The Florida Accreditation conference was held February 3-7, 2014 at the Hyatt Regency in Jacksonville. Florida Accreditation thanks the Florida Police Accreditation Coalition for their dedication and hard work in making this conference a success. We also thank the Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office 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 February 4, 2013 for facility reviews and to conduct general business. The main order of business was to grant reaccreditation to the Highlands County Sheriff’s Office.

The Standards Review and Interpretations Committee, chaired by Colonel Craig Aldrich, met on February 3, 2014 and recommended changes to FCAC standards. The Change Notice and updated Standards Manuals are on our website at www.flaccreditation.org.

The Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation, Inc. (CFA) met on February 6, 2014 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. Pensacola Police Department, Department of Education Inspector General, and South Miami Police Department were awarded initial accreditation. Agencies reaccredited by the Commission at this meeting were: Clerk and Comptroller Palm Beach County Division of IG, Florida Highway Patrol, Florida Department of Law Enforcement Office of Inspector General, Tallahassee Police Department, Nassau County Sheriff’s Office, Ft. Pierce Police Department, Hillsboro Beach Police Department, Hollywood Police Department, Pinecrest Police Department, Casselberry Police Department, Ocala Police Department, Jupiter Island Police Department, Plant City Police Department, Plantation Police Department and South Daytona Police Department. Miramar Police Department was awarded reaccreditation by the Commission with recognition as an Excelsior Agency.

The CFA Standards Review and Interpretations Committee met on February 5, 2014, chaired by Commissioner Deryl Loar, and made several recommendations for standards modifications to the Commission. The CFA Standards Change Notice is on our website, www.flaccreditation.org.

The next Florida Accreditation Conference is scheduled for June 23-27, 2014, at the Hyatt Regency in Bonita Springs. We look forward to seeing you there!
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Assessors, please continue to submit your information updates to the office, and be sure to forward your CJIS training or FCIC certificate as requested.

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.

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Sheriff Larry Ashley
Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office

Born Longbeach, CA, February 23, 1966 Education Geneva High School, Geneva, AL; BS degree, Criminal Justice, University of Southern Mississippi, 1989; Masters degree, Public Administration, Troy State University, 1998; FBI National Academy, Quantico, VA, 2005; various law enforcement specialized training courses Spouse Lani Children Three Church Baptist Career Okaloosa County Sheriff’s Office: patrol division, 1990-1991; K-9/ street crimes division, 1991-1995; criminal investigations division, 1995-2001; Captain, field services, 2001-2004; Major and Director, support services division, 2007-2008; Major and Director, finance and administration, 2009; Chief Deputy, operations, 2009-2010; elected Sheriff, November, 2010 Honors and Affiliations vice chairman, Finance Committee, First Baptist Church, Fort Walton Beach; youth sports coach; board member, YMCA; executive board member, Okaloosa-Walton Homeless Coalition, 2002-present; recipient, Senate Medal of Excellence, the legislature’s highest award for service to the people of Florida, 2009; nominee, Officer of the Year, 1994, appointed to Governor’s Task Force on Citizen Safety and Protection in 2012, member of the Board of Directors, United Way of Okaloosa and Walton Counties, 2013 Honorary Commander, VMFAT 501-CC 33rd Fighter Wing, appointed to the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation for 2014, appointed by Governor Scott to serve on the Criminal & Juvenile Justice Information Systems Council (CJIS) 2014 - 2018. Director of Finance and Administration in 2009, and Chief Deputy of Sheriff’s Office Operations in 2009.

Deputy Criminal Justice Director Liza Maldonado
Lee County Pretrial Services

Liza is a Lee County native. She was born, raised and continues to call Lee County home. Liza began serving the court system fresh out of high school. Literally, she graduated on a Thursday and started working the following Monday! Her career began with the Lee County Clerk of Court’s office, Criminal Division. Liza graduated from Edison Community College with an Associate of Arts, May 2000 with a major in Criminal Justice and from Florida Gulf Coast University in May 2003 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice and an emphasis in Forensic Psychology. Liza has two children that keep her busy and she is looking forward to the next adventure of parenting!

In 1999, Liza was intrigued by a Court Investigator position with the Administrative Office of the Courts Court Investigations, which is now Pretrial Services, and decided to pursue her next venture. In 2004, Liza was promoted to Pretrial Services Manager. In 2007, Liza was promoted to Deputy Criminal Justice Director. Since 2007, Liza has served on the Association of Pretrial Professionals of Florida and is the current Southwest Regional Director. In addition, Liza is an active member of NAPSA and FLA-PAC. In November 2007, Liza earned status as a Certified Court Manager through the National Center for State Courts.

Under Liza’s leadership, the Lee County Pretrial Services Department gained accreditation in June of 2009 through the Florida Corrections Accreditation Commission and earned reaccreditation in June of 2012. Lee County is one of only five agencies in the state to be accredited.

In October 2010, Liza was again selected by the National Institute of Corrections to attend “Assessing Local Pretrial Justice Functions”.

In 2011, the department was awarded with a NACO achievement award for the Criminal Case Management program. In February 2012, Liza earned her certification as a Certified Pretrial Services Professional (CPSP) through the National Association of Pretrial Services Agencies.

The Lee County Pretrial Services Department began as a program under the Administrative Office of the Courts, 20th Judicial Circuit, in 1988. Pretrial Services provides case management support to the 13 judges assigned to the criminal division in Lee County, along with the Chief Judge and Administrative Circuit Judge. The mission of Pretrial Services is to provide comprehensive case management services to the Judiciary, from case inception to case disposition, via professional staff committed to the highest standards of excellence.
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE AGENCIES ACCREDITED AND REACCREDITED AT THE JACKSONVILLE CONFERENCE!

INITIAL ACCREDITATIONS:

- Pensacola Police Department
- Jupiter Island Police Department
- Department of Education Office of Inspector General
- South Miami Police Department

CFA Agencies

- Casselberry Police Department
- Clerk and Comptroller-Palm Beach County, Division of Inspector General
- Florida Highway Patrol
- Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Office of Inspector General
- Ft. Pierce Police Department

Excelsior Agencies

- Highlands County Sheriff’s Office
- Hillsboro Beach Police Department
- Hollywood Police Department
- Miramar Police Department
- Nassau County Sheriff’s Office
- Ocala Police Department

FCAC Facilities

- Pinecrest Police Department
- Plantation Police Department
- Plant City Police Department
- South Daytona Police Department
- Tallahassee Police Department

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OCTOBER 6-10, 2014
Innisbrook, Palm Harbor Golf and Spa Resort