

- Florida Department of Law Enforcement
- Altamonte Springs Police Department
- Jupiter Inlet Colony Police Department
- Palm Beach Gardens Police Department
- Indian River County Sheriff’s Office
- Lakeland Police Department
- Winter Park Police Department
- Margate Police Department
- Bay County Sheriff’s Office
- Broward County Sheriff’s Office
- Miami Beach Police Department
- Tequesta Police Department
- Charlotte County Sheriff’s Office
- Martin County Sheriff’s Office
- Seminole County Sheriff’s Office

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