The Florida Corrections Accreditation Commission met on Tuesday, June 6, 2006. Its first order of business was to grant reaccredited status to the following jails: the Office of the Sheriff, Consolidated City of Jacksonville Department of Corrections, the Sumter County Sheriff’s Office Detention Facility, the Lee County Sheriff’s Office Corrections Bureau, the Clay County Sheriff’s Office Detention Facility, and the Marion County Jail.

The Commission celebrated its first annual awards luncheon. Executive Director Bogart emceed the event with Chairman Rick Roth presenting the awards. The 2005 award recipients are: Sergeant Juliane Day from the Sumter County Sheriff’s Office for Accreditation Manager of the Year, Lieutenant Richard Howe from the Leon County Sheriff’s Office, for Assessor of the Year (Sheriff Larry Campbell accepted the award for Richard.), and all members of the SRIC subcommittee for the Distinguished Service Award. The SRIC Subcommittee members are Lieutenant Richard Howe (Leon County S.O.), Captain Jeff Cloutier (Leon County S.O.), Sergeant James Pugh (Hillsborough County S.O.), Sergeant Don Jacobs (Pasco County S.O.), Sergeant Juliane Day (Sumter County S.O.), Captain Fred Latsko (Retired-Alachua County S.O.), Sergeant Amy Barnell (Osceola County Corrections Department), Captain Fred Latsko (Retired-Alachua County S.O.), Sergeant Amy Barnell (Osceola County Corrections Department), Major Tammy Waldrop (Palm Beach County S.O.), and Major Bob Seaman (Martin County S.O.).

Director Bogart announced that the Florida Accreditation Office staff is now responsible for invoicing agencies and collecting maintenance fees for using the Accreditation Manager software. Director Bogart explained this arrangement was made with NDT because NDT does not have sufficient staff to handle it. In addition, Director Bogart announced that the software maintenance fees are increasing to $300 per year per agency beginning this year. This is necessary to generate enough revenue to continue developing and maintaining the software.

The Commission discussed the status of the new Pretrial Accreditation Program and will hear a full presentation about the program at its October meeting. The Commission will vote at that time regarding its implementation.

The Florida Accreditation summer conference was graciously hosted by the Florida Police Accreditation Coalition Executive Board in Tampa. The venue could not have been better. The Wyndham Westshore proved to be a lovely hotel with an outstanding and attentive staff. The Florida Accreditation staff would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to FLA-PAC, Hillsborough Co. Sheriff’s Office, Pasco Co. Sheriff’s Office, North Port Police Dept., Casselberry Police Dept., Wakulla Police Dept., and all of the volunteers who made this conference one of the best!

On Wednesday, June 7, the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation, Inc. reviewed and accredited two new agencies, and reaccredited nine agencies. Eleven Commissioners were in attendance including: Chair – Sheriff Robert Crowder, Vice Chair – Village Manager Karl Umberger, Commissioner Welton G. Cadwell, Sheriff Larry Campbell, Sheriff Jeffrey Dawsy, Colonel Graham Fountain, Chief Bill Hall, Judge Catherine Brunson, Sheriff Ken Mascara, Chief Chuck Rinehart, and Chief G. Curt Willocks.

We are very excited to announce the names of the two agencies receiving initial accreditation at this conference – the Cocoa Police Department and the Palm Beach Shores Police Department, and the nine agencies receiving reaccredited status – Bal Harbour Police Department, Gulfport Police Department, Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office, Jupiter Inlet Colony Police Department, Hernando County Sheriff’s Office, Maitland Police Department, Palm Beach County School District Police Department, University of Florida Police Department, and West Palm Beach Police Department.

SRIC had an extremely busy time spent in review and discussion prior to the conference. This time paid off with Commissioner Fountain getting through the agenda in record time! A significant accomplishment was the passing of a new standard (36.09M) related to Mobile Evidence Storage Units. Staff is confident that the changes accepted by the full Commission make for a clearer standards manual with less ambiguity. The changes will also allow non-traditional law enforcement agencies entry into the accreditation process.

Other Commission business included a fabulous awards luncheon, made possible by FLA-PAC. Commissioner Dawsy did a wonderful job in emceeing the luncheon and making presentations. The 2005 winners are: Ms. Karen Gilbert from Casselberry Police Department for Accreditation Manager of the Year; Special Agent Supervisor (retired) Tim Elder from FDLE for Assessor of the Year; and Past Commission Chair, Neil J. Perry presented Dr. Steve Hougland, Director of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco, with the Neil J. Perry Service Award. Congratulations to all of the winners!

The fall conference will be held at the Cocoa Beach Hilton October 9 – 13.
The following revisions were reviewed by the SRIC and approved by the Commission at its June 6, 2006 meeting:

7.07 – The standard statement is revised as follows: “A written directive requires a disciplinary hearing is held within seven working days of the incident. If extenuating circumstances exist, the disciplinary hearing time may be extended to ten working days of the incident. For the purpose of this standard, “working days” shall mean Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.” The second Proof of Compliance is revised as follows: “Disciplinary records indicating date of hearing within seven days of the incident.” The quantities of proofs remain the same.

12.04 – The standard statement is revised as follows: “A written directive allows for opening incoming privileged mail solely for determining that it is privileged mail and contains no contraband. The opening of privileged mail must be done in the presence of the inmate and only the signature and letterhead may be read.” The Proofs of Compliance remain the same.

19.05 – The quantity of proofs for reaccreditation for “Documentation demonstrating seven-year retention” is changed from 3YD to 1. A third Proof of Compliance is added as follows: “Staff interviews” (Sampling/Sampling.)
Sheriff Larry Campbell has dedicated the better part of his life to improving the quality of life and insuring the public safety of Floridians. It would be impossible to describe all his accomplishments in this forum. He has accomplished a great number of proactive community service projects in just the past two years. Since he was sworn in as Sheriff in 1996, he has focused a great deal of his attention and energy on crime prevention and community oriented programs designed to benefit all areas of Tallahassee and Leon County.

Since taking office Sheriff Campbell has encouraged LCSO members to adopt a team approach to community involvement. His goals are: for deputies to participate in multiple community projects, events and functions of their choice; to show that law enforcement is contributing to Leon County’s quality of life as well as it’s public safety; and to have deputies visible during community events.

Youth programs are a high priority with Sheriff Campbell. He participates in or supports a multitude of crime prevention programs aimed at younger residents, from sponsoring local youth athletic leagues, to the various programs offered by the School Resource Officer and Crime Prevention Units. He encourages deputies in these units to sponsor or instruct such programs as Youth Crime Watch, the Explorer Scout program, the Sheriff’s Adventure Camp, G.R.E.A.T., D.A.R.E., the Child Lures program, the McGruff puppet program, the Florida Sheriff’s Youth Ranches and many more programs. In June 2006, Sheriff Campbell was elected as President of the Florida Sheriff’s Association.

Wakulla County Sheriff David F. Harvey has served as county Sheriff for 30 years, elected and re-elected 8 times. He was the youngest Sheriff ever elected in Florida at the age of 26. His roots run deep in his home county where he attended the public schools and went on to graduate from Chipola Junior College and Florida State University. He continued his education by graduating from the National Correctional Institute and the Police Institute’s Chief Executive Seminar. He is married to Rhonda Harvey and they have one son, Trafton.

Sheriff Harvey was one of the founders of the Florida Sheriff’s Self-Insurance Fund in 1978. This is now a $150 million dollar fund that provides deputy sheriff’s and corrections officers with insurance. He has served on regional boards of Tallahassee Community College Foundation, Big Bend Hospice, Apalachee Human Services, Region III Police Standards Training Advisory Council, Florida Council on Criminal Justice and the Florida Corrections Commission. He also shares this talent, time and vision on many local boards, councils and as a member of community organizations.

He has received numerous awards to include the Distinguished Service Award from the Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency and the Florida Peace Officers Association, Charles E. White Memorial Award. He was selected Outstanding Law Enforcement Office of the Year by the Coastal Optimist Club and served as the President of the Florida Sheriff’s Association.
Congratulations

2005 Awards Program

Winners

Sheriff Neil J. Perry Service Award
Dr. Steven Hougland, ABT

Assessor of the Year
SAS Tim Elder, FDLE (retired)

Accreditation Manager of the Year
Ms. Karen Gilbert, Casselberry PD
Congratulations
2005 Awards Program Winners

Distinguished Service Award
SRIC Subcommittee

Assessor of the Year
Lt. Richard Howe, Leon County SO

Accreditation Manager of the Year
Sgt. Juliane Day, Sumter County SO

Distinguished Service Award
SRIC Subcommittee
The Exemplary Program Spotlight

The Hernando County Sheriff’s Office

implemented a youth program called C.A.T. (Collision Avoidance Training). C.A.T. is a two day, 12 hour advanced defensive driving and vehicle control program designed for teenage drivers. The program is designed to provide young drivers with the knowledge and understanding of vehicle dynamics and human kinetics (the forces created by an automobile and the effects of the forces on the human body). The objective of C.A.T. is to enhance the young driver’s awareness of the complex task of operating a motor vehicle and to create and practice skills that will prepare them to anticipate and handle hazards that occur daily in normal driving conditions. The 12 hour program is divided into two segments. The youths participate in nine events in the eight hour driving segment. The driving segment is designed to enhance the driver’s steering, acceleration, deceleration, backing, and skid control/skid recovery skills. The four hour classroom education segment is designed to give the student a better understanding of the responsibilities and liabilities of the driver, vehicle dynamics, friction, and the effects of intoxicating substances on their ability to operate the vehicle.

The C.A.T. Program is facilitated by Tracy Dimuro, a civilian employee and driving instructor. The program was initially funded through a grant. C.A.T. is provided to the student at no cost. The program has been in existence for approximately one year and already has approximately 80 graduates. This is an excellent example of the type of relationship that the Hernando County Sheriff’s Office maintains with the community.

CFA & FCAC Accounts
Coordinator Jessica Dillon was awarded her Bachelor of Science Degree in Health Services Administration from the University of Central Florida in August.
Jessica served as President of her Sorority Alpha Delta Pi in 2005.
A native of Tampa, Jessica graduated from Palm Harbor University High School in June 2002. Jessica has been the Accounts Coordinator for the Florida Accreditation Office since May 2004. She is responsible for invoicing and receiving payments, as well as ordering supplies and sales items.

Congratulations to Our Newly Accredited Agencies!

Cocoa Police Department
Palm Beach Shores Police Department

We would also like to Congratulate the Law Enforcement and Corrections Agencies that were awarded reaccredited status at the Tampa conference:

• Lee County Corrections Bureau
• Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office
• Clay County Detention Facility
• Sumter County Detention Facility
• Marion County Jail
• Bal Harbour Police Department
• Gulfport Police Department
• Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office
• Jupiter Inlet Colony Police Department
• Hernando County Sheriff’s Office
• Maitland Police Department
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